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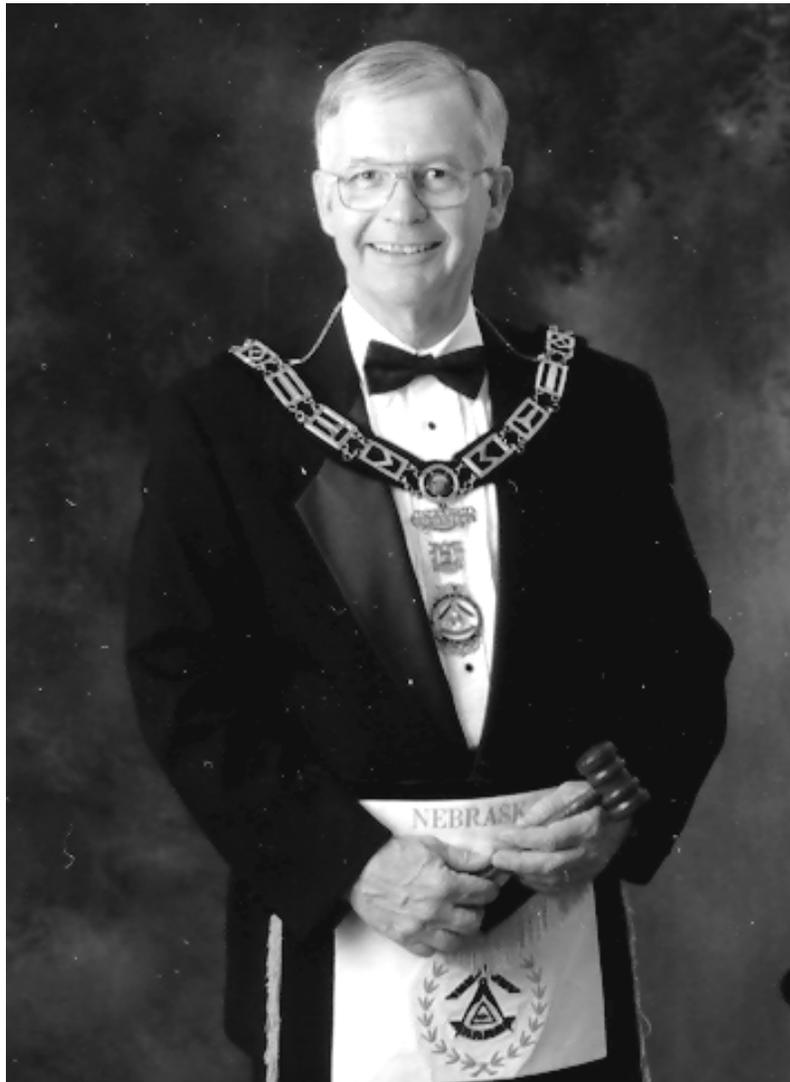
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Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2003-2004

Masonic History of the 137th Grand Master

Kenneth D. Beebe

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on October 5, 1966, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on May 3, 1967, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 2, 1967 in North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska. Installed as Worshipful Master in January of 1974 and served as Secretary from 1975 to 2000.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska – Appointed Grand Tyler by M.:W.: Paul Eveland in 1988. Appointed Grand Senior Steward in 1995 by M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg and in 1996 by M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. Appointed Grand Marshal in 1997 by M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1998 by M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1999 by M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 2000 under M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Elected Grand Senior Warden in 2001 under M.:W.: Philip A Lorenzen. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in 2002 under M.:W.: Michael E. Jones. Installed as the 137th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska on February 23, 2003.

Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Brazil, Maranhao in 1979. Served as a member of the Doings of Grand Officers Committee, 1975-1986 and as Chairman, 1978-1986. Also served on the Grand Lodge Office Committee, the Masonic Education and Leadership Committee and the Membership Committee.

York Rite – Made a Royal Arch Mason on April 16, 1975 in Signet Chapter No. 8, a Cryptic Mason on April 18, 1975 in Hiram Council No. 7, and a Knight Templar on April 26, 1976 in Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9, all in Fremont, Nebraska. Served as Eminent Commander of Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9 in 1979 and as Illustrious Master of Hiram Council No. 7 in 1980.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska on December 3 and 4, 1981.

Shrine – Became a member of Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on May 3, 1975 and is a member of the Fremont Shrine Club.

Order of the Eastern Star – Member of Ruth Chapter No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska since November 21, 1975. Served as Worthy Patron in 1980 and 2002.

National Sojourners – Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19 and Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76.

Other Masonic Bodies – Director and Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Member of Saints John Lodge of Education, South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research and DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Education, Professional, Public Service and Other – Earned a BS Degree in Agriculture from the University of Nebraska in 1968. Served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Presbyterian Church of North Bend, Nebraska. Director and Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of NC+ Hybrids; Past President of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association; Director, Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Director, Fremont National Bank; Director, Fremont Rotary Club; Director and Treasurer, Fremont Area Medical Center Foundation.

Military – Captain, United States Army. Vietnam veteran, Company Commander, U.S. Army Reserve. Member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Military Order of the Purple Heart.



Les Seiler
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2004-2005

Masonic History of the 138th Grand Master

Les Seiler

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on May 8, 1962, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on September 17, 1962, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on January 8, 1963 in Globe Lodge No. 113 in Madison, Nebraska. Affiliated as a member of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 on February 6, 1980 and served as Master in 1997. The Lodge received the Grand Lodge “Gold Pan” Award for the year 1997. On July 7, 1997, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 received its 50th consecutive year Certificate of Proficiency. Presented his father Harold E. Seiler with his 50 year pin on December 15, 1997.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska – Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith in 1999. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 2000 by M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 2001 under M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen. Elected Grand Senior Warden in 2002 under M.:W.: Michael E. Jones. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in 2003 under M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe. Installed as the 138th Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska on February 7, 2004. Served as a member of the Grand Lodge Grievance Committee (1997 to 1999). Also served as Chairman of the Codification Committee for the Grand Lodge (1999 to 2002), and as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee (2003).

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Hastings, Orient of Nebraska on October 20 through October 23, 1970. Served as Master of Kadosh (1975 and 1977). Served as Wise Master (1982). Served as Venerable Master (1992 and 1993). Received the Knights Commander of the Court of Honor on October 17, 1977 and coroneted on December 2, 1995, with the Thirty-Third Degree. Appointed Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska in December 1995, and serves in this capacity to-date. He is a Trustee of the Scottish Rite Foundation – Nebraska (2001 to date).

York Rite – Made a Royal Arch Mason in Hastings Chapter No. 21, a Cryptic Mason in Hastings Council No. 8 and a Knight Templar in Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11 in Hastings, Nebraska on May 7, 1977.

Shrine – Became a member of Tehama Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on May 11, 1974. Elected 63rd Potentate for Tehama Temple on January 18, 1982. Royal Order of Jesters, Hastings Court No. 152.

Order of Eastern Star – Member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 since May 15, 1985; initiated at the Grand Chapter of Nebraska at the 110th Annual Session, Lincoln, Nebraska.

National Sojourners – Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19.

Other Masonic Bodies – Invested Honorary Legion of Honor in 1986. Served as Director, Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation (1976 to 2001) and President (1984 to 2001). Served as Trustee of Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont, Nebraska (1984 to 1990). Served as Director, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Nebraska (1997 to 2001). Served as Director of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation (1999 to date).

Education, Professional, and Other – 1963 graduate of Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, majored in Business Administration; Juris Doctorate (1966) University of Nebraska. Nebraska Bar Association (1966 to date). President, Adams County and 16th Judicial District Bar Associations. Volunteer of the Year, 1990 American Legion Baseball. YWCA of Adams County, Nebraska, Volunteer of the Year (1993). Board of Trustees Nebraska Children's Home Society, Omaha, Nebraska (1990 to date). First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, Board of Deacons (1971 to 1975), Board of Trustees (1976 to 1980), President (1977 to 1980). Inducted Order of Arrow, Boy Scouts of America (December 1984). Member of Elk Lodge No. 159, Hastings, Nebraska.

Military – Served as a Forward Observer of artillery and then Jag Officer in the United States Army Reserve and the Nebraska National Guard (Captain) (1967 to 1979). Received the Nebraska National Guard Accommodation Medal (1969). Member of American Legion Post No. 87.

Personal – Married to JoAnn Kratochvil Seiler (6/26/66), registered dietitian and registered nurse. Children are daughter, Stephanie Grubb, married to Brother Jason Grubb, St Louis, Missouri; two sons, Brother Gregory B. Seiler, Kearney, Nebraska, and Brother Bradley J. Seiler, Chicago, Illinois.

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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-Seventh 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 6 and 7, 2004, 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 June, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce A. Watkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

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February 6-7, 2004

Most Worshipful Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 2004

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 6, 2004.

M.:W.: Michael E. Jones presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the Sir Gallahad Drill Team of Lincoln, the Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers were introduced in reverse order, followed by the M.:W.: Grand Master, Kenneth D. Beebe and his Lady, Pat, being presented and given Grand Honors.

R.: W.: Les Seiler took the podium and presented the distinguished guests in attendance.

First of the dignitaries to be presented to the Grand Master and honored by the Masons assembled were the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Following the Nebraska flag, the presentation of state flags for other visiting jurisdictions was made by the Sir Gallahad Drill Team of Lincoln in chronological order of the state’s entry into the Union.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

National Grand Lodge of Togo, West Africa

Tété A. Benissan-Messan.....Grand Historian
and his son, Dathé Benissan-Messan, Nebraska Lodge No. 1

At this time, a presentation of gifts from their native country of Togo was made to M.: W.: Ken Beebe and his Lady, Pat, by Tété and Dathé Benissan-Messan.

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

Ivory BobbGrand Master
Russell W. HobsonGrand Historian
and his Lady, Anne-Marie

Grand Lodge F.: A.: A.: M.: of District of Columbia

Jules S. Tepper..... Past Grand Master and
Director of Hospital Visitation, Masonic Service Association

Grand Lodge A.: F.: and A.: M.: of Illinois

Noel C. Dicks..... Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of the Grand Master
and his Lady, Iris

Grand Lodge F.: & A.: M.: of Michigan

Robert P. Conley..... Past Grand Master and
Program and Product Manager for the Masonic Renewal Committee

Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Texas

Thomas E. Carnes Personal Representative of the Grand Master
and his Lady, Gay

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

Robert H. EricksonGrand Master
and his Lady, Kris

Grand Lodge F.: & A.: M.: of Wisconsin

James H. Olson Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Judy

Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Minnesota

Neil Neddermeyer.....Grand Master
and his Lady, Julie

Frederick B. Vihovde..... Grand Representative
and his Lady, Carol

Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Kansas

Allan L. Hurlburt Deputy Grand Master

Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nevada

W. Wayne Perkins Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Jerrie Lee

Kenneth D. Smith Past Master, Tonopah Lodge No. 28
and his Lady, Dorothy

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Colorado

Brian L. Cotter Junior Grand Deacon and Personal Representative of the Grand Master
and his Lady, Jeanie

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

Gary Griffith Grand Master
and his Lady, Cheri

Bill Coffield Deputy Grand Master
and his Lady, Pat

Larry L. Anderson Senior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Phyllis

Charles Bryan Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Joanne

Alvin T. Wahlert Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Mavis

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Wyoming

Gary D. Skillern Deputy Grand Master
and Personal Representative of the Grand Master

Clarence Darling Junior Grand Deacon
and his Lady, Anna

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of New Mexico

Ron Brinkman Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus

Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Arizona

Donald E. White Grand Editor and Grand Representative

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

Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of Eastern Star

Michael Donham Worthy Grand Patron

International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska

Amanda Hyde Grand Worthy Advisor

Job's Daughters International

Chelsie Brown Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Melissa Herschlag Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter

Mary Ann Townsend Grand Guardian

Leroy H. Rosenthal, Jr. Associate Grand Guardian

DeMolay Nebraska

Bruce Wood Executive Officer

Grand York Rite of Nebraska

John T. Parsons Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

Roger Galusha Deputy Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Council, Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

Jay H. Speck Secretary/Recorder

Red Cross of Constantine

Keith Herbster Intendant General, *Division of Nebraska*

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Orient of Nebraska

Curt M. Edic General Secretary – Valley of Omaha

Gary Martin Wise Master

Rose Croix, Valley of Hastings Consistory

Bruce Wood General Secretary – Valley of Lincoln

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Robert Maline Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha

James B. Parks, Sr. Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha

Donald W. Madsen Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha

Cary Manson Recorder, Tangier Shrine – Omaha

Gerald L. Henderson Potentate, Tehama Shrine – Hastings

National Sojourners, Inc.

Gerald D. Verbeek Regional Representative, Nebraska & Iowa

Major Charles A. Folsom Past National President

The Nebraska Masonic Home

James R. Erixon President, Board of Trustees

The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

Anita Crisp Executive Director

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Benjiman Harvey Executive Director

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

Mrs. Helen Jenkins, Widow of M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins 1980

M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland 1988

M.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg 1995

M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey 1996

M.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen 1998

M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr. 2000

M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen 2001

M.: W.: Michael E. Jones 2002



Grand Master Beebe welcomed everyone to this, the 147th Annual Communication.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

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

Arthur S. Dye.....	District 18
Leslie A. Evert.....	District 29
Steven A. Green.....	District 10
Ronald D. Grass.....	District 5
Scott J. Kreiger, Sr.....	District 20
Delmar A. Jones.....	District 24
Halsey D. Phillips.....	District 3
Richard H. Cooper.....	District 30
Roger A. Deininger.....	District 17
Bruce A. Watkins.....	District 36
Jack D. Nichols.....	District 28
Harold C. Mueksch.....	District 34
Carl C. Plants.....	District 19
Dean Papenhagen.....	District 38

After introductions, the following Brothers were recognized: Richard H. Cooper and Bruce A. Watkins earned their awards for ten years of continuous certification.



V.: W.: Russell G. Reno, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



Miss Amanda Hyde, Grand Worthy Advisor, was introduced by Grand Master Beebe, at which time Amanda brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe made reference to the requirements listed below for the Humanitarian Award and asked that the recipients or their designated speakers come forward:

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.

Ivan A. Vrtiska read statements prepared by the two 2003 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award winners: Floyd P. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge No. 108; and Judge Warren K. Urbom, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.



Miss Chelsie Brown, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Melissa Herschlag, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, brought greetings from Job's Daughters International.

GOLD PAN AWARD

The Gold Pan 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 Kenneth D. Beebe presented the award to members of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.

W.:B.: Jim Lapaseotes spoke on behalf of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.



Grand Master Beebe called everyone's attention to the list of Emick, Grand Lodge Youth Committee, Houghton Scholarships, and Past Grand Master's Scholarship printed in the program, indicating Masonic funds well invested in these young scholars.



At this time, Grand Master Beebe called upon Michael Donham, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star to bring greetings.



ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Beebe 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 Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln. W.:B.: Scott Dodge spoke on behalf of Cotner Lodge No. 297.



M.:W.: Ken Beebe requested that Ben Harvey of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Jim Erixon of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Ivan A. Vrtiska, Secretary/Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, come forward to receive checks, each in the amount of \$3934.84, from the proceeds of the Second Annual Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournaments held in August and September 2003 in Scottsbluff/Gering and Fremont, respectively.



Grand Master Beebe asked M.:W.: Jules S. Tepper, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, and Director of Hospital Visitation for the Masonic Service Association, to come forward, at which time M.:W.: Brother Tepper brought greetings and presented Grand Master Beebe with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Masonic Service Association of North America.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that Les Seiler, as 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 large lodge division was Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield. The winner in the small lodge division was Magnolia Lodge No. 220 in Emerson.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 13 members who qualified. M.:W.: Grand Master Beebe read the names of the recipients and presented them with a pin in the shape of a trowel, representing their achievements in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection.

- 11 - Gene Closson, Omadi Lodge No. 5
- 11 - Scott Watts, Osceola Lodge No. 65
- 10 - Joe Blahak, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 10 - Steve Taylor, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
- 9 - Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 8 - John Wonder, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
- 7 - Robin Koozer, Mid-West Lodge No. 317
- 6 - Dan Wellendorf, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 5 - Mark Kinzie, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 4 - James Parks, Sr., Covert Lodge No. 11
- 3 - Larry Courtnage, Covert Lodge No. 11

Second place went to Brother Jim Hirl, a member of Springfield Lodge No. 112 of Springfield. Brother Hirl was presented with a pin, as well as a plaque.

First place went to Brother Pepper Aasgaard of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha. In addition to the pin and plaque, Brother Aasgaard will also receive a pocket badge, and his picture and name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the Grand Lodge Office.



Grand Master Beebe made reference to the Plus Club Board posted outside the Lodge Room. The Plus Club recognizes Nebraska lodges with positive membership numbers for the previous year. He asked representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive their certificate of recognition.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler
Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend
Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion
Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron
Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview
Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway
Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson
George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln
Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln
Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha

GRAND ORATION

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

Most Worshipful Sir, Distinguished Guests, Ladies, Brethren:

It's a pleasure to help welcome each of you to Nebraska's Grand Lodge. We would particularly like to welcome those who are attending, Brethren and Ladies, for the first time. Let me share with you some ideas on how to get rich. These ideas are from a column by Lee Pitts.

With the stock market up and down, people are asking fortune tellers on TV what they should invest in now. I find it ironic that they trust the same financial gurus who told them to put their life savings in Enron, Worldcom and ripoff.com.

I'm no financial expert. You won't find my picks or preferences listed in the Dow or in the Fortune 500, but I do know what you should invest in for a wealth of happiness. Invest in your community. Get to know your neighbors for a maximum return of the things they borrowed. They'll also return your dog or your kid, should they get lost.

Make your town a safe place where your assets are secure. Show a high rate of interest in the local folks. Should your child get cancer or clobbered by a car, who do you think will host the spaghetti feed or car wash to help pay your bills – the multi-national conglomerate or the local men's club or boy scouts? Pay back your debts by coaching little league or being a den mother. Worship God together, not money. Give a little closer to home. Buy your veggies from a fruit stand or farmer's market and you'll get more for your money.

Invest in your home. Deposit yourself in a place you like. Give yourself a toaster. Stock up and call it home. Stay put a long time. Your home will appreciate in value, just as you learn to appreciate the serenity of home life. Don't mortgage your future by jumping from place to place, trading homes like you would stocks. Commission will eat up profits. Make your domicile your dream home so that when you walk into a room it's comfortable and full of familiar things. Ensure that it's a safe haven where family and friends feel welcome, comfortable and secure. Make it a place you can't wait to return to.

Invest in your marriage. If you are working so many hours that it's affecting your marriage, voluntarily downsize. You may make less money, but you'll still be ahead, because you won't have to divide your assets because you bankrupted your marriage. Work on your marriage contract as hard as you do your job. Your gains will be greater and they won't be taxable. Think of all the money you'll save in therapy and Prozac. Marriage is like the stock market – bad days and good – don't expect your mate to be up everyday. Take care of your spouse. When you are old, he or she will take better care of you than your 401K ever will.

Invest in your kids. Your portfolio should be heavily weighted towards family. Invest yourself in their bonds and take a higher percentage interest in their welfare. The only mergers and acquisitions you should worry about concern your kids. Instead of studying the stock market, help your kids with homework. Instead of betting on the Dow, teach your kids to be industrious. Take memorable vacations, diversify their interests with trips to museums and parks. Show them what happens when foolish people chase gold by taking them to a ghost town. Illustrate by example that they can get more enjoyment from a library card than a credit card. Bank your memories, owe them no debts. As a practical matter, it just makes more sense. You'll get a greater return off your kids when you are old and lonely. Invest for the duration, never sell out your family, for they are truly your only security in life.

Invest in yourself. Never stop learning. Study a second language. Take up a new hobby. If going to the beauty salon, gym or school makes you feel better, just do it. For a healthier life, diversify your day with work, play and charity. You'll never grow old enough to spend all of that money you've been hoarding. Build up equity in yourself. What's that you say? You don't have time? My friends, that's all you do have. Invest it wisely.

We know of your investment and dedication to the Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home in Fremont and The Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. We marvel at the caliber of students you sponsor to the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. We've seen presentations to lodges at work. Shiloh 327, in their newsletter Charlie Amidon states they "had 11 raisings, 5 affiliations in 2003 for a 10 percent growth. The result of

commitment, on the part of membership, concentrates and implements a serious attitude towards growth.”

We see lodges that play – a special group named Camp Clarke 285 in Bridgeport. You heard about the fun they had with ball teams. They invited us to a challenge. So far our team hasn't got the guts to take them on on the basketball court. They have some wonderful ladies in their lodge who help with the very informative newsletter.

Justice Lodge 180 in Benkelman sponsored a car show. Frank Welch Lodge 75 in Sidney held a sporting clay shoot. Some of your lodges sponsor golf outings and picnics. In McCook they had an outing in August or September. At a certain time the gentlemen just excused themselves and had a business meeting at a shaded glen or a small rise. Why not kill two birds with one stone?

Thistle Lodge 61 in Lexington reports of a Lodge/Shrine Christmas party in their newsletter. The secretary lists the bodacious food crew for the fun get-togethers they have. They have a trestle board crew consisting of Roger Kipling, Victor Hugo, William Faulkner, and the secretary. We always draw on the past in our fraternity.

We know of the charity carried out by Mizpah Lodge 302 in Omaha. They take it seriously. They have a community care and outreach committee. They sent care packages to our troops, some fans to the Salvation Army, sewing machines to the American Cancer Society, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to local firemen. They donated a 4-H cow to the Home for Children, cash donations to the Omaha Home for Boys, The Masonic Home and Home for Children. Their total charitable outlay was nearly \$11,000. They've had great success with potential candidate dinners. All of their prospects who attended dinners in 2003 signed a petition.

We know of your lodges' community work. Wausa Lodge 251 has completed their fourteenth year of cleaning a two-mile stretch of highway north of their town. Charity is biblical in nature. In Luke 6:39, we read, *Give and will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.*

The Grand Master has invested his year of traveling to lodges all across our great state. He has been in the east, the middle of our state, and he spent a full week out our way in western Nebraska on a western swing. As you've seen today, this gentleman is so polite. He came to an area and went into a local café. There was a gentlemen sitting there who had a big tattoo. Ken is always pleasant; he sat down near him and offered to tell this man a redneck joke. This man looked at him and said, "I don't want to hear your redneck joke. You see that man over there? He's my brother. He's a lot tougher than I am; he taught me how to fight. You see the big guy down on the end of the counter? That's my dad; when he fights, he kicks and gouges. You still want to tell your redneck joke? Ken says, "Uh, no, I don't have time to explain it three times."

The Grand Lodge Officers have also invested a lot of time this year. We participated in twelve cornerstones, two on the same day in different parts of our state. The last cornerstone in 2002 was in Past Grand Master Mike Jones' hometown of David City. The last cornerstone in 2003 this past year was in Grand Master Ken Beebe's hometown of

North Bend. As our Masonic Brother Paul Harvey would say, “That’s the rest of the story.”

Our first cornerstone was the Osceola Assisted Living Facility on March 16, then the Scottsbluff City Waterpark on July 13. The Albion Hospital cornerstone was held on July 25. Hillcrest Country Club, previously the Shrine Temple, a rededication was done on August 3. McCook Junior College took place on September 11, then North Platte High School on September 14, and also the Weeping Water Methodist Church on September 14 – two places, two crews. Just like you when you have children graduating different places, same day, dad goes one place, and the rest of the family goes another. Deputy Grand Master Les Seiler officiated at North Platte. We learned about the wonderful caring attitude of that town at the North Platte Canteen. The meeting of troop trains in World War II, making sure that every service man and woman that went through that facility was greeted with a smile and knowing that we care. At the Weeping Water Methodist Church, the Methodist Bishop is a Mason. I’m told he wore his Masonic apron to the ceremony.

We were at the South Sioux City City Hall and Council Chambers on October 3, at the Loup City Community Building on November 1, and at the Dakota City City Hall and Council Chambers on November 16. In Rushville, we were at a USDA Service Center on November 23, where John VerMaas spoke. He told us a story. The administrator who chaired the group that renovated the building in Rushville said there wouldn’t be a cornerstone. If you know John VerMaas, he took it to Washington D.C. There was a cornerstone.

In North Bend, we finished up the year at the elementary school on December 7. This was a special time in a special community. The Omaha World Herald has pointed out that UNL students from North Bend have the highest success rate of the schools that they’ve studied of young people attending UNL. In short, thank you to each lodge and the ladies for the work and fun at your special cornerstone.

We, as Masons, benefit from the love and support of the women in our lodge. Let me share with you a wonderful poem Audrey Hepburn wrote when asked to share beauty tips. I’d like to dedicate this to our first lady, Pat Beebe.

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run their fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and
redeemed.
Never throw out anyone.
Remember, if you ever need a helping hand you will find one at the end of each of your
arms.
As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands.
One for helping yourself and the other for helping others.

In closing, remember, excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, listening more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical, and expecting more than others think is possible.



Grand Master Ken made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening, asking that everyone clear the room and all Brothers return for an opening of a Lodge of Master Masons and the Formal Session.

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Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2004

Most Worshipful Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 2004

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by North Bend Lodge No. 119 with Masons present. M.:W.: Grand Master Kenneth D. Beebe thanked the Brethren involved in the opening of that Lodge of Master Masons.

M.:W.: Grand Master Ken Beebe asked that the Grand Lodge Officers take their stations, and requested that the Grand Secretary ascertain if there was a quorum present.

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Pro-Tem Bruce A. Watkins declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Russell G. Reno invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 147th 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 Beebe appointed M.:W.: Brother Reg Kuhn, Past Grand Secretary, as Parliamentarian for the 147th Annual Communication.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Bruce A. Watkins, 300

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.: Ken Beebe announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steve Green as Chairman.



Grand Master Beebe asked R.:W.: Les Seiler to read a message from Beth Birnstihl, wife of Grand Senior Warden Michael G. Birnstihl, regarding Mike's inability to continue in the Grand Lodge Officer line.

“Thank you, Grand Master. This may be one of the toughest informative talks that I've had to give. As Ken mentioned, Mike had a terrible stroke a year ago. And we've been in consultation with Beth and Mike is recovering very well. He's able to walk, he's up, he talks well. He was at a meeting about two weeks ago where he accepted his emeritus status as a deputy custodian. I give these remarks on behalf of Beth. She was planning on being here. She was going to be escorted in at this time and make the talk. She called last night and said the weather just would not permit her to come out. So she asked me if I would convey her thoughts.

You know we call ourselves brothers, but you really don't know it until you get the brother standing next to you, and then he's afflicted. He would have been a great Grand Master. Beth tells us that he just can't go on. He has to step down at this time. He's able to communicate, does a nice job talking. During the day he has two university students that work with him and help him, make sure he doesn't have a problem, and he's able to go out of the house. He walks well; he's supposed to use his cane, but he's fighting them on that. He doesn't want to use the cane. But she and Mike have talked at great length. And they believe that he just can't go on to the next step of Grand Master-elect. And so they're asking at this time if he can step down and be remembered by this group. Thank you.”

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.:W.: Ken Beebe talked about how the election of officers would change due to Mike Birnstihl's withdrawal from the advancing line. The code had been searched at great length and the only thing to follow was Masonic tradition. He explained that moving the officers up one additional office for the election could simply fill the gap that now exists.

Grand Master Beebe 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. The Tellers then collected all ballots.



M.:W.: Ken Beebe declared the ballot for the election of officers closed.



While awaiting the results of the election of officers, M.:W.: Neil Neddermeyer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, brought greetings.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Brazer, Chairman

Due to the absence of Thomas Brazer, M.:W.: Phil Lorenzen presented the report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2004 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.



Ivory Bobb, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was asked to step forward and bring greetings.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Byron Hust, Chairman

The year of 2003 has been a rewarding one for the Youth of the State of Nebraska Masonic Affiliations, as our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Kenneth D. Beebe, presented four \$1000 scholarships to members of the three youth organizations. One of those, who was chosen as the most outstanding individual, was named the recipient of the Grand Master's Scholarship. The individual recipients were selected from the applications submitted to the Grand Lodge office, then forwarded to the members of the Youth Committee who, by their own selection process, suggested their selections to the Chairman, who then forwarded these to the Grand Master for his consideration. Congratulations go to: Laney Carr of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 37, Ainsworth and Amy Copper of Bethel No. 4, North Platte; August Storz of Lincoln Chapter, DeMolay, Lincoln; and Nicole-Johanna Sulser of Rainbow Girls, Athena Assembly No. 24, Bellevue.

I owe a big thank you to the other members of the Committee: James A. Carlton, Jeffrey L. Makris, Doran G. Post, and Gene F. Wehrbein for their time and efforts in selecting these applicants. There were 17 very deserving and well-written applications. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Judy Wehrbein, who reserved the dates of October 15-16, 2005 and the facility for Nebraska Job's Daughters for the next "All Masonic Youth Leadership Seminar."

A budget of \$4200 had been requested, and at this writing, the Committee is under budget by \$100+ for the year 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Byron Hust, 198, Chairman
James A. Carlton, 325
Jeffrey L. Makris, 75
Doran G. Post, 61
Gene F. Wehrbein, 6

W.:B.: Byron Hust moved for the adoption of the report of the Youth Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Byron Hust also spoke about the Youth Pin program and encouraged all in attendance to contribute their per diem or other donation to the youth groups.



R.:W.: Noel C. Dicks, Deputy Grand Master, was asked to come forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, President

In the absence of Michael G. Birnstihl, Ivan A. Vrtiska, Secretary/Treasurer, gave the report for the Foundation.

It is with much regret and concern that R.:W.:B.: Michael G. Birnstihl, President of our Nebraska Masonic Foundation, fell victim to a serious medical condition within a few days following our 2003 Annual Meeting, however we carry much hope for Mike's future. Brother Birnstihl has served our Foundation well.

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation is a 501-c (3), non-profit corporation, established in 1985 to operate as an "educational, cultural, historical, literary and charitable foundation exclusively for the promotion, support, and maintenance of Freemasonry and for the benefit of the public at large." Membership in the Foundation consists of all Master Masons who have made a contribution to the Foundation.

The Foundation has served as the administrator for the Pierce and Kimball Scholarships for many years and in 2001-2002, administered funds for the Nebraska Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. The Foundation also began the administration of the Past Grand Master's Scholarship Fund established in 2002, under the leadership of M.:W.:B.: Michael E. Jones. This scholarship is for students beyond their first year of college. Donations were made for two Masonic All-Star Band Scholarships in 2003.

The Foundation maintains a Masonic Library and Museum occupying a portion of the building at 1240 No. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE. The Library and Museum are open for visits 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and enjoyed several visitors during the year. Through special generous contribution efforts of 2002, three display cases, designed by Brother Galen Fritchie and constructed by W.:B.: Jerry Rauch and Brother Bill Gekas, were completed and installed (space exists for two additional cases). A table

was also purchased and placed in the library. Efforts continue to develop our collections and archives. We also continue to work with UNL students, who are studying "Library Science," to develop our library system.

Two major fundraisers were held in 2003. The first being the Silent Auction held at the 2003 Annual Communication, for the benefit of our three Masonic Youth Organizations. Members of our Nebraska Masonic Family Organizations contributed many items for silent bid, which resulted in friendly competition and fellowship, netting \$5,453.76 to be divided among the three groups. The Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament was held in Western and Eastern Nebraska to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, the Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home in Fremont and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. This event raised nearly \$12,000.00, which was divided three ways.

Michelle Fulmer, our Grand Lodge Office Manger, used her skills and talent to create a color tri-fold Foundation Brochure that is fund raising and informational in format. They can be printed on the office printer, in a limited quantity basis, and as such, are easy to update and print in a cost effective manner.

We were fortunate this year, that due to good preventative maintenance through the preceding years, we had no major repairs on the building. Consideration is being given to improving the appearance of the grounds. The Foundation benefited from the assistance of the Lincoln Master's and Warden's Club, under the leadership of W.:B.: Scott Dodge, in cleaning up the grounds and providing a few minor repairs to the building's exterior. A special thanks to Scott.

The Foundation will gladly accept donations through wills, bequests, and living trusts. Donations will continue to be used to increase the Foundation's portfolio, retire the debt and for the educational, cultural, historical, literary, and charitable activities of the Foundation. Any Mason contributing to the Foundation is a member and entitled to attend the annual meeting held on Thursday prior to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication each year.

The total assets/liabilities and equity of the Foundation are \$503,980.48, as of December 31, 2003 (this contains the total income from the Grand Masters Charity Golf Tournament prior to distribution).

At our Annual Meeting, February 5, 2004 the following actions were taken: 1) The membership and directors agreed to use our financial assets to pay off our building mortgage, following a favorable review of the transaction costs. 2) The "Friendship Dinner Fund" was discussed. Each new year \$2000.00 will be transferred into the fund to be distributed to Nebraska Subordinate Lodges, \$100.00 on request for each friendship dinner. The funds will be distributed on a first come basis, until the funds are exhausted for the year. Lodges may apply to the Grand Lodge Office for the funds. Confirmation of the event must accompany the request.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors elected the following Foundation Officers for the year 2004.

President	M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith
Vice President	W.: Reginald S. Kuhn
Secretary/Treasurer	M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen

I will attempt to answer any questions from the Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska, Secretary/Treasurer

R.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska made a motion that the Report of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Steve Green, presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers. The following individuals received a majority of votes for the offices indicated:

Deputy Grand Master/ Grand Master-Elect.....	R.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska
Grand Senior Warden	R.:W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr.
Grand Junior Warden.....	R.:W.: Dean F. Skokan
Grand Secretary	R.:W.: Bruce A. Watkins

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Ritual quality continues at a high standard thanks to the encouragement, leadership and simply hard work provided by W.: Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian and Nebraska’s dedicated Deputy Custodians. The Committee on Nebraska Work commends also the efforts of individual Masons throughout the state taking a serious role to learn lectures, and hone the presentations to be able to deliver meaningful ceremonies to candidates.

The Committee respectfully requests individuals to invest the time to learn and deliver a lecture. It is rewarding. It is satisfying. It will benefit you, your lodge and Freemasonry. The Committee additionally recognizes many Masons are closer to proficiency than they might recognize – individual proficiency is a commendable goal to strive for – consider it.

At the request of Grand Master M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe additional minor modifications were approved for inclusion in the public cornerstone ceremony and an updated version of a ceremony for the opening of previously set cornerstones was adapted and employed at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln and at the dedication of the North Platte High School. The Committee acknowledges the time and effort of Grand

Master Beebe and all the Grand Lodge Officers in this good public relations activity and in this report takes liberty to especially thank W.:B.: E. David Watts for his extra effort in identifying cornerstone opportunities and working tirelessly to see the ceremonies carried out well – Thank you Dave and Becky!

Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work attended and participated in the annual Deputy Custodians’ School in Grand Island in September and attended the Grand Custodian’s schools of instruction throughout the state in 2003. Schools continue to provide a great opportunity to review and enjoy the work and engage in Masonic fellowship.

In 2003, several One-Day Classes were held for degree conferral for multiple candidates. The dates locations and numbers of new Masons were as follows:

<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Raised</u>	<u># Courtesy</u>
Feb 15	Mercer 290	Omaha	18	17
Apr 12	Liberty 300	Lincoln	15	7
Apr 19	Papillion 39	Papillion	24	20
Jun 21	Liningering 268	Omaha	12	9
Jul 12	Hickman 256	Lincoln	14	7
Oct 25	Bellevue 325	Bellevue	24	23
Nov 8	Liberty 300	Lincoln	15	5
Nov 22	Thistle 61	Lexington	3	0
	Total		125	88

One-Day Classes, and the ability to confer degrees on more than one candidate in individual subordinate lodges, have enabled Freemasonry in Nebraska to grow more than would otherwise be possible. Further, lodges working together have found enhanced fellowship opportunities and have demonstrated great unity building among the Shrine, Scottish Rite and York Rite as well as many participating lodges. Their continued usage is appropriate. The Committee thanks those individuals who take the time to plan and manage the One-Day Classes recognizing that great individual effort has been freely given to make the classes so successful. It has stimulated many lodges to work harder in recruitment and degree conferral as well.

Respectfully submitted,
 Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327 & 1, Chairman
 Steven A. Green, 54
 Roger L. Shillington, 180

M.:W.:B.: Phil Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work. The motion was seconded and carried.



R.:W.: Allan L. Hurlburt, Deputy Grand Master, was asked to come forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Kansas.



Deputy Grand Master Les Seiler introduced and recognized the 2004-2005 Grand Lodge Officers, also announcing that the installation of the aforementioned officers will take place Saturday, February 21, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hastings Masonic Temple. There will be a dinner following.

R.:W.: Les Seiler announced that the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Hastings Masonic Temple, February 3, 4, and 5, 2005.



Grand Senior Warden Ivan A. Vrtiska announced that the 149th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska on February 2, 3 and 4, 2006.

Grand Junior Warden Scott J. Krieger moved for approval to hold the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 1, 2 and 3, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

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Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 7, 2004

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 147th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2004.

V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Russell G. Reno invoked the blessing of Deity.

M.: W.: Grand Master Ken Beebe welcomed everyone, and made the announcement of his intention to grant Grand Senior Warden Emeritus status to Michael G. Birnstihl.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas Brazer, Chairman

Due to the absence of Thomas Brazer, M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen presented the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present were David Emry, Jack Frahm, Scott Howerter and Roger Olson. Also attending were Les Seiler, Deputy Grand Master, Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Junior Warden, Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Senior

Deacon, Dean Skokan, Grand Junior Deacon, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

Subsequent to the meeting and after further discussion, the committee approved the proposed budget for 2004. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 6 - 7, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11, Chairman
 David A. Emry, 11
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Scott J. Howerter, 256
 Roger J. Olson, 194

<i>Lodge Income</i>	2004 Budget
4010.000 Fees	\$150.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$7,846.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$31,384.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$7,846.00
4140.000 Dues-Education Publication - NE Mason	\$7,846.00
4160.000 Dues-Perpetual Membership	\$0.00
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$203,996.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - Perp	\$750.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$4,000.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$4,107.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$15,568.00
4600.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$284,393.00
<i>Sales Income</i>	
4400.000 Supplies	\$14,000.00
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$56,250.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$5,000.00
4620.600 Sale of Banquet Tickets (Memb. Banquet)	\$7,955.00
4620.400 Sale of Other Meal Tickets (GM's Banquet)	\$3,750.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$206.00
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$897.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,160.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,438.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$2,000.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$800.00
4900.000 Wardens and Deacons School	\$0.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$94,956.00
<i>Participatory Income</i>	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$7,500.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$17,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$396,849.00

Annual Communication	
5103.400 Per Diem	\$0.00
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,000.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$6,000.00
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$500.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$3,600.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$6,880.00
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$400.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$75.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$6,000.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$0.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$0.00
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$2,000.00
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$801.00
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$1,800.00
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,413.75
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$195.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$800.00
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,746.00
5440.400 Printing & Copying	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$35,210.75
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	\$1,000.00
5220.425 Meals	\$2,450.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying	\$450.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$3,900.00
Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	\$0.00
5200.100 Travel-Grand Master	\$1,500.00
5200.150 Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5200.200 Travel-Grand Secretary	\$400.00
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	\$1,000.00
5210.000 Auto Allowance	\$400.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	\$3,000.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	\$1,000.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	\$500.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$700.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$3,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$125.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$200.00
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	\$0.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	\$2,000.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	\$1,000.00
5230.200 Motels-Grand Secretary	\$1,000.00
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	\$500.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	\$2,400.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$100.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$900.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$850.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$850.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$850.00

5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$2,100.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$800.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$30,975.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$81,244.00
6563.000 Salary-Temp Staff	\$1,000.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$0.00
Performance Incentive	\$2,250.00
6562.10 FICA-Employer Share	\$6,387.00
FICA-Employer Share-GC	\$250.00
6562.20 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$200.00
Unemploy Tax-Fed-GC	\$4.00
6562.30 Unemploy Tax-State	\$15.00
Unemploy Tax-State-GC	\$1.00
5370.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,437.00
5380.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$100.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$99,888.00
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage	\$300.00
5400.100 Office Rent	\$19,200.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$3,500.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$350.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$130.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$7,000.00
5415.100 Telephone-Gr Master	\$0.00
5415.200 Telephone-Gr Secretary	\$0.00
5415.250 Telephone-Gr Custodian	\$100.00
5415.350 Telepone-Other Officers	\$0.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$2,000.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$1,500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$8,000.00
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	\$4,000.00
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	\$200.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,750.00
5445.100 Office Supplies-GM	\$50.00
5445.200 Office Supplies-GS	\$0.00
5445.250 Office Supplies-Gr Cust	\$0.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,500.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$1,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$500.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$33,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge	\$250.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$3,000.00
5500.000 Supplies-Printed (Lodge)	\$3,000.00

5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$4,000.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$200.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,750.00
5515.000 Secretary's Desk Book Exp (printing)	\$1,600.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$2,000.00
6700.000 Bad Check Expense	\$0.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$117,280.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$449.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$32,775.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$4,107.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,854.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$15,462.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$2,810.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$61,457.00
Committees	
XXXX.100 Jurisprudence-Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$1,200.00
XXXX.475 Appropriations Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.525 Committee On Work	\$50.00
XXXX.550 Relief Committee	\$500.00
XXXX.600 Trial Commissions	\$0.00
XXXX.625 Grievances	\$0.00
XXXX.650 Grand Lodge Office Committee	\$50.00
XXXX.675 Finance Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.700 Public Relations Committee	\$500.00
XXXX.710 Grand Marshal Exp	\$1,000.00
XXXX.725 Band Clinic	\$61,250.00
XXXX.750 Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.750 Other Administrative	\$100.00
XXXX.800 Membership Committee	\$500.00
XXXX.825 General Session/Social Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.900 Awards Committee	
5520.900 Awards & Recognition	\$200.00
XXXX.910 Freemasonry & Religion Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$300.00
XXXX.995 Masonic Renewal Committee	\$0.00

XXXX.960 George Washington Memorial Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Expense	\$200.00
5800.00 Wardens and Deacons School	\$0.00
5650.98 Internet and Computer Committee	\$0.00
5650.99 Fraternal Relations Committee	\$0.00
5650.94 Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$77,350.00
Contributions	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$7,866.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$31,464.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$7,866.00
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$2,100.00
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$1,850.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$1,850.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$1,850.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	\$500.00
5835.000 Masonic Relief Association	\$200.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$55,546.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$481,606.75
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-\$84,758
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$84,813.69
4800.000 Gain on Sale of Investments (Loss)	
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$84,814
ADJ. BALANCE PLUS INVEST. INCOME	\$56

M.:W.: Phil Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Appropriations Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



Grand Master Beebe asked Tété Benissan-Messan, Grand Historian, to bring greetings from the National Grand Lodge of Togo, West Africa.



August Storz, State Master Councilor of DeMolay Nebraska was introduced by Grand Master Beebe, at which time August brought greetings from DeMolay Nebraska.

DEMOLAY SPONSORING BODY OF THE YEAR AWARD AND DEMOLAY MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

August Storz presented the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Thistle Lodge No. 61 of Lexington. August also made a presentation for the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award to Rob Kinsey, Cotner Lodge No. 297.



M.:W.: Robert H. “Bud” Erickson, Grand Master, was called upon to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

**NECROLOGY
AND
REPORT OF THE MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**
Russell G. Reno, Chairman

Brethren, during the year just passed, 551 Brethren have broken the mystic tie with us and completed their Temple for the Supreme Architect, who appraises all our works. Their working tools lay unused, and we are left with only the works of their existence.

Let us pause to offer up our own personal prayers for the Brothers who meant so much to you, your Lodge, this Grand Lodge and their families.

Psalms 118:24 tells us, “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Thus, my Brethren, even our most sorrowful days are made good by our Creator – the giver of perfect love who is compassionate and has no bounds. There is goodness in every day. Where there is sorrow, there is comfort. Where there is no hope, He gives us hope. Where there is darkness, He shines his everlasting light on us so we can find our way. On those days when the column of a loved one or friend is broken, there is the hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and the tender branch thereof will not cease.

Our departed Brethren have left the light of our Craft and are now elevated to a greater light of existence. They have stood at the gate of eternal life and passed through.

We are humbly grateful the Scythe of Time has spared our Past Grand Masters. However, two members of the Grand Lodge family have journeyed to their celestial home above. Deputy Grand Custodian Keith Leibhart, District 27, laid down his working tools in 2003. The many years Worshipful Brother Leibhart served the Grand Lodge will live forever in the memory of those who were privileged to benefit from his instruction. In addition, Mrs. Paul Pierce, the wife of Most Worshipful Brother Paul Pierce, passed away. We ask that you keep their memories in your heart and their souls in your prayers.

Do not let the meaning of the passing of our Brothers escape us. Let us pick up their tools and continue their work in tribute to them, and for the good of our fraternity and mankind. Remember that we must walk in the light while we have the light; for the darkness of death may come upon us at a time when we may not be prepared. Like our departed brethren, ever build your Temple, refine it and rectify its imperfections so that when you stand at the gate of eternal life, the Supreme Architect will reward you with his most profound gift and swing wide the gates for you, saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing us with the time and talents of these Brethren who are now with Thee. May those who grieve for our departed Brethren find peace and solace in the knowledge of Your everlasting love for them. Help us to ever remember them and their contributions to our fraternity. And in so doing, open our eyes

to their work that we may use their idle tools to continue their labors for the benefit of our gentle Craft and Your glory. Forgive us our sins, O Lord, that we may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom to enjoy a reunion with the souls of our departed friends. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
 Russell G. Reno, 297 & 183, Chairman
 John F. Dale, 126
 Ted McNeese, 210
 Jack D. Nichols, 265

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



At this time, Grand Master Kenneth D. Beebe officially reappointed the Deputy Grand Custodians, under the leadership of W.:B.: Steven Green, as Tellers, should they be needed.



Grand Master Beebe asked M.:W.: Gary Griffith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, to bring greetings.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance 14 Grand Lodge Officers, 7 Past Grand Masters, 14 Deputy Grand Custodians, and 28 non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report, there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered. There are 39 Worshipful Masters in person and 21 by proxy. There are 27 Senior Wardens in person and 22 by proxy. There are 19 Junior Wardens in person and 30 by proxy. There are 40 Secretaries in person and 16 by proxy.

There are no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered from the following lodges: 3, 5, 9, 27, 35, 36, 38, 40, 43, 44, 52, 53, 55, 57, 64, 65, 68, 73, 77, 78, 81, 82, 83, 89, 91, 103, 104, 108, 110, 114, 120, 121, 126, 134, 136, 148, 158, 159, 165, 167, 170, 173, 174, 177, 180, 184, 192, 194, 200, 201, 204, 207, 209, 216, 218, 220, 221, 222, 228, 229, 234, 236, 239, 241, 248, 250, 264, 271, 284, 290, 291, 293, 305, 324, and 328.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from the following lodges: 36, 73, 200, 201, 218, 222, 236, 248, 250, 271, and 291; and for three years from 36, 73, 201, 222, 236, 248, 271, and 291.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present representing the following jurisdictions: Togo, West Africa, Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

We are also pleased to have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic Related Organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Tangier, Tehama, and Sesostris Shrine Centers, Daughters of the Nile and National Sojourners.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: there were 220 present at the Grand Master's Dinner Thursday evening; there were 232 at the Public Opening Friday morning and 292 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 Kenneth Beebe, and I want to personally thank the other brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the Registration table to make this an enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are: Frank Dougherty, Norris Rusmisell, Doyle Berg and Phil Edwards. Also, a huge thank you to Michelle, Carol and Jean at the Grand Lodge office who work so hard to make the Grand Lodge session run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman
Doyle E. Berg, 281
Dean T. Dinklage, 114
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
William G. Hurst, 54
Norris L. Rusmisell, 46

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



M.:W.: Gary D. Skillern, Deputy Grand Master, was asked to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.



Grand Master Beebe asked M.:W.: Wayne Perkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada to come forward and bring greetings.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master Ken Beebe spoke briefly about the goals set for 2003 and the accomplishments achieved:

“Brethren, the full text of my address has been printed and issued to you in your registration packet, so I suggest that you take that home and it would no doubt provide some interesting fireside reading for you on some cold and frosty Nebraska night. If you have ever wondered what goes on with the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in between sessions, that is a good report. It will give you a good overview of the Grand Lodge activity of the past twelve months.

There are several accomplishments that I think in this past year were especially notable. The Wardens and Deacons School was an important step in enabling our lodge officers to prepare for the leadership roles that they take at their installation. In the three sessions held in Hastings, Norfolk and Alliance, we trained at least one officer from 60 percent of our lodges. It's a good start, and I am very grateful to Deputy Grand Master Les Seiler for the work that he put in and for organizing those schools. With the new Nebraska Lodge Officers Manual prepared by Grand Chaplain Russ Reno and the information presented in the Masonic Renewal Workshops, Nebraska lodge officers have plenty of tools available to help them lead with confidence and enthusiasm. It is now up to you to put your energy to work. And Brethren, there is no bad color on a good horse. It makes no difference where a good idea comes from. Look through the ideas that are available and use what works for you. You will find that many of those ideas that have been presented originated in our Nebraska lodges.

The Masonic All-Star Marching Band continues to be one of the premier public events of Nebraska Masonry. Thank you for all of your support of it. We project a very positive image to a large number of people and many of those have had no idea at all as to what Masonry is or what it does. 237 band members now know something about the work of the fraternity, and in the process we help support the work of the Shrine by putting people in the stadium for the Shrine Bowl game. It's a great illustration of Masonic unity and cooperation that we enjoy here in Nebraska.

Cornerstone laying also provides a positive look at the fraternity. I think that our 12 cornerstone ceremonies in 2003 was a record and I thank Grand Marshal Dave Watts and the lodges that helped to arrange those events. We are also greatly indebted to those Knights Templar who traveled many miles to participate in these ceremonies. Their participation added greatly to the dignity of the cornerstone ceremonies.

The Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournament was a great success and demonstrated Masonic fellowship to a number of non-Masons while providing a viable fundraiser. Building on the 2002 start-up event, Brothers Jack Nichols and Dan Loring organized tournaments in Fremont and in the Scottsbluff/Gering areas that raised about \$12,000, which was equally split between our two homes and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. This event, with your participation, can only get better in the future.

My major concerns for the future deal with the level of activity in some of our lodges. Activity is a good indicator of organizational health, and there are lodges that are just not active enough to show their communities why they exist. We find strength and support in our traditions, but we must address the future with vision and enthusiasm. Attitude is everything. It often seems that lodges in the smaller towns are doing the best - towns where the population is steady or growing slightly, and the lodge reflects the tone of the community. We have lost lodges or Masonic youth groups in communities that should be able to support them, and there are metro areas where there is rapid population growth and no Masonic presence. These situations need to be addressed. The many local successes that we've seen indicate that positive results are possible. The Grand Lodge exists to encourage and support its constituent lodges and provide those things that the lodges cannot realistically do for themselves. However, it is your leadership that will make the difference in your communities.

For 10 of the past 15 years, I have been privileged to serve as an officer of this Grand Lodge. History will be the judge of that service. The friendships and associations are of lasting value and will continue to be a source of enrichment. The focus, dedication, vision and plain hard work of the officers of this Grand Lodge have been inspirational, and you will be well served by the officers that you have chosen to lead for the ensuing year. Freemasonry has been a force for good throughout its history and I am proud to be associated with an institution that has had so much positive impact over the three centuries of its existence. The future now depends on how we use the tools that are provided to us and how we commit ourselves to work for the prosperity of the order.

Finally, I want to leave you and charge you with a sense of urgency. Franklin Roosevelt said ‘Government cannot afford to wait until it has lost all power to act.’ I think that the same thought applies here. Thank you all for all of the courtesies that have been extended to my wife and me over the past few years as we’ve traveled about the state. And I thank you for the opportunity to serve you.”

The printed address of the Grand Master is as follows:

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

Brethren:

Welcome to the 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The activities of this session are meant to provide useful information and to demonstrate that good social interaction and yes, fun, can and should be part of our Masonic experience. To our out-of-state representatives we offer our sincere wishes for a pleasant visit and we hope you gain as much as we have from our visits to our sister jurisdictions.

You as delegates from Nebraska Lodges have an important duty to represent your Lodges in conducting the affairs of the Grand Lodge. It is no less important that you take back what you learn here to use for the betterment and prosperity of our fraternity in general and your lodges in particular.

Our Constitution, Article X, Section 2(b) requires that the Grand Master present, at each Annual Communication, a written address, setting forth all of his official acts, the general condition of Masonry and recommendations for legislation. In accordance with Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, all Grand Master’s recommendations contained herein were submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee and to the constituent lodges not less than 45 days prior to this Annual Communication.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am pleased to report that the Grand Lodge Office operates as a model of professionalism and efficiency. Changes instituted there have been of great benefit to the Lodges that it serves and supports. I am personally grateful to Michelle Fulmer, Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt for their dedication, their anticipation of operational needs and for their friendship and advice. The Grand Lodge Office is indeed a pleasant place and I suggest that you visit there when you are in Lincoln.

It would not be possible to fulfill the duties of the office of the Grand Master without the support of many people. M.:W.: Byron Jenkins was an early mentor to me as I began to serve this Grand Lodge as a committee member in 1975. I am indebted to M.:W.: Paul Eveland who appointed me Grand Tyler in 1988. It has been my privilege to serve with Most Worshipful Brothers Jerry L. Rittenburg, V. K. Ramsey, Kenneth G. Fleming, Don E. Rasmussen, Dwight E. Smith, James F. Brown, Jr., Philip A. Lorenzen, and Michael E. Jones. All have been sources of inspiration and good counsel. I am especially grateful to M.:W.: Don Rasmussen for his confidence shown by appointing me Grand Junior Deacon in 1998. And thank you, brethren, for advancing me by your ballot through the elective offices.

The Jurisprudence Committee has been most helpful this year, especially Chairman M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Many times I sought advice and I always received timely and thoughtful counsel.

I have served with many good people, but I don't recall a time when the officers of the Grand Lodge were more dedicated or focused on their mission. It has been an honor to be associated with this corps of officers and my thanks goes to each of them and their ladies for the effort put forth this year. Their participation in formulating and executing the programs of this past year has been outstanding. A true spirit of peace and harmony, as well as a wide diversity of ideas, has distinguished this group.

I wish to publicly acknowledge the contribution of North Bend Lodge No. 119 and Ruth Chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star. These brothers and sisters provided the furniture, the manpower (and woman power), as well as much of the creative energy to make our 2003 Installation of Grand Lodge officers a memorable event. Both groups also assisted in the arranging and hosting of the final cornerstone laying of the year at the elementary school in North Bend. Their continuous efforts in the areas of membership and programming are models for Nebraska Lodges and Chapters. They also have fun while they are bringing Masonry to the community. We are most pleased that this lodge accepted the invitation to open a lodge of Master Masons for the transaction of business at this Annual Communication. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement.

Finally, to my family, Pat, Greg and Patti, and Jennifer, I know that my words cannot fully express my appreciation for your love, encouragement and tolerance. Each of you took on additional duties to keep both home and business running smoothly. Each of you bore an additional burden created by my absences or preoccupation. We have grown closer together during this year. To my wife Pat, thank you for the good advice, for your stability and most of all for your love. I'm sure that without your influence over the past 35 years I would be a lesser person.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I was pleased to commission the following individual to be a Grand Representative of the Grand Jurisdiction near Nebraska:

B.: David L. Lang..... Yugoslavia (Regular Grand Lodge)

CONFERENCES

The Conference of Grand Masters in North America was held in Minneapolis, MN on February 16, 17 and 18, 2003 and was hosted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in

conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the forming of that Grand Lodge. Accompanying me were Les Seiler, Deputy Grand Master and Reg Kuhn, Grand Secretary. I was pleased to serve on the Time and Place committee for the conference. Besides offering a chance to share ideas and information with the officers of other jurisdictions, a total of 20 workshops were conducted covering topics of concern to all Masons. Other jurisdictions from around the world were also represented.

The above brothers, accompanied by Ivan Vrtiska, Grand Junior Warden, traveled to St. Charles, Illinois to attend the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, held August 14-17. We were afforded the opportunity to network with the officers of the jurisdictions in the Midwest and Northern Plains states.

Pat and I were honored to attend the Imperial Shrine session in Minneapolis from July 5-10 as guests of Nebraska's three Shrine Centers, and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in Washington, DC as guests of the Supreme Council. Thank you to those bodies for their sponsorship. We were honored to be included and given the chance to see these organizations at work.

CORNERSTONES

We laid a record number of Cornerstones this year, a total of twelve, at locations at both ends and all four corners of the state. This is one of the most public things that we do and we are able to show Masonry to a large number of people through these ceremonies. It not only shows Masonry from a historical perspective, but demonstrates the moral principles of the fraternity to all who are present. We also advance the concept of Masonic unity by involving the local Lodge directly with the Grand Lodge, and usually the Knights Templar and the Masonic Youth as well. A further benefit ensues when we involve local veterans groups, school groups, Scouts or the Knights of Columbus as we have on several occasions. Thank you to the Lodges who helped to arrange these events with a special thanks to Grand Marshal, W. :. E. David Watts.

- March 16:** **Osceola Assisted Living Facility**
Host Lodge: Osceola Lodge No. 65
Master: W. :. B. :. Scott M. Watts
- July 13:** **Scottsbluff City Water Park**
Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Master: W. :. B. :. William R. Selby
- July 25:** **Albion Hospital**
Host Lodge: Albion Lodge No. 78
Master: W. :. B. :. John H. Darling

- August 3: Hillcrest Country Club (Removal and Rededication)**
 previously the Shrine Temple
Host Lodge: Cotner Lodge No. 297
Master: W.:B.: W. Scott Dodge
Special Thanks: Ill. Rob Kinsey
- September 11: McCook Junior College**
Host Lodge: McCook Lodge No. 135
Master: W.:B.: Stephen J. Harrison
- September 14: North Platte High School**
Host Lodge: Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Master: W.:B.: Glenn R. Mulholland
- September 14: Weeping Water Methodist Church**
Host Lodge: Euclid Lodge No. 97
Master: W.:B.: Kevin R. Kelly
- October 3: South Sioux City City Hall and Council Chambers**
Host Lodge: Omadi Lodge No. 5
Master: W.:B.: A. Gene Closson
- November 1: Loup City Community Building**
Host Lodge: Porter Lodge No. 106
Master: W.:B.: Dennis E. McClary
- November 16: Dakota City City Hall and Council Chambers**
Host Lodge: Omadi Lodge No. 5
Master: W.:B.: A. Gene Closson
- November 23: Rushville USDA Service Center**
Host Lodge: Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Master: W.:B.: Harry E. Honstein
Special Thanks: John D. VerMaas
- December 7: North Bend Elementary School**
Host Lodge: North Bend Lodge No. 119
Master: W.:B.: Scott H. Eveland

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

We owe a great deal to our Deputy Grand Custodians, not only for the manner in which they promote good Masonic ritual, but for all that they do to support and encourage the Lodges within their Districts. Many have accepted additional duties in Districts that are temporarily vacant. It was saddening to lose two Deputies this year, one to death and one due to medical reasons. However, I was pleased to commission the following brothers:

- W.:B.: Gordon Carley on April 6, 2003, District No. 31
 W.:B.: R. William Lichtenberger on July 14, 2003, District No. 27
 W.:B.: Suman Vallabhbbhai on January 7, 2004, District No. 11

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The Memorial continues to be a source of pride to all Masons. Rarely have I found institutions that have exceeded my expectations, but the Memorial certainly has done that.

M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty is currently serving as President of the Memorial Association and I congratulate him on its accomplishments. This Grand Lodge provided a display representing Masonry in Nebraska that was housed in the memorial in Alexandria, Virginia during the months of February and March, 2003.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

The goals of the Grand Lodge this year were well supported by the efforts of the several committees. Each was well focused on its task and rendered productive service to the Fraternity. My thanks goes to all committee members and chairmen.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning February 5, 2003 to the beginning of the 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 2003

- 5 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Kearney
- 6 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Kearney
- 7 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Kearney
- 8 Informal installation, Kearney
- 9 Lincoln Boys Choir, Lincoln
- 12 Sesostri Shrine Dinner and Meeting, Lincoln
- 14 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Minneapolis, MN
- 15 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Minneapolis, MN
- 16 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Minneapolis, MN
- 17 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Minneapolis, MN
- 18 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Minneapolis, MN
- 21 Central States Shrine Association, Lincoln
- 22 Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Fremont
- 22 Installation Dinner, Fremont
- 23 Installation of 2003 Grand Lodge Officers, North Bend
- 24 Grand Lodge Office, Meeting and lunch with office staff, Lincoln
- 26 National Sojourners Meeting, Omaha

MARCH 2003

- 1 Coffee on the Square, Papillion
- 8 Soup Supper, Royal Arch Masons No. 1, Omaha
- 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting, Fremont
- 12 Grand Lodge Office; Scottish Rite Masonic lunch, Lincoln
- 15 Wardens and Deacons School, Hastings
- 16 Cornerstone, Osceola

- 17 Tangier Shrine, Corned beef & cabbage, Omaha
- 18 Fellow Craft School, Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha
- 21 Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Master's Ball, Omaha
- 22 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball, Omaha
- 23 Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation, Annual Meeting, Lincoln
- 24 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 24 Masonic Education Symposium, Lincoln
- 29 York Rite Festival, Omaha
- 29 Dodge County Masonic Association Banquet, Fremont
- 31 DeMolay Legion of Honor Dinner, Fremont

APRIL 2003

- 3 Grand York Rite, Columbus
- 4 Grand York Rite, Columbus
- 5 Grand York Rite, Columbus
- 6 Daughters of the Nile, Installation, Lincoln
- 8 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting, Plattsmouth
- 9 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting, Fremont
- 9 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting, Lincoln
- 12 One Day Conferral, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 12 Joint Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 13 Palm Sunday Breakfast, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland
- 21 Scottish Rite Meeting, Omaha
- 23 Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 23 Grand Lodge Office Lunch with Office Staff, Lincoln
- 23 Sojourners Meeting, Omaha
- 25 Scottish Rite Reunion, Omaha
- 26 Pancake Day, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 26 Sesostri's Shrine Potentate's Ball, Lincoln

MAY 2003

- 2 Guest night, Fremont area lodges, Fremont
- 3 Colonial Ladies at the Table, Omaha
- 4 Wahoo Lodge No. 59, pin presentations, Wahoo
- 6 Ruth Chapter No. 119, OES, North Bend
- 8 Meeting with Dan Loring Re: Golf Tournament, Omaha
- 10 Tangier Shrine Ceremonial, Omaha
- 13 Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Lincoln
- 13 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 14 Fremont York Rite
- 15 Peace Officer Memorial observance, Grand Island
- 17 College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln
- 17 Confer MM Degree, Outdoor Degree, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings
- 19 Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin
- 20 Breakfast at Bartley Lodge No. 228, Bartley
- 20 McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook
- 21 Breakfast at Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson
- 21 Masonic Lunch, Hastings
- 22 Liberty Lodge No. 300 year pin presentations, Lincoln
- 23 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 year pin, PM Memorial, Lincoln

- 24 Fremont Lodge No. 15, year pins, honored ladies, Fremont
- 28 National Sojourners No. 19, Regular Meeting, Omaha

JUNE 2003

- 1 All Masonic Day, Omaha
- 2 Grand Master's Western Tour, Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon
- 3 Grand Master's Western Tour, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport
and lunch with Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
- 4 Grand Master's Western Tour
Lunch at Alliance Lodge No. 183 and Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis
- 5 Grand Master's Western Tour, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron
- 6 Grand Master's Western Tour
Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth; Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192,
Valentine; Long Pine Lodge No. 136; and Wood Lake Lodge No. 221
- 7 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 8 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 9 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 14 Rainbow Grand Assembly, Crete
- 16 MM Degree for August Storz, North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln
- 19 Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Mitchell
- 20 Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Mitchell
- 21 Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Mitchell
- 24 Saints John Lodge of Education No. 331, York
- 26 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Kearney
- 27 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Kearney

JULY 2003

- 5 Imperial Shrine, Minneapolis
- 6 Imperial Shrine, Minneapolis
- 7 Imperial Shrine, Minneapolis
- 8 Imperial Shrine, Minneapolis
- 9 Imperial Shrine, Minneapolis
- 10 Imperial Shrine, Minneapolis
- 12 Oregon Trail Days, Scottsbluff
- 13 Cornerstone at Scottsbluff and picnic and pin presentations at
Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering
- 13 Tri-County Shrine Club Barbeque, Lexington
- 15 Shrine Hospital, Chicago, and Band Camp, Lincoln
- 16 All-Star Marching Band Camp, Lincoln
- 17 All-Star Marching Band Camp, Lincoln
- 18 All-Star Marching Band Camp, Lincoln
- 18 Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Omaha
- 19 Shrine Bowl Classic, Lincoln
- 20 Pin presentations, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville
- 22 Daniel Beard Masonic Scouter Award presentation, Plainview
- 25 Cornerstone at Albion
- 26 York Rite Leadership Dinner, Columbus
- 27 Visit with Mike Birnstihl, Lincoln
- 30 Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 30 Meeting with Neil Henry, Beth Birnstihl and Les Seiler, Lincoln

AUGUST 2003

- 2 Masonic Summit, Lincoln
- 3 Cornerstone removal and rededication, Hillcrest, Lincoln
- 3 Received at Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 7 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Mahoney State Park
- 8 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Mahoney State Park
- 9 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Mahoney State Park
- 10 Masonic Charities Golf Tournament West, Scottsbluff/Gering
- 12 North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- 13 Fremont York Rite
- 13 EA Degree at North Bend Lodge No. 119
- 14 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, St. Charles, Illinois
- 15 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, St. Charles, Illinois
- 16 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, St. Charles, Illinois
- 17 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, St. Charles, Illinois
- 19 Nebraska & Iowa Grand Lodge Officers meeting and Master Mason Degree, Logan, Iowa
- 20 Fremont York Rite, Knights Templar Degree
- 21 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 23 Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 Awards Night, Lincoln
- 24 4-H Achievement Day, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 28 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 31 DeMolay Conclave, Columbus

SEPTEMBER 2003

- 2 Omaha Lodge No. 288
- 3 Bellevue Lodge No. 325, PM & Awards Night, Bellevue
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting, Fremont
- 10 Northeast Nebraska Masons dinner/awards, Allen
- 11 Cornerstone, McCook Junior College
- 12 Custodian's School, Grand Island
- 14 Cornerstone, Methodist Church, Weeping Water
- 14 PGM Harry Spencer's 100th Birthday Party, Plattsmouth
- 18 Iowa Grand Lodge, Des Moines
- 19 Iowa Grand Lodge, Des Moines
- 20 Iowa Grand Lodge, Des Moines
- 26 Grand Master's Breakfast, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha

OCTOBER 2003

- 2 Daniel Beard Masonic Scouter Award presentations at Boy Scouts of America Roundtable, Omaha
- 3 Nebraska Masonic Home Centennial Banquet
- 3 Cornerstone at South Sioux City
- 4 Dedication of Nebraska Wesleyan Unvert House, Lincoln
- 5 Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Washington, DC
- 6 Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Washington, DC
- 7 Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Washington, DC
- 14 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting, Plattsmouth
- 14 Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City

- 16 Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward
- 19 Humanitarian Award presentation to Floyd Vrtiska, Table Rock
Lodge No. 108
- 20 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting, Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 21 Fall Area Meeting, Central City
- 22 Fall Area Meeting, Ord
- 26 Humanitarian Award to Judge Warren Urbom, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314,
Lincoln
- 27 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 27 Masonic Education Symposium, Lincoln

NOVEMBER 2003

- 1 Cornerstone at Loup City
- 2 York Rite Brunch, Omaha
- 4 Blue Valley No. 64, Wilber
- 5 Masonic Individual Achievement Award, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
- 6 Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco
- 8 Wardens & Deacons School, Norfolk
- 9 DeMolay Legion of Honor, Omaha
- 10 Friendship Night, Albion Lodge No. 78
- 11 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 11 Vacant Chair Ceremony, Lincoln
- 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting, Fremont
- 12 Tekamah Lodge No. 31
- 15 Grand Lodge & Grand Chapter Officers' Retreat, Lincoln
- 16 Cornerstone at Dakota City
- 20 Past Master's Night, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- 22 Red Cross of Constantine, York
- 23 Cornerstone, Rushville FSA Office, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
- 24 DeMolay Initiation Lewis M. Keene Chapter, Fremont
- 25 Lunch with Ron Giesselmann, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children,
Fremont
- 30 Fraternal Relations Committee Meeting, Fremont

DECEMBER 2003

- 1 Meeting at Oshkosh Lodge No. 286 and with officers of Golden Fleece
Lodge No. 205
- 2 Ogalalla Lodge No. 159
- 3 Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
- 3 Platte Valley No. 32 Officers, North Platte
- 3 Lunch with Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington
- 5 KCCH, Lincoln
- 7 Cornerstone, North Bend Elementary School, North Bend Lodge No. 119
- 8 DeMolay, Lewis M. Keene Chapter, Fremont
- 9 North Bend Lodge No. 119, Soup Supper and Meeting
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting, Fremont
- 10 Speak at Fremont Knights Templar Christmas Observance
- 12 Awards Dinner, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 13 Job's Daughters Bethel No. 15 Installation, Fremont
- 13 Social with Prince Hall Grand officers, Mahoney

- 15 Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 16 Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair
- 18 Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City
- 23 EA and FC Degrees, North Bend Lodge No. 119
- 27 Saints John Lodge No. 331, Lincoln
- 30 MM Degree, North Bend Lodge No. 119

JANUARY 2004

- 2 Tangier Shrine Installation
- 3 Sesostris Shrine Installation
- 4 Tehama Shrine Installation
- 5 Newman Grove Lodge No. 305
- 6 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 6 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun
- 9 Scottish Rite Installation, Lincoln
- 9 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 10 Nebraska Lodge No. 1 Installation, Omaha
- 11 Fremont Lodge No. 15 Installation, Fremont
- 13 Nebraska Masonic Home Annual Meeting
- 13 North Bend No. 119 Meeting and Installation, North Bend
- 17 Grand Lodge Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 19 Scottish Rite Installation, Omaha
- 20 John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
- 24 Confer MM Degree, One-day, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- 24 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 Installation, Omaha

**GRAND MASTER'S
HUMANITARIAN AWARDS**

The highest award given by this Grand Lodge is the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award. Only two may be given per year. Candidates are nominated by their Lodges, must meet certain criteria and have a long history for service, including service to the Masonic fraternity. The decision was a difficult one this year because several well-qualified brothers were nominated.

On October 19, 2003, it was my pleasure to present the award to W.:B.: Floyd Vrtiska, a member of Table Rock Lodge No. 108. Brother Vrtiska has given many years of service to the Table Rock community and in Southeast Nebraska. He is currently serving his third term in the Nebraska legislature.

W.:B.: Warren K. Urbom received the award in a ceremony at his lodge, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 in Lincoln on October 26, 2003. Judge Urbom's history of accomplishment is unsurpassed and he has provided service to church, community and to the legal profession.

I was honored to be in the presence of these distinguished brothers and their families and to make known through these awards how the spirit of Masonry has been put to work in their lives.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

Delete Section 1-105 in its entirety.

~~**Sec. 1-105 — MILEAGE AND PER DIEM** — The retiring Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and one representative from each chartered subordinate lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a regular and standing committee, shall be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge an amount of ten dollars per day for each day's attendance and for each mile traveled to Grand Lodge an amount per mile to be set annually by the Grand Lodge Office Committee to be presented to this Grand Lodge in the report of said committee for approval or modification by the Grand Lodge. In case the subordinate lodge is not represented by any of its first three officers, the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem. Each member of a regular and standing committee, convened in advance of the Annual Communication, shall receive per diem for such additional attendance, in addition to the mileage and per diem for Grand Lodge attendance, unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge. Each member of the Jurisprudence Committee shall receive mileage and per diem for attendance at the meeting of such committee prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge; provided that the total expense for such mileage and per diem shall not exceed \$500.00 in any one year for such special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee. Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of the State, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this State. Nor shall any such officer or representative receive mileage or per diem for serving in more than one capacity.~~

If Recommendation No. 1 passes, the following section must also be amended in the following ways to delete references made to the per diem and mileage for Grand Lodge representatives and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

Amend the second paragraph of Section 1-202 by deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 1-202 GRAND CUSTODIAN –

2nd Paragraph:

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 40 Deputy Grand Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, ~~and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner.~~

Recommendation No. 2

Amend Sections 2-1401 through 2-1403 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-1401 – APPLICATION FOR – Any brother desiring to affiliate with another subordinate lodge of Freemasons *and to transfer his membership thereto* must make a

~~request apply in writing to his subordinate lodge for the purpose of securing a certificate of good standing. for the purpose of securing a demit. Such application must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the law, is clear on the books and is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Master shall order such certificate issued, and the Secretary shall make record of such action.. If the brother is in good standing and clear on the books; if no charges are preferred against him; if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the Bylaws and if he is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Secretary shall issue a certificate of good standing to said brother and shall make a record of such issuance.~~

~~Upon receipt of a written notice which officially certifies the brother's election to another lodge and a written request by said brother for the issuance for a demit, said request for a demit shall be read at the next regular business meeting of the subordinate lodge and the Master shall order that a demit be issued. Upon notice by another lodge through the return of that portion of the certificate which officially certifies as to his election to membership therein, the Master shall order that a demit be issued and mailed to the lodge which elected him to membership. The Secretary shall make record of the issuance of such demit; provided, however, such demit shall not be issued by the parent lodge for a brother who has signed a petition for a charter for a new lodge, who desires dual membership in both the parent lodge and the new lodge.~~

Said demit shall be in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge Office, shall be signed by the Master and the Secretary and shall bear the seal of the subordinate lodge. The Secretary shall make a record of the issuance of said demit. Said demit shall then be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 2-1402 – HOW NOT AFFECTED – No change.

~~**Sec. 2-1403 – FORM OF DEMIT – A demit in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge shall be signed by the Master and Secretary, and bear the seal of the subordinate lodge. Said demit must then be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.**~~

Recommendation No. 3

Amend Sec. 2-508 by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-508-PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND SERVICES – No subordinate lodge may, without the Grand Master's consent, participate in parades *other than at community celebrations* or processions....

Recommendation No. 4

Amend Section 2-708 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

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

Recommendation No. 5 (*If Recommendation No. 1 passes, this Recommendation is not necessary*)

Amend the second sentence of Section 1-105 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 1-105 – MILEAGE AND PER DIEM – The retiring Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and one representative from each chartered subordinate lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a regular and standing committee, shall be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge an amount of ten dollars per day for each day's attendance and for each mile traveled to Grand Lodge an amount per mile to be set annually by the Grand Lodge Office Committee to be presented to this Grand Lodge in the report of said committee for approval or modification by the Grand Lodge. In case the subordinate lodge is not represented by ~~any of its~~ *either its Master, Wardens or Secretary*, ~~first three officers,~~ the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem....

Recommendation No. 6

Amend the ninth paragraph of Section 2-408 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

9th Paragraph:

A member holding plural membership in a lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and be granted a demit from such lodge or from his parent lodge by presenting to such lodge an *application petition* stating that he desires to demit therefrom for the purpose of terminating his plural membership. Such *application petition* shall be read in open lodge and if the brother is not subject to any of the restrictions named in paragraph one of Section 2-1401 (Demits) the Worshipful Master shall order the demit to be issued and *mailed to the Grand Lodge office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary*. ~~mailed to the lodge in which the brother continues to hold membership.~~

Recommendation No. 7

Amend Section 2-601 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**3rd Paragraph:**

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Fourteen 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 4 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.~~

5th Paragraph:

~~If the amount due the Grand Lodge is not received by April 10, 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 dues and assessments indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. by the 10th of April.~~

Recommendation No. 8

Amend Sec. 3-102, paragraph (b) by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

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

(b) Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets, *except that subordinate lodges may conduct raffles pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, Sections 9-501 to 9-513 R.R.S. Nebraska, with the prior written approval of the Grand Master, provided that the activity is approved by a vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting, and provided further that an accounting of the raffle be furnished to the Grand Lodge within thirty days of the awarding of prizes. The accounting shall include a statement of the gross amount of ticket sales, the amount of prizes awarded, the identity of prize winners and the intended uses of the proceeds of the raffle.*

Recommendation No. 9

Amend Section 2-1101 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-1101 – OBJECTIONS, ETC. – Objections to initiation, passing, raising, affiliation, ~~or waiver of jurisdiction~~ may be made, sustained, *or overruled* and terminated ~~by~~ *in* the following manner only: ~~and shall be in full force and effect until lawfully terminated;~~

(a) An objection may be made ~~either orally or otherwise~~ by any Master Mason in good standing. *The objection shall be reduced to writing and may be directed to the Master or Secretary of the Lodge. and communicated to the Master or to the lodge.*

(b) *An objection may be made to initiation, passing, or raising at any time prior to the obligation.*

(c) *An objection may be made to affiliation ~~or waiver of jurisdiction~~ at any time prior to the announcement of the result of the ballot.*

(d) *The objector shall acquaint the Master with the reason for the objection and the Master shall determine the validity of the objection in accord with the interests of Masonry and his Lodge as set forth below.*

(e) *The nature of the objection and the identity of the objector shall be announced and the initiation, passing, raising or affiliation shall be suspended for not more than thirty days, until the next stated communication of the lodge.*

(f) *At the next stated communication of the Lodge, the Master may either sustain or overrule the objection or may conduct an inquiry into the facts underlying the objection to determine the validity of the objection. Any such inquiry shall be conducted in open lodge and the objector and the person subject to the objection shall be permitted to address the lodge concerning the nature and validity of the objection. The Lodge may be called from labor to refreshment for such purposes. Following inquiry, the Master will sustain or overrule the objection.*

(g) *The determination of the Master will be reduced to writing and forwarded to the Grand Master within ten days. The Grand Master shall consult with the Master, the Committee on Jurisprudence and such other person or persons as he may deem appropriate. The Grand Master may conduct a further inquiry into the matter. The Grand Master shall affirm or reverse the determination of the Master and notify the Lodge in writing within fifteen days of receiving the determination of the Master.*

(h) *If the objection is sustained, the Lodge will waive jurisdiction over the petitioner and jurisdiction will be assumed by the Grand Lodge. The Petitioner will be notified in writing that any further Petitions must be approved by two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge before being submitted to any subordinate lodge.*

(i) *If the objection is overruled the lodge will proceed with the work or ballot at its earliest convenience, and no further objections to the degree or affiliation will be permitted.*

~~(d) When the objection is made, by a member of the lodge, to initiation, affiliation, or waiver of jurisdiction, the objector shall not be required to give his reasons.~~

~~—(e) In case of objection by a member of the lodge to passing or raising, and in case of objection by a brother who is not a member of the lodge, or by another lodge, to initiation, passing, raising, or waiver of jurisdiction, the objector shall acquaint the Master with the reason for the objection and if the Master disapproves the objection it shall be of no force or effect unless within thirty days after the objector is notified of the decision of the Master he shall appeal to the Grand Master and notify the Master of the appeal. The decision of the Grand Master shall be final, unless appealed to the Grand Lodge, within thirty days after notice is given of his decision. Upon final disapproval of an objection, or upon the withdrawal thereof, announcement thereof shall be made in the minutes and upon the compendium, and the lodge shall not proceed further with the matter in less than thirty days after such announcement.~~

~~—(f) An objection shall terminate three years after being made or shall be terminated earlier by the death of the objector, by being withdrawn by him, by his ceasing to be a Master Mason in good standing or upon his demitting from the lodge, unless renewed by him at that time.~~

~~—(g) The fact of objection shall be announced by the Master in open lodge at a regular communication and shall be noted in the minutes of the lodge and on the compendium.~~

~~—(h) In all cases of objection, except to affiliation, the lodge holds jurisdiction over the petitioner as though he had been rejected by ballot.~~

~~—(i) No lodge can waive jurisdiction over the petitioner while an objection is pending or is in force and effect.~~

~~—(j) The identity of an objector shall not be disclosed except that it shall be communicated by a retiring Master to his successor in office, or in case of the removal of the Master from this Grand Jurisdiction then to the ranking Warden, and then by the Warden to the next Master installed.~~

If Recommendation No. 9 passes, the following section must also be amended in the following ways to delete references made to objections and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

Delete Section 2-912 in its entirety.

~~**Sec. 2-912 — REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONS** — A petitioner against whom objections have been made may petition anew as soon as the objections are terminated as set forth in Section 2-1101 (f). Such new petition shall follow the same course as an original petition for initiation.~~

Recommendation No. 10

Amend Chapter III, Committees, Section 1-301 by deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language struck out. In doing so, Sections 1-307 and 1-309 will be deleted in their entirety and marked in the Bylaws as (Not Used):

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

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Memorial Service, Masonic Relief, Temple Building Advisory,

Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All-Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, and Youth. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

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

~~Sec. 1-309—TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY—The Temple Building Advisory Committee shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The Committee shall investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-614 and to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities.~~

GRAND SECRETARY

On October 31, 2003, R.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn resigned his position as Grand Secretary. Reg served with distinction in that position since August 29, 1995. We are grateful for the expertise and energy that Reg brought to the position and we thank him for all that he has done for the benefit of this Grand Lodge.

It was my pleasant duty to appoint W.:B.: Bruce A. Watkins as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, effective November 1, 2003. Bruce has been Secretary of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln for ten years and has also served as a Deputy Grand Custodian since 1999. He is well qualified to perform the duties of the office.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

Throughout this year we have all taken inspiration from Grand Senior Warden, Michael G. Birnstihl. After suffering a brain aneurysm in February of 2003, Mike has consistently worked at regaining his abilities and has made tremendous progress. Mike and Beth have taught us much about patience, endurance and dedication. Although Mike's medical condition will not allow him to continue his advancement in the Grand Lodge, we have all grown from his example and his regard for the fraternity.

Mike has also served as a Deputy Grand Custodian in District No. 11 since 1997. The above conditions dictated that he become inactive and be designated as a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus. Mike has been especially good at ritual and has had a wonderful manner of teaching. It is my hope that the future will see him return to work in the ritual.

We are proud to call him "Brother."

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On February 25, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Harvard Lodge No. 44 to change the day and time of their regular monthly communications from the second Monday evening of each calendar month at 8:00 p.m. May 1 to October 1 and at 7:30 p.m. October 1 to May 1 to the first Tuesday of each calendar month at 8:00 p.m.

On March 6, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 to change the time of their regular monthly communications from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On April 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to amend the provisions of electing members to the Lodge Templecraft Committee.

On August 7, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3 to add a fee for the George Washington Memorial Fund to be paid by new candidates.

On August 7, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3, to change the day and time of their regular monthly communications from the first Friday evening of each at 7:30 p.m. to the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m.

On August 7, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3 to amend Section 1 of Article VII to remove references to specific years in the appointment of members to the lodge Board of Trustees to make it applicable on an ongoing basis.

On August 7, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 to amend Article I with regard to regular and special communications.

On August 21, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Peru Lodge No. 14 to increase the amount of their annual dues.

On August 22, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of McCook Lodge No. 135 to change the language regarding annual dues from \$15.00 plus the Grand Lodge per capita tax to an amount equal to the Grand Lodge per capita tax, plus the Grand Lodge per capita tax.

On August 22, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of McCook Lodge No. 135 to change the time of their regular monthly communications.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to add a provision with regard to the day of their regular monthly communication in the event that it falls on a legal holiday or in the event of inclement weather.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to amend Section 5 of Article II with regard to the deadline for the Treasurer to submit records, and to add a provision for the Treasurer to receive a sum per month that shall be annually set by the Finance Committee to offset personal and miscellaneous expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to amend Section 6 of Article II with regard to the deadline for the Secretary to submit

reports and records of his office to the Finance Committee, and to change the compensation for faithful performance from \$.30 per member to a set \$100.00 per month.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to remove Section 7 of Article II, with regard to compensation provided to the Tyler, in its entirety.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to add a Section 8 to Article II with regard to the forming of a Board of Trustees.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to amend Section 1 of Article III with regard to the duties of the standing committee on finance and accounts.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to amend Section 1 of Article VI to include language that delineates what the \$75.00 degree fees will be used for.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to add a Section 2 to Article VIII to include provisions for a budget of \$500 for each Master-Elect to cover installation expenses and the cost of a Past Master's jewel and apron.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to add a Section 3 to Article VIII setting out the allowance of a travel expense to be set by the lodge Finance Committee for delegates of the annual communication.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to add a Section 4 to Article VIII with regard to adding a lodge award for meritorious lodge service or to Masonry called the Golden Trowel.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to amend the date the bylaws were approved by the Grand Master.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 to change the day of their regular monthly communications from the first Thursday of each calendar month to the first Monday of each calendar month, and in the event of a legal holiday or inclement weather, it shall be held on the second Monday of the month affected.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 to change the time of their regular monthly communications from 7:30 p.m. October to March and 8:00 p.m. April to September to 7:30 p.m. each calendar month.

On October 12, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to change the day of their regular monthly communication from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday.

On October 27, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Western Star Lodge No. 2 to increase their monthly dues.

On November 11, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Solar Lodge No. 134 to increase the amount of their annual dues.

On November 18, 2003, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5.

On January 28, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 to change the language regarding annual dues from \$25.00 per annual to the sum of \$20.00 plus the Grand Lodge assessment.

LODGES GOING EXTINCT

On October 27, 2003, I signed the Approval of Extinction for Minden Lodge No. 127 in Minden, Nebraska, after it had been properly demonstrated to me that all requisite and necessary steps had been taken by the members to properly allow their lodge to go extinct. It was ordered that the charter and seal of Minden Lodge were to be returned to the Grand Lodge A.:F.: and A.:M.: of Nebraska.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

This continues to be the premier public activity of Masons in Nebraska. This year 233 of the finest high school musicians in the state gathered for the four-day band camp and for performances in the Nebraska Shrine Bowl and the Shrine Bowl Parade. It was an absolute thrill to see them come in as individuals and then form into a cohesive group.

We took the opportunity to show them what Masons and Shriners do, not only through the Shrine hospitals, but how Masons are an influence for good throughout the world. A high point in the year came when Pat and I traveled with the South football team and two of the Band members to the Chicago Shrine Hospital. Thank you all for your support of this project. Many of these young people had never heard of Masonry and now have a very good introduction to it. Thanks to the Band Committee, M.:W.: Jerry Rittenburg, Chairman, Michelle Fulmer, Office Manager and Russ Reno, Chaperone Chairman for all of the work that went into this event. Thank you also to the many chaperones who took the time to insure that the band members had a safe and wholesome experience and to all who provided scholarships or other support.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Masonic youth of Nebraska are inspiring. It was my great honor to attend the annual sessions of Nebraska Job's Daughters in Kearney, Rainbow for Girls in Crete, and DeMolay in Columbus, and to receive both the DeMolay Legion of Honor and the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color. Thank you for those honors. It was a highlight of the year to present a \$1000 Grand Lodge Scholarship to a deserving member of each of these bodies, as well as the Grand Master's Scholarship to an additional Job's Daughters member.

It is a thrill to observe these young people as they conduct their business with poise and grace and to listen to the truly Masonic content of their rituals. No better foundation can be provided for their future. Young people today are faced with challenges that were unheard of just a generation ago and they must know who they are and how they will respond to these challenges. There is often not time to consider the choices and weigh

right and wrong. Involvement in Masonic youth will help to prepare them for the choices that they must make. We must continue to support these organizations and to provide committed adult leadership.

NECROLOGY

Masonry in Nebraska lost one of its most faithful servants in the death of Deputy Grand Custodian Keith Leibhart of Merna on May 25, 2003. Although his column is broken, his memory lives on in the hearts of his brethren.

V.: W.: Russ Reno, Grand Chaplain and the Masonic Memorial Service Committee will present a fitting tribute to our departed brethren during this Annual Communication.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following permissions and dispensations were granted and approved by the Grand Master during the past year:

On February 12, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on February 20, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On February 12, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) to permit Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 of Ashland to elect their 2003 Treasurer out of time.

On February 12, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Florence Lodge No. 281 of Omaha to install their 2003 Junior Deacon out of time.

On February 13, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens group in Omaha to obtain a list of all 2003 Nebraska Masters and Wardens for the purpose of compiling a roster of the Omaha Masters and Wardens.

On February 13, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all Blue Lodge members from the area between O'Neil and Valentine for the purpose of inviting them to a membership dinner.

On February 20, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation to obtain a list of all active and deceased Nebraska Masons for the purpose of updating their publication mailing list.

On February 24, 2003, I gave permission to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 to sponsor a flea market for the purpose of financially supporting Masonic purposes and services.

On February 24, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Nebraska Rainbow for Girls to obtain a list of all lodges located in communities that have never

been the home of a Rainbow Assembly, lodges in communities where Rainbow was once active, but is no longer, and a list of the Grand Lodge Officers for the purpose of promoting new Assemblies for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

On March 3, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 12, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Liberty Lodge No. 300 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Lincoln area.

On March 11, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 of Nebraska City to install their 2003 Junior Steward out of time.

On March 13, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on March 19, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Fellow Craft Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On March 13, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on March 26, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On March 18, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Scottish Rite to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masters and Wardens in the Omaha area for the purposes of a mailing regarding a Colonial Ladies at the Table.

On March 27, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 19, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Papillion Lodge No. 39 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Papillion area.

On April 15, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39 to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than fifteen candidates at

their one-day event. Such dispensation supplements prior dispensation granted on March 27, 2003.

On April 15, 2003, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 of McCook to move their charter on July 15, 2003 to a pasture three miles north of McCook for the purpose of holding an outdoor Lodge meeting.

On April 30, 2003, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings to move their charter on May 17, 2003 to William Morrow Farm located at 10833 S. 60th Road in Doniphan for the purpose of conducting a Master Mason Degree in an outdoor setting.

On May 1, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Panhandle Shrine Club to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons near Scottsbluff for the purpose of a circus mailing.

On May 5, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on June 21, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On May 7, 2003, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 of McCook to participate by having a float in the following parades in the McCook area: Maywood on May 24, 2003; Palisade on June 14, 2003; Old Settlers Day in Indianola on August 9, 2003; and the Heritage Day Parade in McCook on September 27, 2003.

On May 8, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on May 8, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On May 8, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on May 15, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Fellow Craft Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On May 8, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on June 12, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On May 13, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 12, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and

- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Hickman Lodge No. 256 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Lincoln area.

On May 22, 2003, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Franklin Lodge No. 264 of Franklin to provide parade coordination and participate with a small float in the Franklin June Jamboree parade on June 7, 2003.

On May 23, 2003, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte to display their Masonic Family float in the Nebraskaland Days parade on June 21, 2003 in North Platte.

On June 2, 2003, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to enter a float in the David City July Jam parade on July 12, 2003.

On June 26, 2003, I found that a brother of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 had been illegally suspended without notification (Ref: Decision 1982-6) and directed that he be immediately reinstated without being required to petition for reinstatement (Ref: Decision 1938-21) upon the payment of dues for the years 1987 through 2003.

On July 7, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on July 15, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On July 7, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on July 22, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Fellow Craft Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On July 7, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on July 29, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On July 8, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than fifteen candidates at their one-day event scheduled for July 12, 2003. Such dispensation supplements prior dispensation granted on May 13, 2003.

On August 12, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to circulate a flyer to all Nebraska lodges regarding a sporting clay-shooting event.

On August 14, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on future dates to be set by the lodge for their own candidates. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the appropriate Degrees.

After the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On August 14, 2003, in accordance with the request of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 of Grand Island, I granted permission for Ashlar Lodge to sponsor the annual Robert W. Boon Thanksgiving Memorial Food Truck to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Home.

On August 14, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to North Star Lodge No. 227 to obtain a list of all Lincoln and Omaha area Secretaries for the purpose of inviting Masons to a sporting clay-shooting event.

On August 21, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to obtain a list of all Nebraska Secretaries for the purpose of sending a letter regarding funding for the annual Christmas parties at The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On August 25, 2003, I granted permission for Hooper Lodge No. 72 of Hooper to hold its regular communication on the third Thursday of the months of September and October, 2003, on a two-month trial basis, requiring that all members of the lodge be notified prior to such change.

On September 8, 2003, under the authority of Article X of the Constitution, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-911 to provide Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff an additional six months to complete the initiation of a candidate who was elected September 5, 2002.

On September 8, 2003, I granted permission for Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff to hold its regular communication on the first Monday of the months of October and November, 2003, requiring that all members of the lodge be notified prior to

such change, and awaiting the formal Bylaws Amendment to properly change the date of the meeting.

On September 24, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 8, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Liberty Lodge No. 300 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Lincoln area.

On October 9, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 13, 2003. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

After the conferral of the Degree, each candidate will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree.

On October 21, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 of Bellevue and Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 25, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Bellevue Lodge No. 325 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Bellevue and Omaha area.

On November 10, 2003, as provided by Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Magnolia Lodge No. 220 of Emerson to hold a special meeting on November 17, 2003, for the purpose of conducting business, to include the payment of bills, reading of minutes, and receiving, reading and balloting on petitions.

On November 10, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Thistle Lodge No. 61 of Lexington to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 22, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Thistle Lodge No. 61 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Lexington area.

On November 11, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Jachin Lodge No. 146 to obtain a list of all members of Minden Lodge No. 127 for the purpose of sending each a letter inviting them to affiliate with the lodge in Holdrege.

On November 14, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-612, I reaffirmed prior permission given to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to sell commemorative lapel pins marking the 150th anniversary of that lodge.

On November 24, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on December 27, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.

- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On November 24, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on January 24, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On November 26, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) to permit Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to elect their 2004 Junior Warden out of time.

On November 26, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 of Gering to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on December 13, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and
- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Gering area.

On December 3, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) to permit Laurel Lodge No. 248 of Laurel to elect their 2004 officers out of time.

On December 3, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) to permit Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 of Valentine to elect their 2004 officers out of time.

On December 3, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mizpah Lodge No. 302 of Omaha to install their 2004 Senior Deacon out of time.

On December 9, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Omadi Lodge No. 5 of South Sioux City to install their 2004 officers out of time.

On December 16, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-610, I approved the creation of the R.A. Chandler Endowment Charter by members of Bellevue Lodge No. 325.

On December 17, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 18, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Fellow Craft Degree.

On December 17, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 22, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

On December 22, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 12, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

On December 22, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 14, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

On December 22, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 19, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Fellow Craft Degree.

On December 22, 2003, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 26, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

On January 6, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution, I granted dispensation to permit Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to elect their Worshipful Master and Wardens for the year 2004 out of time on January 22 at 7:00 a.m. due to the unexpected death of the Master-elect. If necessary, dispensation was also granted for Cotner Lodge No. 297 to hold an installation of their offices on the same evening.

On January 7, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte to install their 2004 Tyler out of time.

On January 9, 2004, I granted dispensation under Section 2-503 to permit Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to hold a special meeting on Friday, January 9, 2004 for the purpose of conducting business to include the consideration of bestowing the title of Past Master on Brother Bob Cawein, who passed away Monday, five days before his installation as Master of the lodge.

On January 12, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to install their 2004 Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 16, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to North Bend Lodge No. 119 of North Bend to move their charter on February 6, 2004 to the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Master Masons for the Grand Lodge Session.

On January 21, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than fifteen candidates at their one-day event. Such dispensation supplements prior dispensation granted on November 24, 2004.

On January 28, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons within a 30 mile radius of Norfolk who are not members of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 for the purpose of inviting them to a George Washington banquet.

On January 26, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 22, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Fellow Craft Degree.

On January 26, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 29, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the Master Mason Degree.

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

Fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska continue to expand. R.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska, W.: Ed Nolte and I were honored to attend the Annual Communication of that Grand Lodge in Omaha on July 18, 2003 and were warmly received. I was privileged to address the Grand Lodge and the assembled appendant bodies of Prince Hall Masonry in Nebraska.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and their ladies informally met with several of the PHA Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies in December for dinner and discussion of subjects of common interest. It offered an opportunity to enjoy good fellowship with our Masonic Brethren.

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 12, 2003	..... Harold McGovern	..... John J. Mercer No. 290
February 25, 2003	..... Brad Jarchow	..... Hebron No. 43
March 13, 2003	..... Donald James Bartunek	..... Papillion No. 39
March 24, 2003	..... Terry Dean Malone	..... Hebron No. 43
April 9, 2003	..... Mike Ware	..... Hickman No. 256
May 7, 2003	..... Michael P. Steele	..... Cotner No. 297
June 11, 2003	..... Terry C. Peede	..... Mosaic No. 55
June 11, 2003	..... Mark E. Linder	..... Custer No. 148
August 18, 2003	..... Francis J. Turley	..... Hastings No. 50
September 13, 2003	..... Paul W. Briese, Sr.	..... Albion No. 78
September 15, 2003	..... Robert William Lesnick	..... Springfield No. 112
October 13, 2003	..... Gary Anthony Lamb	..... Hickman No. 256
October 20, 2003	..... James J. Stevens, Jr.	..... Geneva No. 79
October 20, 2003	..... George W. Bagley	..... McCook No. 135
October 20, 2003	..... Glenn C. Hubbard	..... Golden Rule No. 236
November 11, 2003	..... Monty Greenwood	..... Hickman No. 256
January 14, 2004	..... S. Todd Harris	..... Alliance No. 183
January 18, 2004	..... James Crye	..... Miloma No. 328
January 22, 2004	..... Robert K. Gorder	..... Hay Springs No. 177
January 28, 2004	..... Edward A. Maline	..... Lancaster No. 54

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on August 19, 2003, I appointed two additional members to the trial commission originally appointed by M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen involving Plainview Lodge No. 204 and a member of that lodge for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial. On November 6, 2003, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and was expelled from the Masonic Fraternity.

In the pending matter of Euclid Lodge No. 97 and a member of the lodge, on February 20, 2003, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and was expelled from the Masonic Fraternity.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were approved:

- April 14, 2003 David Laumbach to
North Riverside Lodge No. 662, Iowa
- April 14, 2003 Thomas W. Zastow to
North Riverside Lodge No. 662, Iowa
- April 14, 2003 Joseph M. Mildofer to
North Riverside Lodge No. 662, Iowa
- September 12, 2003 Frank William Cummings, III to
Universal Lodge of Orleans, Massachusetts

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

All across the state, I see that Masons are strongly committed to the Fraternity as a whole and to their lodges in particular. With few exceptions, our brothers will hold on strongly to their traditions and their desire to keep Masonry active in their communities for the benefit of future generations. Many changes have been and are being made based on needs observed in recent years.

The series of Wardens and Deacons Schools held this past spring and fall in Hastings, Norfolk and Alliance have provided information on what is expected of a lodge officer. Resources were made available that will help officers lead with confidence and enthusiasm. This is an important step in addressing any leadership voids that might develop in our Lodges. About 60 percent of the lodges have had at least one member attend one of the WDS sessions.

As part of the school materials, the Nebraska Lodge Officer’s Manual was introduced. It provides step-by-step planning for preparing the lodge for its coming year and, if utilized, will make the master’s year more successful. Steps have also been taken to make the work of the Secretary easier.

An aggressive membership plan has been under development all year and is ready to be implemented in the new Grand Lodge year. It includes many of the successful programs that have originated in your lodges. It appears that about 15 percent of the lodges will show an increase in membership for 2003 and that momentum should carry forward into 2004.

I believe that as more direct contact is made between lodges and the officers of the Grand Lodge that the view of the Grand Lodge is one of partnership and a sincere desire to see lodges prosper. The warm receptions that I have received this year attest to that fact.

The unity displayed by all of the member organizations for the Masonic family in this jurisdiction has been a great source of pride to all concerned. We are all pulling in the same direction and are constantly finding more areas for cooperation.

We are now viewing the lodge more as a community of brothers with a mission to live the principles of Masonry and less of a building maintenance organization. New activities in many Lodges show that we are increasingly more willing to take fraternalism outside the building and to put our energy to work in the community. Some lodges have taken a new view of priorities and have vacated a burdensome building in favor of meeting in some new venue.

The goal of bonding new members has been made attainable through the efforts of the Masonic Education Committee. Newly prepared and packaged educational material geared for the education of the new brother is now available for each step of his progression through the degrees. When used in conjunction with the Standard Proficiency materials, new members cannot help but be better informed about their fraternity than ever before. The committee is also to be commended for their work in bringing the education Newsletter "To Light" to the Masons of Nebraska electronically as well as through print.

In summary, I believe that the members of this Grand Jurisdiction are better informed, better served and more committed to positive change than at any previous time.

CONCLUSION

It has been a humbling privilege to serve the Grand Lodge over the last several years. The experiences and the recollection of the good people we have had the privilege to meet will be sources of happy reflection for years to come. Thank you all for this experience. I'm convinced that Pat and I have gained far more than we have contributed. We value the associations and friendships that have developed and that will continue to enrich our lives.

Freemasonry has been a force for good throughout its existence and will continue to provide sound principles and encouragement to its members. The future now depends on how we use the tools that are provided to us and how we commit ourselves to work for the prosperity of the order.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Master

The Deputy Grand Master made a motion to accept the Address of the Grand Master in its entirety, both in printed form and personally delivered form. The motion was seconded, and, with no discussion, carried.

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

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

John C. McQuinn, Chairman

Brother John McQuinn, Chairman of the Awards Committee stepped forward to make reference to the printed Awards Committee Report. He supplemented the printed report as follows:

“In Nebraska, particularly with regard to the Gold Pan Award, a number of lodges in Nebraska are clearly on the cutting edge of moving forward in their communities and reaching out in their communities, and clearly demonstrating the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, not only within their own organizations, but within their community. And I think that no lodge demonstrated that better than the winner of the Gold Pan Award this year, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 in Bridgeport, Nebraska. It’s a small community, very small lodge – they participated with two or three other organizations in a bike-a-thon to raise money for a family whose home was destroyed by fire. They had no resources, and they got tremendous publicity. It was a great thing because not only were they recognized, but they were recognized with other community organizations. I would like to encourage other lodges to look for opportunities such as those to reach out into the community. I’d also like to encourage the lodges to be aware that R.:W.: Brother Les Seiler will have some exciting news I believe coming up and Masters and Secretaries should be alert and be excited for the year to come. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve on your committee.”

The Grand Lodge Awards Committee is pleased to report the receipt of awards by lodges from one end of the state to the other. I wish to thank Brother Mervin E. Ransom, Jr.; member of Osceola Lodge No. 65, who has been a diligent member of this Committee. His prompt and faithful dedication to this committee will be sorely missed. Thank you!

The Gold Pan Award was earned by one of our smaller lodges that were actively involved in their community. Their efforts showed that it wasn’t the size of the lodge that mattered, but rather the size of the hearts in the lodge.

The exciting thing the committee noticed about the Rock Maul competition was the overall rise in the scores by lodges across Nebraska, which demonstrated an effort by those lodges to participate in lodge work and keep track of their activities during the year.

The first and second place winners for the Recruitment Award will each receive a plaque and a lapel pin, with the first place winner, receiving a special badge and his picture and name will appear on a plaque that hangs in the Grand Lodge office. In addition, 11 other brothers received recognition for placing third through tenth. This award, as well as the Rock Maul Award indicates that new brothers are being initiated into masonry in lodges across the state.

Nine lodges awarded 14 Masonic Recognition Awards and one Non-Masonic Recognition Award during the past year. Brothers are encouraged to remember that these

awards provide a way for a local lodge to recognize someone for their special contribution to their lodge or to their community. If you want to make such an award or have any questions, please contact the Grand Lodge Office.

For the first time the Grand Lodge Awards Committee used conference calling to better enable participation by the members who live some distance from Lincoln. This proved to be a great success and will be continued in the future as a way of providing more opportunity for discussion and participation.

In conclusion, the Committee would like to thank the individual lodges for their efforts in submitting their Rock Maul and Gold Pan Award applications. It was a pleasure to read about the accomplishments of those lodges. We would encourage those lodges that did not submit an application to consider doing so next year. Think of a project, participate in the work, be encouraged, and share our excitement. This committee could not function without the assistance of the Grand Lodge staff and I would like to thank Michelle and Carol for all that they do to help make this Committee function smoothly and efficiently. Most especially I would like to thank Jeannie Holt, who keeps the timeline for the committee, sends the communications, orders the awards, and generally makes the Chairman's job as easy as possible.

We thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Beebe for this opportunity to serve Masonry in Nebraska and congratulate him on an outstanding year.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman
Paul R. Eveland, 119
Herman F. Hansen, 51
Kevin R. Lindly, 148
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr, 65
Charles Spohr, 97

After supplementing the printed report, John McQuinn, Chairman of the Awards Committee, moved for the adoption of the printed report, including the supplemental remarks. The motion was seconded and carried.



M.:W.: James H. Olson, Past Grand Master, brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.: Grand Master Beebe asked R.:W.: Les Seiler for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Brethren:

I. Role of Freemasonry

I share a particular interest in the direction Masonry is moving with each of you, and I would like to discuss that direction.

In order to understand this direction, we must understand the role of the Blue Lodge and Masonry in general. “Freemasonry is an organization that instructs men how to control their lives in responsible ways. It is not created to mold men; but to mold their actions.” (Robert Davis, Heredom p. 10.)

To accomplish this role, we, as Freemasons, must know what road we should take to accomplish this role. William “Skip” Boyer in his Article, “It’s The Rite Time For Change,” (Scottish Rite Journal, August 2002), in discussing this road stated:

“The high point of Alice’s day (Alice in Wonderland) came when she met the Cheshire cat. She found him perched in a tree at a crossroads – right about where we of Masonry are standing today. “Which road should I take?” she asked the cat. “Where do you want to get to?” the cat asked helpfully. “I don’t know,” admitted Alice. Then advised the cat, “Any road will take you there.”

The cat’s message is one for us. If we don’t have the vision to see where we’re going, it doesn’t make any difference how we get there.” (p. 8)

Boyer further stated: “Business as usual, especially for organizations like ours, is not only unacceptable, it is suicidal.” (p.8)

What is our role as Freemasons in the year 2004 – 2005? Robert Davis, in *Understanding Manhood in America* (Volume 10, Heredom) states: “By our Teachings and our individual role modeling, we can guide our younger members from a sort of boyish impetuosity to mature and manly judgment; we can lead them back to the timeless, ethical and spiritual traditions which can facilitate their own transformation and rebirth into manhood.” (p.28) Davis further states: “There is, in fact, no test for manhood! There is only the journey for self-development and improvement.” (p. 9)

What is Masonry if not a journey from the first time the Entered Apprentice knocks on the door of the preparation room until he finishes the degrees of Masonry, including the York Rite and Scottish Rite Degrees? Throughout the journey, he is being taught the “timeless, ethical and spiritual” lessons. [No other ritual or organization, only Masonry, teaches these lessons with compassion and understanding.]

Davis further states, “Our challenge today is not to become a social club, or a public charity, or a civic organization. These are the things we do, not what we are. Our challenge is to rediscover our purpose, to get back to the business of men teaching and mentoring men.” (p. 29) Masons should teach and mentor men in the subjects of virtue, morality and ethics.

Most of the younger men who are currently into Masonry are normally attracted to “guy” things. I believe that all “guys” like to do is play. “Guys” like to do outdoor activities, sports, golf, tennis, hunting and fishing and spending time with their children. Davis believes, “Overall, a calendar which includes plenty of food and play is imperative to a guy’s overall sense of fulfillment.”

Therefore, in order to attract “guys” we must have lodge activities, which attract “guys” to consider joining Masonry, but we must never lose sight that our role is to change “Guys” into “Men.”

MY VISION OF MASONRY IN NEBRASKA

We need a balance of teaching our virtues, ethical and spiritual traditions and lodge activities in and out of the lodge. The legacy of the World War II members and lodges of that era is that they were so busy doing the ritual (bringing new members into Masonry), they did not have time or energy to do the activities inside and outside the lodge building. This loss of balance between ritual and activities has made Blue Lodge Masonry in Nebraska less appealing to the young men of our communities.

The lodges which have restarted a balance between ritual and renewal have prospered. Example: Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Osceola Lodge No. 65, Cotner Lodge No. 297 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha. There is nothing extraordinary about any of these example lodges. Any lodge who commits to the balance and if the members are willing to commit to these ideas can also succeed. This program is not dependent on the size of the Lodge or the size of the community, but the “fire in the lodge’s members.”

II. Membership

The membership committees, workshops and all the literature written on how to recruit new members have numerous ideas and suggestions. However, no matter what your lodge does, it will still boil down to one Brother going “one on one” with the prospective member.

I recently heard Boyd Patterson, Grand Master of Texas, give this fishing illustration. “Do you throw out a large net, bring in large numbers of (fish) recruits and then sort out the tuna from the sharks or are you a fly fisherman, one on one, with a special fly and you only catch the prize Trout.” He believes Masons should recruit like the fly fisherman, not the commercial fisherman with a net.

In the last five (5) years, all of our lodges have done a great job of bringing in new members and it has taken a lot of the lodges’ energy. I thank you for this energy. Now we need to add the balance of renewal to our fraternity.

III. 2004 – 2005 Year

For the 2004 – 2005 year, our central theme will be Lodge Renewal and Membership. I am asking you, the leaders of the subordinate lodges, to do the following minimum for 2004 – 2005:

- a. Our membership goal will be 5% of current members; (Membership Committee Notebook and Organization);
- b. Lodge fiscal responsibility - create a budget for your lodge;
- c. One social activity and one fundraiser (for the lodge);
- d. Clean and paint your lodges’ exterior and interior, if needed; and,
- e. If a lodge has merged with your lodge, or if you have a community near your Lodge that does not have a lodge, have an activity in that community. This will create good relations with the community and will increase their participation in your lodge;
- f. Meaningful lodge Masonic education programs.

The Grand Lodge Officers and committees are here to assist you any way possible. 2004 – 2005 is going to be a great year for Masonry in Nebraska. Because of your hard work in the past, success is at our fingertips. Do we now have the tools and desire to finish our tasks? I say yes!! How about you?

Respectfully submitted,
Les Seiler

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: John M. McHenry, Chairman

Due to the absence of M.:W.: John M. McHenry, M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen presented the report.

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2004, by Acting Chairman Don E. Rasmussen, with the following additional members present by telephone: Jack H. Hendrix, Dwight E. Smith, Steven F. Mattoon. Absent was John McHenry due to an excursion to the Caribbean. Also in attendance were thirteen Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Masters Jerry Rittenburg and Phil Lorenzen.

Pursuant to Section 1-304, the Jurisprudence Committee is to review all Resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, including a request for Bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of delivery whether the Resolutions are in proper form. The Jurisprudence Committee is then to inform the Mason submitting said Bylaw revisions or Resolutions if said submissions are not in proper form, indicating why said submissions are not in proper form, and allowing an additional 30 day time period in which to place said submissions into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The Jurisprudence Committee met within the required time period with a quorum being present. A resolution regarding balloting was submitted at the conclusion of the 2003 Grand Lodge Session which was reviewed, and the Jurisprudence Committee found the same to be in proper form to be presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for a ballot at this session.

Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska provides that at least 15 days prior to the opening of the session of Grand Lodge the Committee on Jurisprudence shall meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on January 15, 2004, and immediately submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

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 Omadi Lodge No. 5, having been reviewed by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was duly approved.

Clarification was requested from the Grand Master with regards to the permission granted to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, and such clarification was provided by the Grand Master. The committee discussed with the Grand Master permission granted to Hooper Lodge No. 72 and Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 requiring all the members of the lodge be notified of a change of time from regular communication. The Grand Master advised that permission specifically required written notification to all members. The Committee on Jurisprudence found all decisions of the Grand Master to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry in Nebraska and approved the same.

The Committee proceeded to elect John McHenry as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Jack H. Hendrix as Secretary of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Most Worshipful Kenneth

D. Beebe 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 his 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,
John M. McHenry, 19, Chairman
Jack H. Hendrix, 174
Steven F. Mattoon, 75
Dwight E. Smith, 205
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135

M.: W.: Don Rasmussen moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn (January – October)

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

As I write this final report as Grand Secretary, I want to again express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor and privilege of serving as Grand Secretary for the past eight years. It has truly been an amazing experience and I am blessed beyond measure to have served in this office. The friendships that I made, the events in which I participated and the deeper understanding of our fraternity which I obtained are all priceless rewards.

A very special thank you to the local lodge secretaries who made the performance of the duties of my office a great joy. Your many courtesies and words of encouragement have meant a great deal to me and I value and cherish your friendship and support. I also want to personally thank Michelle Fulmer, Carol Schroeder and Jeannie Holt of the Grand Lodge Office for their dedication to our fraternity. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska simply would not operate without the hard work and dedication of these three outstanding women. Over the past years, they tolerated my absent minded and procrastinating ways with good humor and grace.

In addition to visitations to lodges and meetings of the Grand Lodge throughout the state during the past year, I attended cornerstone ceremonies for the renovated administration building at the McCook Community College; The Hillcrest Country Club rededication in Lincoln; the new city hall in South Sioux City; the retirement facility in Osceola; the United Methodist Church in Weeping Water; and the Community Center in Loup City. I also had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in February and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in St Charles, Illinois in August. I also continued to serve on several Grand Lodge committees in my role as Grand Secretary.

An accomplishment of the past year was the completion of the revised Secretary's Handbook. This project was the result of much hard work by the Grand Lodge Office staff and several local lodge secretaries. My thanks to each of them for their contribution to this project.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Number of Lodges	159	159
Initiated	417	373
Passed	420	346
Raised	408	348
Affiliated	60	54
Dual Memberships	58	35
Reinstatements	111	114
Consolidations	0	0
Other	3	1
 Total Gains	 640	 552
Deaths	584	551
Demits	68	54
Suspensions	292	453
Withdrawals	3	2
Consolidations	0	0
Termination of Dual	21	14
Other	0	2
 Total Losses	 968	 1,076
 Net Membership Changes	 (328).....	 (524)
 Membership 12/31/2001	 16,508	
Membership 12/31/2002	16,180	
Final Membership as of 12/31/2003		15,656

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

- 357 - 50 year pins presented
- 82 - 60 year pins presented
- 1 - 70 year pins presented

Again, I wish to express to the Grand Master, to my fellow Grand Lodge Officers and to the members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Grand Secretary. I also wish to extend to my successor, W.:B.: Bruce Watkins, my fraternal wishes for much success. I know he will serve the fraternity with distinction and pledge to work with him in the coming years.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY PRO-TEM

Bruce A. Watkins (November – December)

Since Reginald Kuhn has served as Grand Secretary for most of this past year, it is fitting that the report in his final year is from him. Brother Kuhn has become somewhat of an institution as Grand Secretary, as I can't remember him not being in that position. His leaving is a big loss to the Secretaries around the State but certainly a big gain for the Grand Lodge as a whole, as he begins his journey through the advancing line. I know that whatever position he is in will be in capable hands and I want to wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

I wish to thank Most Worshipful Ken Beebe for appointing me as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem to succeed Worshipful Brother Reg. I consider this to be a great honor and privilege to be able to serve the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as its Grand Secretary. During this time, I have attended a cornerstone laying for the City Hall in Dakota City and one for an elementary school in North Bend.

Again, I want to express my deep appreciation to the Grand Master and to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary Pro-Tem. I hope that I have and will continue to fulfill my duties to your satisfaction and to the advancement of our great Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Watkins, 300
Grand Secretary Pro-Tem

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, as printed, were adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins also made a motion to accept the 2003 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



W.: Brother Brian L. Cotter, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Les Seiler, Chairman

For years the Grand Lodge Membership Committee has been made up of Brothers who had great ideas for recruiting new members and retrieving those members who have elected to be suspended. Each member of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee (past and present) had been chosen to serve because they were successful in their own lodges. However, there was not a structure in place in which these successful Brothers could disseminate their successful stories and techniques.

We now propose to change that (yes, I did say "CHANGE") with the structuring of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, Area Membership Committee and the Membership Sustaining Committee of the Subordinate Lodges.

Since each Master of a Subordinate Lodge is to appoint five (5) members to the Member Sustaining Committee together with the Area (32) Membership Committee and Grand Lodge Committee (8) members we will have over 840 Brethren in a structured organization working membership.

The Membership Handbook is to be distributed, one to each Lodge, one to each area Membership Brethren and one to each Grand Lodge Membership Committee member. The key to this handbook is that it must be USED!

Further, this membership handbook should be added to with new ideas and plans each year. In this way we will make continued advancements of memberships now and for years to come.

I would like to express my thank you on behalf of myself, the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, and Grand Lodge Officers, to Robert Conley, PGM of Michigan, who gave us permission to use this material distributed at the meeting in St. Louis, Missouri prepared by the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Seiler, 317, Chairman
John Maxell, 327
Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317
Marion G. Warner, 135
Steven Barchus, 302
Robert A. Moberly, 53, Ad-hoc
Kenneth A. Bills, 106, Ad-hoc

R.:W.: Les Seiler moved for the adoption of the report of the Membership Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek

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 an exciting and rewarding experience to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Office Staff, Deputy Grand Custodians and 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 68 lodges are certified. To date 21 lodges have been certified for 60 or more 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 (80)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (73)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (69)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (75)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (69)
Crete Lodge No.37 (71)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (80)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (82)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (79)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (79)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (75)

Euclid Lodge No. 97 (74)
Custer Lodge No. 148 (60)
Samaritan Lodge No. 158 (60)
Arcana Lodge No.195(70)
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (70)
North Star Lodge No. 227 (71)
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (65)
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (72)
Cotner Lodge No. 297 (63)
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (80)

Brothers Robert M. Hoagland, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and Roy William Lichtenberger, Parian Lodge No. 207 and Custer Lodge No. 148 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 20 years of proficiency: Philip Darby Jr., Thistle Lodge No. 61, Gene A. Geise, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Edward I. Morrow, Tekamah Lodge No. 31 and Vernon R. O’Neal, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

William H. Cummins, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, completed 25 years of proficiency:

Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Deputy Grand Custodian, completed 30 years of proficiency.

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency: Roy J. Martin, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and Eugene C. Sibley, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus.

D. Wayne Erickson, Jachin Lodge No. 146, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, completed 40 years of proficiency.

The following brethren completed 45 years of proficiency: Richard E. Brasel, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Carl T. Johnson, Comet Lodge No. 229, Donald W. Madsen, Covert Lodge No. 11 and Wilbert W. Wittmuss, Papillion Lodge No. 39.

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more: 73 years – Harry A. Spencer Sr., Past Grand Master, North Star Lodge No. 227 and Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; 55 years – Ben D. Fussell, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Geneva Lodge No. 79; and Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 54 years – James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30 and East Lincoln No. 210 and Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; 52 years – Lloyd I. Edwards, Deputy Grand Custodian, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110; 51 years – Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No.128 and Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.

The following brethren are serving as Deputy Grand Custodians. These dedicated brethren possess the knowledge and skills 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.
 Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, Capitol Lodge No. 3 – 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 and 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.
 Suman Vallabhbhai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 – District No. 11.
 Ashley H. Story, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 – District No. 13.
 James R. Taylor, Shiloh Lodge No. 327 – District No. 15.
 Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 – District No. 17.
 Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 – District No. 18.
 Carl C. Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 – District No. 19.
 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 and Osceola Lodge No. 65 – District No. 24.
 Richard W. Linnemeyer, Emeritus, McCook Lodge No. 135 – District No. 25.
 Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 – District No. 26.
 Roy William Lichtenberger, Parion Lodge No. 207 and Custer Lodge No. 148 – District No. 27.
 Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 – District No. 28.
 Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195 – District No. 29.
 Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263 – District No. 30.
 Gordon L. Carley, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 – District No. 31.
 Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180 – District No. 32.
 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.
 Dean Papenhagen, Hastings Lodge No. 50 – District No. 38.

I am sorry to report that W.:B.: Keith B. Leibhart, Deputy Grand Custodian for District 27, laid down his working tools this year.

We had the pleasure of commissioning 3 Deputy Grand Custodians this year. They are: W.:B.: Gordon L. Carley, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, W.:B.: Roy William Lichtenberger, Parian Lodge No. 207 and Custer Lodge No. 148 and W.:B.: Suman Vallabhbhai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.

R.:W.: Brother Michael G. Birnstihl, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 was appointed Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus this year.

W.:B.: Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, is continuing to serve our fraternity in District No. 2. W.:B.: Richard W. Linnemeyer, Emeritus served as the Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 25 this past Masonic Year and has requested to

return to Emeritus Status - we will miss his contribution in active status. I thank each of these capable Brothers for their assistance in our efforts to continue excellence in our work.

M.:W.:B.: Jerry L. Rittenburg, Past Grand Master, and W.:B.: Augustine S. Scolaro are Grand Custodians Emeriti. They have earned this high honor and continue to be active participants in the work in this grand jurisdiction. I thank them for their continued support in this important part of the Masonic Work.

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. Also, we are blessed to have some very talented apprentice custodians who are very much a part of the total program to assist lodges in their areas.

Glenn W. Binder
Richard L. Mauch
Frank R. Harris
Ben D. Fussell
Ralph McNulty
A. W. Clark
D. Wayne Erickson

Mervin E. Ransom Sr.
Lynn Doty
Eugene C. Sibley
Richard W. Linnemeyer
Vincent Rosenberger
Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master
Michael G. Birnstihl

The annual custodians school was held in Grand Island on September 12, 2003. My thanks to M.:W.:B.: Philip A. Lorenzen, Chair of the Committee on Nebraska Work, Steven A. Green and Roger L. Shillington, members of the Committee on Nebraska Work for their support and contributions during this past Masonic Year. Also, all the Deputy Grand Custodians for their cooperation, support and work, not only at the school but also in the field. We were pleased to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth D. Beebe attend and address the brethren participating in the school. Twenty-nine attended the school and participated in the work. My thanks to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and W.:B.: Edwin Weber for his help. W.:B.: Weber remained near at hand during the school to keep the lodge hall in order and the required equipment available for our use.

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 14 schools of instruction. My thanks to all who assisted and attended these schools. I also had the privilege of participating in Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremonies, the installation of lodge officers and many Grand Lodge functions in the State of Nebraska. I offer a special "Thank You" for all the support and cooperation I have received this year from the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office Staff and all Masons in Nebraska.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth D. Beebe, for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek
Grand Custodian

W.:B.: Jerry Verbeek moved for the acceptance of the report. The report of the Grand Custodian, as printed, was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Cullen F. Pilker, Chairman

A brief verbal report was given before the printed report was presented:

The Fraternal relations Committee met on November 30, 2003 with the following results:

It was noted that a letter of reciprocal recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Togo in response to the recognition extended to them by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 2003.

Request for recognition was received from The Grand Lodge of Georgia, Prince Hall Affiliation. Recognition was withheld pursuant to the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the North American Conference of Grand Masters. The Grand Lodge of Georgia, PHA was notified of the action.

Request for recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, Prince Hall Affiliation who, having met the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, was recommended for recognition.

A request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Baja California (Mexico), received in 2002 was again held over until a definition of jurisdictions in Mexico is sufficiently researched and clarified. A request from the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria was held over pending clarification of internal problems in their Grand Lodge. Likewise, requests from Morocco, Montenegro (Yugoslavia), and Grand Lodge Nationale Guanine are held over pending clarification.

Requests for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Madagascar, Niger, Maconica de Estado do Espirito Santo and San Marino were held over because of a lack of recommendation by the Committee on Recognition of the North American Conference of Grand Masters.

Most Worshipful Kenneth D. Beebe, Grand Master submitted a nomination for appointment of Grand Representative for the following jurisdiction:

David L. Lang, Table Rock Lodge No. 108 Regular Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia

The Committee agreed that a mid-year meeting should be called for the purpose of initiating a study on the effectiveness, viability and participation of the appointees of the Grand Representative system. The roll of the Grand Representative is the most misunderstood and confusing function of our Grand Lodge constitution and requires better understanding and direction. We are not alone in our desire for clarification. Other jurisdictions are also seeking a better definition of this function. There is an old saying "fools rush in where angels fear to tread" but we will give this attempt our best shot.

The Committee wishes to thank Ben Harvey, the Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children for loaning the Headquarters Conference Room for our meeting. Thanks also to the staff at the Grand Lodge Office for help with mailings and research. We are ever grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Cullen F. Pilker, 39, Chairman
Kent B. Broyhill, 5
David H. Eads, 6
Robert A. Jones, 83
Joseph K. Humphrey, 159
Ex-Officio: Bruce Watkins, 300

W.:B.: Cullen Pilker made a motion that the verbal and printed reports as presented be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leslie A. Evert, Chairman

The Lodge Advisory Committee continues to work with lodges that are experiencing problems. The goal of the advisory team is to make recommendations for improvement in lodge program and membership recruitment.

The 10-step lodge renewal program has been used and recommended to assist in revitalizing lodge programs. Another tool has been the lodge membership packet. These are both available at the Grand Lodge office.

The following lodges are being reminded of their absence from Grand Lodge Communications.

Friend No. 73	Friend	Two years
Scottsbluff No. 201	Gering	Two years
Central City No. 36	Central City	Three years
Landmark No. 222	Herman	Three years
Laurel No. 248	Laurel	Three years
Diamond No. 291	Orchard	Three years
Polk No. 311	Polk	Three years
Oasis No. 271	Morrill	Five years

A letter is being sent to lodge secretaries prior to the end of December advising them that all delegates to Grand Lodge must have a proxy with them bearing the lodge seal to be counted as a representative of their lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie A. Evert, 195, Chairman
Curt M. Edic, 268
Robert O. Rhodes, 96
Merton L. Rose, 286

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Jerry L. Rittenburg, Chairman

A brief verbal report was given before the printed report was presented:

As always, thanks to the Grand Master for the opportunity to work with the Masonic All-Star Marching Band, the other Committee members, the Grand Lodge office staff and all those whose work made this camp a success.

A special thank you to Worshipful Brother Russ Reno for stepping in to take the place of Right Worshipful Mike Birnstihl during his illness.

The Grand Lodge office staff worked far beyond the call of duty to make this camp another success. Thank you from the Masons of Nebraska.

This year there were some very good things and as always a few problems. First the good things. We have used the same band directors for several years and they get better each year. We had a few band members that were back for the second time and they knew what was expected and were familiar with the routine. That was a big help. The band came together and played as a unit faster than any in the past. Also, there were no discipline problems this year. The lunch on Saturday was almost completely donated which saved a good deal of money. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Lincoln donated the evening meal. We also spent the afternoon at the Scottish Rite lower level and the air conditioning was very welcome. A very special thanks to the Scottish Rite.

There were a number of contributions that really helped to hold down the cost of the camp and I won't try to list them all here but Past Grand Tyler Jack Lorenzen donated bottled water for the entire camp and that was a big savings. Thanks Jack!

Now for some of the problems. We knew that the University was going to raise the price of both the rooms and the meals. We raised the cost to sponsor a band student from \$200 to \$225. We got more applications to camp than we had sponsors so a second letter, requesting sponsors was sent. We received the needed number of sponsors. The last few days before the camp, the students started calling and canceling. The reasons for not coming to camp were reasonable but it was too late to find other band members to replace them. We ended up returning money to several sponsors. The problem is that the office staff spent a lot of time soliciting the needed funds then additional time returning those funds, a waste of valuable time. Having the students cancel at the last minute is a problem that the Committee will address in the coming year. It will not be easy to solve the problem.

The band camps' schedule was the same this year as the previous year:

Tuesday evening was a pizza party

Wednesday evening at the recreation center

Thursday evening a dance at the Student Union

Friday evening's meal at the Shrine pre-game dinner with a short program by the band
Saturday the Shrine parade in the morning and the evening half time show at Memorial Stadium

The band members had their first practice on Tuesday evening, then three practices each day on Wednesday and Thursday – that's morning, afternoon and evening. They had two practices on Friday, and the program at the Shrine dinner in the evening. The kids work hard while in camp, and then they play hard during the evening activities.

One of the most important components of the camp is the chaperone. We had a great bunch of chaperones this year. It seems that we always worry that we will not have enough to satisfy the University, but at the last minute Masons and their wives, and Eastern Star members come through. The Committee thanks all of you for your time and talent. I think all chaperones enjoy the experience after the fact but it is a big commitment.

Again this year a critique sheet was sent to some of the band members, chaperones and band directors. These critiques could be returned anonymously and many were. I also asked for suggestions for future camps and received quite a few. They will be considered before the next camp.

I have had the opportunity to talk to several of our band members, following the camp. In some cases several months after the camp. They all have positive things to say about the experience. They also have a very positive image of Masonry. Every lodge should keep track of the students they have sponsored. If it is a boy, he is a potential candidate for your lodge. If it is a girl, her father and brothers are potential candidates. After nine years of band camps with an average of 200 kids per year, that's 1800 potential Masons.

Again, I thank all those who had a part in making this camp another success.

This report is respectfully submitted in the hope it meets the approval of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rittenburg, 210, Chairman
Mike Birnstihl, 314/Russ Reno, 297 & 183
Sara Yokel
Marie Rasmussen
Tom Spunaugle, 198

M.:W.: Jerry Rittenburg moved for the adoption of the report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.: Grand Master Kenneth D. Beebe explained the procedures that would be used for balloting on the Recommendations. An attempt will be made to have all Recommendations voted upon by a show of hands. If there is any question as to the count, written ballots will be taken and individually counted by the tellers.

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Les Seiler presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Delete Section 1-105 in its entirety.

~~Sec. 1-105 MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—The retiring Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and one representative from each chartered subordinate lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a regular and standing committee, shall be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge an amount of ten dollars per day for each day's attendance and for each mile traveled to Grand Lodge an amount per mile to be set annually by the Grand Lodge Office Committee to be presented to this Grand Lodge in the report of said committee for approval or modification by the Grand Lodge. In case the subordinate lodge is not represented by any of its first three officers, the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem. Each member of a regular and standing committee, convened in advance of the Annual Communication, shall receive per diem for such additional attendance, in addition to the mileage and per diem for Grand Lodge attendance, unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge. Each member of the Jurisprudence Committee shall receive mileage and per diem for attendance at the meeting of such committee prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge; provided that the total expense for such mileage and per diem shall not exceed \$500.00 in any one year for such special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee. Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of the State, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this State. Nor shall any such officer or representative receive mileage or per diem for serving in more than one capacity.~~

With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Because of the passing of Recommendation No. 1, Section 1-202 must also be changed accordingly:

Sec. 1-202 GRAND CUSTODIAN –

2nd Paragraph:

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 40 Deputy Grand Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Amend Sections 2-1401 through 2-1403 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-1401 – APPLICATION FOR – Any brother desiring to affiliate with another subordinate lodge of Freemasons *and to transfer his membership thereto must make a request* ~~apply in writing~~ to his subordinate lodge *for the purpose of securing a certificate of good standing.* ~~for the purpose of securing a demit. Such application must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the law, is clear on the books and is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Master shall order such certificate issued, and the Secretary shall make record of such action.~~ *If the brother is in good standing and clear on the books; if no charges are preferred against him; if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the Bylaws and if he is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Secretary shall issue a certificate of good standing to said brother and shall make a record of such issuance.*

Upon receipt of a written notice which officially certifies the brother's election to another lodge and a written request by said brother for the issuance for a demit, said request for a demit shall be read at the next regular business meeting of the subordinate lodge and the Master shall order that a demit be issued. ~~Upon notice by another lodge through the return of that portion of the certificate which officially certifies as to his election to membership therein, the Master shall order that a demit be issued and mailed to the lodge which elected him to membership. The Secretary shall make record of the issuance of such demit; provided, however, such demit shall not be issued by the parent lodge for a brother who has signed a petition for a charter for a new lodge, who desires dual membership in both the parent lodge and the new lodge.~~

Said demit shall be in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge Office, shall be signed by the Master and the Secretary and shall bear the seal of the subordinate lodge. The Secretary shall make a record of the issuance of said demit. Said demit shall then be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 2-1402 – HOW NOT AFFECTED – No change.

Sec. 2-1403 – FORM OF DEMIT – ~~A demit in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge shall be signed by the Master and Secretary, and bear the seal of the subordinate lodge. Said demit must then be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.~~

With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend Sec. 2-508 by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-508-PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND SERVICES – No subordinate lodge may, without the Grand Master’s consent, participate in parades *other than at community celebrations* or processions....

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend Section 2-708 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

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

With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend the second sentence of Section 1-105 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 1-105 – MILEAGE AND PER DIEM – The retiring Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and one representative from each chartered subordinate lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a regular and standing committee, shall be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge an amount of ten dollars per day for each day's attendance and for each mile traveled to Grand Lodge an amount per mile to be set annually by the Grand Lodge Office Committee to be presented to this Grand Lodge in the report of said committee for approval or modification by the Grand Lodge. In case the subordinate lodge is not represented by ~~any of its either its Master, Wardens or Secretary, first three officers,~~ the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem....

Because of the passing of Recommendation No. 1, Recommendation No. 5 is not necessary and was withdrawn by Grand Master Beebe.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Amend the ninth paragraph of Section 2-408 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP9th Paragraph:

A member holding plural membership in a lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and be granted a demit from such lodge or from his parent lodge by presenting to such lodge an *application* ~~petition~~ stating that he desires to demit therefrom for the purpose of terminating his plural membership. Such *application* ~~petition~~ shall be read in open lodge and if the brother is not subject to any of the restrictions named in paragraph one of Section 2-1401 (Demit) the Worshipful Master shall order the demit to be issued and *mailed to the Grand Lodge office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.* ~~mailed to the lodge in which the brother continues to hold membership.~~

With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Amend Section 2-601 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS3rd Paragraph:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Fourteen 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 4 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.~~

5th Paragraph:

If the amount due the Grand Lodge is not received by April 10, ~~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 dues and assessments indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. ~~by the 10th of April.~~

With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

Amend Sec. 3-102, paragraph (b) by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

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

(b) Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets, *except that subordinate lodges may conduct raffles pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, Sections 9-501 to 9-513 R.R.S. Nebraska, with the prior written approval of the Grand Master, provided that the activity is approved by a vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting, and provided further that an accounting of the raffle be furnished to the Grand Lodge within thirty days of the awarding of prizes. The accounting shall include a statement of the gross amount of ticket sales, the amount of prizes awarded, the identity of prize winners and the intended uses of the proceeds of the raffle.*

After discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

Amend Section 2-1101 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-1101 – OBJECTIONS, ETC. – Objections to initiation, passing, raising, affiliation, ~~or waiver of jurisdiction~~ may be made, sustained, ~~or overruled and terminated~~ by in the following manner only: ~~and shall be in full force and effect until lawfully terminated;~~

(a) An objection may be made ~~either orally or otherwise~~ by any Master Mason in good standing. *The objection shall be reduced to writing and may be directed to the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.* ~~and communicated to the Master or to the lodge.~~

(b) *An objection may be made to initiation, passing, or raising at any time prior to the obligation.*

(c) *An objection may be made to affiliation ~~or waiver of jurisdiction~~ at any time prior to the announcement of the result of the ballot.*

(d) *The objector shall acquaint the Master with the reason for the objection and the Master shall determine the validity of the objection in accord with the interests of Masonry and his Lodge as set forth below.*

(e) *The nature of the objection and the identity of the objector shall be announced and the initiation, passing, raising or affiliation shall be suspended for not more than thirty days, until the next stated communication of the lodge.*

(f) *At the next stated communication of the Lodge, the Master may either sustain or overrule the objection or may conduct an inquiry into the facts underlying the objection to determine the validity of the objection. Any such inquiry shall be conducted in open lodge and the objector and the person subject to the objection shall be permitted to address the lodge concerning the nature and validity of the objection. The Lodge may be called from labor to refreshment for such purposes. Following inquiry, the Master will sustain or overrule the objection.*

(g) *The determination of the Master will be reduced to writing and forwarded to the Grand Master within ten days. The Grand Master shall consult with the Master, the Committee on Jurisprudence and such other person or persons as he may deem appropriate. The Grand Master may conduct a further inquiry into the matter. The Grand Master shall affirm or reverse the determination of the Master and notify the Lodge in writing within fifteen days of receiving the determination of the Master.*

(h) *If the objection is sustained, the Lodge will waive jurisdiction over the petitioner and jurisdiction will be assumed by the Grand Lodge. The Petitioner will be notified in writing that any further Petitions must be approved by two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge before being submitted to any subordinate lodge.*

(i) *If the objection is overruled the lodge will proceed with the work or ballot at its earliest convenience, and no further objections to the degree or affiliation will be permitted.*

~~———— (d) When the objection is made, by a member of the lodge, to initiation, affiliation, or waiver of jurisdiction, the objector shall not be required to give his reasons.~~

~~———— (e) In case of objection by a member of the lodge to passing or raising, and in case of objection by a brother who is not a member of the lodge, or by another lodge, to initiation, passing, raising, or waiver of jurisdiction, the objector shall acquaint the Master with the reason for the objection and if the Master disapproves the objection it shall be of no force or effect unless within thirty days after the objector is notified of the decision of the Master he shall appeal to the Grand Master and notify the Master of the appeal. The decision of the Grand Master shall be final, unless appealed to the Grand Lodge, within thirty days after notice is given of his decision. Upon final disapproval of an objection, or upon the withdrawal thereof, announcement thereof shall be made in the minutes and upon the compendium, and the lodge shall not proceed further with the matter in less than thirty days after such announcement.~~

~~———— (f) An objection shall terminate three years after being made or shall be terminated earlier by the death of the objector, by being withdrawn by him, by his ceasing to be a Master Mason in good standing or upon his demitting from the lodge, unless renewed by him at that time.~~

~~———— (g) The fact of objection shall be announced by the Master in open lodge at a regular communication and shall be noted in the minutes of the lodge and on the compendium.~~

~~———— (h) In all cases of objection, except to affiliation, the lodge holds jurisdiction over the petitioner as though he had been rejected by ballot.~~

~~———— (i) No lodge can waive jurisdiction over the petitioner while an objection is pending or is in force and effect.~~

~~———— (j) The identity of an objector shall not be disclosed except that it shall be communicated by a retiring Master to his successor in office, or in case of the removal of the Master from this Grand Jurisdiction then to the ranking Warden, and then by the Warden to the next Master installed.~~

After discussion, the motion failed.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10

Amend Chapter III, Committees, Section 1-301 by deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language struck out. In doing so, Sections 1-307 and 1-309 will be deleted in their entirety and marked in the Bylaws as (Not Used):

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

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

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

~~Sec. 1-309 – TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY – The Temple Building Advisory Committee shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The Committee shall investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-614 and to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities.~~

With no discussion, the motion carried.

VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Amend Section 2-1001 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Section 2-1001 – VOTERS, ETC. – None but Master Mason members of the lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation or admission, or on an application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be *four/fifths (4/5)* ~~unanimously~~ favorable, and no member can be excused from voting thereon.

After discussion, the motion failed.



M.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe asked for any reports not yet received.



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:

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

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

David G. Otte, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief received two appeals this past year. The first was a request of assistance for Margaret Fickes, widow of Past Grand Master Russell L. Fickes, whose home was destroyed in a fire. The Committee approved \$500 for her. The second request was from the Masonic Service Association on behalf of the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Virginia for relief after the damage from Hurricane Isabel. The Committee did not approve any funds for this request.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Otte, 119, Chairman
George S. Akerson, 314
Mark Gwin, 265
Ron W. Osborne, 256
Jerry L. Sievers, 256

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee offers, to the Masons of Nebraska, more light in Masonry. Due to the increase of one day classes, the committee sees a real need to develop a mechanism or attitude to give the newly Initiated, Passed or Raised Mason more knowledge about Masonry than many 30 year + Masons currently have.

The Masonic Education Breakfast continues to draw Nebraska Masons. The Committee continues to be impressed by the number of Nebraska Masons attending and the positive remarks they have received. 2004 marks the 5th year the Masonic Education Breakfast will be held. Combining the talents of Thomas Hauder, Max Miller, Larry Jacobsen and, John Parsons has produced an education presentation unequalled in Nebraska. As an offshoot of the breakfast, the Masonic Education Symposiums do not draw the numbers, but continue to draw the quality Masons who do want More Light in Masonry. These symposiums are presented at 4 locations (Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings and rotated in the Western part of Nebraska). Thanks to the members of the Committee and other volunteers who take the time and effort to make the presentations. The Committee thanks the Lodges, and Valleys that volunteer to support the Committee in this task.

Each year, at the Masonic Education Breakfast at Grand Lodge, the Committee names books that are recommended reading for all Masons. Hopefully, these books don't end up on dusty shelves. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2004, with the exception that there will only be 3 books recommended. These books will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast. However, if you didn't get any of the other lists, they will also be available.

"To Light" is now a permanent fixture in the Nebraska Mason. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. This project when first addressed was intended to deliver two issues a year. Thanks to utilizing the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered. Articles are being provided by the MSRICF and the Saints John Lodge of Education.

“To Light Moment” is a rather new creation of the Education Committee. Max Miller writes a presentation each month, which takes less than 10 minutes to read. This presentation is emailed to all Nebraska Masons who have requested to be on the list. The presentation is recommended to be read in Lodge, so that members go home with some Masonic education. All members of the Education Committee continue to request Brethren who have email addresses to sign up for this mailing. Contacting the Grand Lodge is all it takes to get your email address on the list.

Saints John Lodge of Education continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2004 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. The conference in 2003 was held in North Dakota. Unfortunately, no one from the Education Committee could attend. In 2004, the conference will be held in Wichita Kansas, and many of the members of the Committee are planning to attend. The 2007 conference will be held in Nebraska, so the committee is going to be entering into a planning phase to put on the best conference yet. Many of the Committee activities are aided, if not born by ideas picked up at these conferences. This conference gives the Committee the opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, 314 & 287, Chairman
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75
Thomas L. Hauder, 210
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327
Max H. Miller, 79
John T. Parsons, 268 & 39

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

The month of February 2004 is an important one to the Memorial Association. For the first time in ten years, the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons will return to the Memorial. After preliminary proceedings at the headquarters hotel in the District, transportation will be provided to the Memorial, where the Conference will be opened after which the Memorial Association will hold its annual corporation meeting. This is necessary since the fifty-two Grand Lodges of the United States are the owners of the Memorial and the Grand Masters vote their ownership interests as stockholders would do in a for-profit corporation where ownership is represented by stock.

The group portrait of the Grand Masters will be taken at three o'clock and there will be tours of the Memorial building and a reception before buses return everyone to the Shorham Hotel. We of the Memorial Association are so pleased whenever Grand Masters or Grand Officers are able to visit the Memorial so they can see and know this great building and of what value it is to all Masons.

The February meeting at the Memorial will be very special for other reasons. One is that the George Washington Museum on the fourth floor will be rededicated after extensive renovation. It has a bright new look and presents Washington's life in chronological order. The museum was originally the gift of the two U.S. Supreme Councils of Scottish Rite Masons. There to assist with the rededication will be Illustrious Walter E. Webber, 33° and Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commanders, respectively, of the Supreme Councils for the Northern and Southern Scottish Rite Supreme Councils.

We also hope to use the occasion to rededicate the renovated Shrine rooms. Workers have been hard at it to complete the work before February 15. We are looking forward to having M. Burton Oien, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America to assist in the rededication.

The seeds first planted by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska continue to prosper and grow. As the first Grand Lodge to vote a fifty-cent per-capita annual contribution to support the Memorial, we can take pride that other Grand Lodges have followed. There are now sixteen Grand Lodges making per-capita contributions to support the Memorial and one other Grand Lodge makes contributions from its Charity Fund, which, each year, exceeds what would be derived from a fifty-cent per-capita contribution.

Thus it is clear that with about one-third of the Grand Lodges contributing in this manner, it is becoming the way to go. Our sister state of Kansas voted in a fifty-cent per-capita this last year and we hope that Colorado will soon follow in the same manner. North Dakota just voted in a one-dollar per-capita contribution. Many states voting in a per-capita left the \$5 once-in-a-lifetime contribution from new members in place. This is just another example of the leadership of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As in so many other areas, Nebraska has been out in front, leading the way. Once again, other Grand Lodges are following our lead.

Respectfully submitted,
 Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman
 Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297
 Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15
 Edward W. Nolte, 39
 Ronald Stites, 268

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Terry L. Spencer, 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 reconciliation's to verify the accuracy of bank statement reconciliation's.
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 the each calendar year, independent certified accountants prepare and deliver their audit report to the Grand Lodge for review of the books and records of the Grand Lodge through customary audit procedures.

Revenues for the calendar year 2003 totaled \$492,323.52 while the anticipated budgeted revenues were \$488,728 resulting in a gain of \$3,595.52. The actual expenses for 2003 were \$451,019.15 while the anticipated budgeted expenses were \$488,126.00 resulting in a savings of \$37,106.85. The results of the fiscal year show that the Grand Lodge Officers and staff have been good stewards of the funds of the Grand Lodge operating budget in 2003.

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 Michelle Fulmer as the Office Manager and the staff of the Grand Lodge office. A few housekeeping recommendations were made to and enacted by the staff.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Terry L Spencer, 227, Chairman
Michael R. McFarlin, 1
Ben F. Hughes, 38 & 96
Rick E. Nelson, 317
Steve B. Wetzel, 227

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

James G. McCullough, Chairman

The year 2003 has been a very successful one for the Grand Lodge office. There has been marked improvement in all areas of office activities. The challenge this year was to create an even more effective and user-friendly office for not only the Grand Lodge but for access from the many lodges throughout this fine state. The Grand Lodge office manager, Michelle Fulmer, has brought the office staff together and improved efficiency this year. The most notable aspect of the Grand Lodge office are the staff, Carol Schroeder, and Jean Holt, who worked diligently with our office manager Michelle to improve most every area of operations.

As always, communication is one of our major concerns, and the Grand Lodge office is making every effort to keep open dialog with Grand Lodge officers and the Masonic lodges of Nebraska. If there are any suggestions for improvement please inform the Grand Lodge office.

As a reminder, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has a website: <http://www.gln.org>. Please log on and see what you think. We hope it proves useful to everyone wishing access to the Grand Lodge in this manner.

Please feel free to stop by the Grand Lodge office when you are in the area, and accept our wishes for a great new year!

Respectfully submitted,
James G. McCullough, 314, Chairman
Suman Vallabhbhai, 314
James F. Brown, Jr., 54
Dale Lueders, 300 & 220
Randy Reyzlik, 15

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Stephen C. Alvis, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continued its promotion of Masonry in Nebraska in 2003.

The Grand Lodge office again sent form news releases to Nebraska lodges for their use to publicize installation of officers, scholarships, and presentations of membership year pins and Jordan Medals.

Assistance was provided by the Committee at the Ninth Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic in coordinating news media coverage. Letters were prepared and sent to Senior Wardens, encouraging them to include sponsorship of a student in their plans for 2003. Photos were taken of students that were sent by office staff to local newspapers.

The Committee continued to review the content of publications from other Grand Jurisdictions, and provided articles and standing columns for *The Nebraska Mason* newsletter.

To encourage local lodges to use newsletters to keep their brothers informed, a Lodge Newsletter Recognition Program was begun. Although the number of entries was small, it is expected this emerging program will gain momentum. A display will be set up at Grand Lodge of the entries submitted for the program to show the variety of newsletters that are used by Nebraska's lodges. Awards will be presented at Annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen C. Alvis, 210, Chairman
Ed Bennett, 61
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Russell G. Reno, 297 & 183
Richard Todd Simpson, 327

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Don E. Rasmussen, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matter of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the 2003 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135, Chairman
Don Bottorf, 49
Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265
Jay H. Speck, 6

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Donald W. Madsen, Chairman

We report that there has been no activity with the Committee on Charters and Dispensations during the past year. There have been no dispensations issued by the Grand Master of Nebraska for new subordinate lodges or their work, records and bylaws while under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald W. Madsen, 11, Chairman
Scott Brendel, 146
Keith J. Jarvi, 248

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Watkins, Chairman

The commercial lines insurance has continued to harden this past year. Rates are going up and markets are diminishing. We feel fortunate at this time that we are in the second year of a three-year rate guarantee. As such, we are in a good position for now.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Watkins, 300, Chairman
Lowell C. Erickson, 251
Robert A. Neville, 183
Jeffrey J. Noble, 78

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Michael E. Jones, Chairman

Although a formal committee was appointed for the 2003-2004 year, minor to no progress was made toward those tasks placed before the committee. If any task was completed, it was through the prodding of the Grand Lodge Office Manager, Michelle Fulmer.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, Chairman
Philip P. Guraedy, 39
Shawn Ketchmark, 327
Patrick O'Neill, 327
Edward W. Nolte, 39

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman

The primary purpose of the Committee on Freemasonry and Religion is to act as a resource to the membership when questions arise in this area. This year has been relatively quiet, with only several minor issues brought to our attention. We feel that we were able to provide answers to our brethren asking questions.

There has been much emphasis on the Islamic faith in the last two years. We must remember that to be a Mason requires belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and that there are many good, non-violent Muslims in the world who either are or could be members of our fraternity. At the same time we must be aware that there are violent factions throughout the world that use religion as an excuse for their extreme acts.

Although we are happy to provide our opinions in matters, often well-researched publications provided by the Masonic Service Association, available through our own Grand Lodge Office, are an excellent source of information. Do not hesitate to contact members of this committee, or the Grand Lodge to see what publications are available.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 and 317, Chairman
The Rev. John F. Dale, 126
Don D. Ball, 119
Maynard Tatelman, 288

REPORT ON THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

One of the most pleasant duties I have is to bring you this report of activities and happenings of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Our Executive Director Ben Harvey and his staff, continue to operate the home in a smooth and efficient manner. We currently have about 30 children under our care on the Home grounds plus six in college. The house parents and supervisory personnel are doing a fine job, and they are very busy with their respective duties. Working with teenagers keeps everyone on their toes.

The addition of the Home Storage business on the northwest corner of our farm has caused more paper work and record keeping but the income to the Home from the property appears to have made it a good investment. If you drive east on 30th Street from the storage units you would see the three rows of trees planted between two rows of white fencing. Those trees are just now beginning to show how beautiful they will be when they mature. We mow the grass and water the trees as so to maintain an attractive sight barrier between the housing development east of our property and the farm animals in the pastures. We do everything possible to avoid sound and odor so that it never becomes a problem with our neighbors. We are becoming more inside the city all the time, with dwellings and industry all around us. When our founders looked at this property nearly 100 years ago we were considered a farm in the country.

Starting in 1984, with the last meeting in 1996, an Ad-Hoc committee known as the Long Range Planning Committee consisting of the Board's Executive Committee and other

individuals invited to serve for their expertise, would meet from time to time. The purpose of this “think tank” type committee was to exchange and tabulate ideas for enhancing or adding to our present method of operation. The high cost defeated most ideas because of lack of sufficient continuation of funding. If any idea was eventually adopted a program handbook was made and people assigned to implement it. Some of these programs were tried and improved upon or discontinued, but the board never gave up looking for enhancement and expansion of our Home experience. It was determined at our last board meeting that we should again explore new thinking, and look again at former suggestions that were not done. The board’s positive and enthusiastic attitude directed to the present and future is to be commended. Our continuing desire is to reach out to as many children as possible, and yet maintain our current enviable record of operation.

I speak for the very proud members of the board who happily perform their duties on your behalf and I commend you as members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. As residents of our wonderful Home, the children’s lives have been enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will remember you for the rest of their lives. This is truly Masonry at work.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. “Ched” House, 52
President, Board of Directors

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

The year 2003 has been an extremely rewarding year here at The Nebraska Masonic Home. The adage “time flies when you’re having fun” definitely applied to this past year. The Home’s 100th year anniversary celebration activities continued into October of 2003, and I know I speak for everyone when I say all the hard work paid off with the high visibility for The Home and the genuine enjoyment that the residents, guests, and employees exhibited during each special event.

My sincere compliments are extended to Anita Crisp, Executive Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, the administrative staff, and every employee of The Nebraska Masonic Home for their hard work and commitment to making this a very successful 100th anniversary year. To everyone who was instrumental in the success of this past year, may I say to all of you “You made me proud to be a part of The Masonic Home team.”

It has been another year of consistency with our resident census. The average census throughout 2003 was 103. Our highest census was in August with 109 residents and the lowest was in November with 96 residents.

The Home has continued to attract couples to our facility because of our full continuum of care services that we offer. At one time during the year we were caring for 14 couples in our facility.

The eligibility requirements for applying for admission remain the same. A gentleman must be a Nebraska Mason in good standing to apply, and his eligibility qualifies his wife, widow, mother, sister, and daughter to be eligible to apply for admission.

The Masonic Home has had its very faithful and regular yearly visits from many Masonic Lodges, Shrine Clubs, Eastern Star Chapters, Job's Bethels, Rainbow Assemblies, DeMolay Chapters, and many individuals who have made The Masonic Home a place they favor greatly. Our residents appreciate every visitor immensely.

The residents and staff look forward to the annual picnic dinner in June by Narcissus Kensington and in July by Home Chapter No. 189. This year they again outdid themselves with delicious picnic dinners and days of fun and fellowship. The residents really look forward to these picnics due to the friendships they have developed with the members over the years. Plus, we are honored to have the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of Eastern Star Officers and their companions attend Home Chapter Picnic in July. It is always a proud time for me to take the Grand Chapter Officers on a tour of our facility, because many times it is a first visit and a first tour. Needless to say, they are always impressed.

Our facility has become a very popular place for a number of Masonic groups to hold meetings and share meals with our residents. This year that number was at an all-time high. We are so pleased that these meetings are being scheduled at our Home because we love to show off our beautiful facility and the delicious food. The residents also thoroughly enjoy having guests in their Home. Our guests always comment on the high quality of care that is so obvious to them as they tour The Home and visit our residents.

The Boon Memorial Food Truck made its yearly delivery to The Masonic Home on November 19. Edwin Weber of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 once again did a commendable job as coordinator of this very worthwhile and greatly appreciated project. The residents, Board of Trustees, and staff appreciate the yearly commitment the lodges and chapters make to this worthwhile cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by everyone.

It is a privilege to speak for the residents, employees, and Board of Trustees when I offer a sincere thank you to Grand Master Ken Beebe and all the Grand Lodge officers as well as the Grand Lodge Office staff for another year of support. The same sincere thank you is extended to Worthy Grand Matron Cynthia Norman and Worthy Grand Patron Michael Donham and the Eastern Star Grand Family. Your support is shown in so many ways by your annual visits, monetary donations, and those individual acts of kindness that make each one of you a treasured friend of The Masonic Home residents, employees, and Board of Trustees.

It was a great day on September 14 when we hosted an open house to celebrate Harry Spencer's 100th birthday. Many long-time professional and personal friends attended the celebration. All of Harry's children were in attendance. As I have said many times, it is only appropriate that a man who has devoted his life to The Masonic Home should share a 100th birthday celebration with The Home as well.

The Tangier Shrine Chanters entertained our residents the evening of December 2 in the chapel. It is so special having this fine group of gentlemen start our holiday season by singing everyone's favorite traditional Christmas carols.

My personal thank you is extended to the administrative staff, department supervisors, and all employees for the hard work, devotion, and loyal commitment they have made to the residents, The Home, and me. The dignified and loving care everyone provided to our residents is unmatched in the long-term care industry. I truly appreciate each one of you and look forward to our continued working relationship.

It is hard to find the words to show my deep appreciation for the continued support and dedication of the 15 gentlemen that comprise The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees. It is obvious your main concern and goal is to provide the highest level of care possible to our eligible Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives as they reside in The Masonic Home. My last six years as the Executive Director have been extremely rewarding as a result of the support and commitment each one of you has displayed.

On behalf of the residents and employees, I extend to each of you a sincere thank you for your continued commitment to making The Masonic Home what it is today.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director
The Nebraska Masonic Home

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Don E. Rasmussen made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins announced that he had received no resolutions to be read and laid over until the session next year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Dean F. Skokan, Chairman

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1 (Feb/2004), Section 1-105 is deleted in its entirety, and Section 1-202, 2nd paragraph is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-202 GRAND CUSTODIAN –

2nd Paragraph:

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 40 Deputy Grand Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 (Feb/2004), Section 2-1401 is amended as follows, and Section 2-1403 is deleted in its entirety.

Sec. 2-1401 – APPLICATION FOR – Any brother desiring to affiliate with another subordinate lodge of Freemasons and to transfer his membership thereto must make a request to his subordinate lodge for the purpose of securing a certificate of good standing. If the brother is in good standing and clear on the books; if no charges are preferred against him; if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the Bylaws, and if he is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Secretary shall issue a certificate of good standing to said brother and shall make a record of such issuance.

Upon receipt of a written notice which officially certifies the brother's election to another lodge and a written request by said brother for the issuance for a demit, said request for a demit shall be read at the next regular business meeting of the subordinate lodge and the Master shall order that a demit be issued.

Said demit shall be in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge Office, shall be signed by the Master and the Secretary and shall bear the seal of the subordinate lodge. The Secretary shall make a record of the issuance of said demit. Said demit shall then be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3 (Feb/2004), Section 2-508 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-508-PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND SERVICES – No subordinate lodge may, without the Grand Master's consent, participate in parades *other than at community celebrations* or processions....

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4 (Feb/2004), Section 2-708 is amended as follows:

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

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 6 (Feb/2004), Section 2-408 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

9th Paragraph:

A member holding plural membership in a lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and be granted a demit from such lodge or from his parent lodge by presenting to such lodge an application stating that he desires to demit therefrom for the purpose of terminating his plural membership. Such application shall be read in open lodge and if the brother is not subject to any of the restrictions named in paragraph one of Section 2-

1401 (Demits) the Worshipful Master shall order the demit to be issued and mailed to the Grand Lodge office for the signature and seal of the Grand Secretary.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 7 (Feb/2004), Section 2-601 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

3rd Paragraph:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Fourteen 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 4 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. 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.

5th Paragraph:

If the amount due the Grand Lodge is not received by April 10, 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 dues and assessments to the Grand Lodge.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 8 (Feb/2004), Section 3-102 is amended as follows:

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

(b) Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets, except that subordinate lodges may conduct raffles pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, Sections 9-501 to 9-513 R.R.S. Nebraska, with the prior written approval of the Grand Master, provided that the activity is approved by a vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting, and provided further that an accounting of the raffle be furnished to the Grand Lodge within thirty days of the awarding of prizes. The accounting shall include a statement of the gross amount of ticket sales, the amount of prizes awarded, the identity of prize winners and the intended uses of the proceeds of the raffle.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 10 (Feb/2004), Section 1-301 is amended as follows, and Section 1-307 and Section 1-309 are deleted in their entirety.

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

2nd Paragraph

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Skokan, 15, Chairman
Loren S. Lindahl, No. 59
Thomas S. Stewart, No. 46

W.: Brother Dean Skokan presented a summary of the changes required by the approval of the recommendations and moved that the report be approved. The Report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as summarized, by the Masons assembled.



V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Russ Reno led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.: W.: Grand Master Ken Beebe then closed the 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Following the close of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge of Master Masons was closed by members of North Bend Lodge No. 119.

Organization
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A.:F.: & A.:M.:
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Kearney, Nebraska
February 6 – 7, 2004

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.:	Kenneth D. Beebe	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.:	Les Seiler.....	Deputy Grand Master
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R.: W.:	Scott J. Krieger, Sr.	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.:	Reginald S. Kuhn.....	Grand Secretary
V.: W.:	Russell G. Reno.....	Grand Chaplain
W.:	Dale W. Anderson.....	Grand Orator
W.:	John T. Parsons.....	Grand Historian
W.:	Gerald D. Verbeek.....	Grand Custodian
W.:	E. David Watts	Grand Marshal
W.:	Ivan A. Vrtiska	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:	Dean F. Skokan	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:	Joe D. McBride	Grand Senior Steward
W.:	Edward W. Nolte.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.:	Kent B. Broyhill.....	Grand Tyler

2003

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JACK H. HENDRIX, 174.....	(113th).....	1978
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 AND THEIR DISTRICTS**

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #1

Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th St., Plattsmouth 68048-7802, 402-298-85701989
 Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth; Springfield #112, Springfield

District #2

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th St. N., Bellevue 68005-4303, 402-733-6249.....Emeritus
 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, 402-825-60611969
 Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003-1021, 402-944-70141960
 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 68502-3515, 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

Suman Vallabhbhai, 314, 5221 English Dr., Lincoln 68516-3243, 402-420-76162004
Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George
Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

Ashley H. Story, 314, 72516 U Rd., Wilcox 68982-9541, 402-567-24052002
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

James R. Taylor, 327, 11335 Fowler Ave., Omaha 68164-2220, 402-493-2854.....2002
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 68901-3702, 402-462-8146.....1998
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

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-1307, 402-477-94642001
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 68901-2873, 402-463-46021990
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, 12429 P Rd., Stromsburg 68666-5060, 402-764-39501984
York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg; Polk #311, Polk

District #24

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Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61, Lexington; Jachin #146,
Holdrege; Elwood #167, Elwood

District #25

Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001-2514, 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 69221-0776, 402-967-33611979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver
Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

R. William Lichtenberger, 207, HC 74 Box 3, Callaway 68825-9302, 308-836-44922003
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

Jack D. Nichols, 265, 702 W. 15th St., Scottsbluff 69361-2906, 308-635-04042000
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343-1348, 308-282-02141984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-22381996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271,
Morrill

District #31

Gordon L. Carley, 75, PO Box 1, Dalton 69131-0001, 308-377-25112003
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; James L.
Eatmon #294, Kimball

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037-9506, 308-423-25471976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade #216,
Palisade

District #33

To Be Appointed
Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace

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 68506-4509, 402-474-41411999
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

Dean Papenhagen, 50, 210 E. 2nd St., Hastings 68901-5217, 402-462-85402003
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

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- Ben D. Fussell, 79 1610 G St., Geneva 68361-2219
- Ralph McNulty, 61PO Box 83, Cozad 69130-0083
- A. W. Clark, 33..... 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68801-2521
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- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65RR 1 Box 31, Osceola 68651-9715
- Lynn Doty, 251..... 301 Quail Valley Rd., Cle Elum, WA 98922-8338
- Eugene C. Sibley, 3145221 S. 67th St., Lincoln 68516-2319
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001-2514
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 801 5th Street N., Bellevue 68005-4303
- Vincent Rosenberger, 183 PO Box 95, Hemingford 69348-0095
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623
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1 - Nebraska	11	0	11	0	203	11	0	5	1	0	0	17	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	212
2 - Western Star	5	1	5	1	181	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	179
3 - Capitol	1	0	1	0	135	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	130
4 - Nemaha Valley	1	1	1	2	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	66
5 - Omadi	5	3	3	1	155	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	3	5	0	2	0	10	150
6 - Plattsmouth	11	1	10	0	269	10	1	1	0	0	0	12	0	12	3	0	0	0	15	266
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	8	58
10 - Solomon	1	0	1	0	69	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	66
11 - Covert	25	0	25	0	597	25	3	2	3	0	0	33	1	17	24	0	0	0	42	588
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
15 - Fremont	4	0	4	0	294	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	11	10	0	0	0	21	279
19 - Lincoln	7	1	7	0	258	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	7	7	0	1	0	15	251
21 - Washington	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	10	89
23 - Pawnee	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	97
26 - Beatrice	3	0	3	0	228	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	227
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	1	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38
31 - Tekamah	0	0	0	0	170	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	3	0	0	0	10	161
32 - Platte Valley	4	3	4	0	282	4	1	0	7	0	0	12	1	8	20	0	0	0	29	265
33 - Ashlar	3	1	2	1	252	1	0	1	7	0	0	9	0	9	19	0	0	0	28	233
34 - Acacia	3	0	3	1	91	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	73
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	50
37 - Crete	2	0	3	0	75	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	73
38 - Oliver	1	0	1	0	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	66
39 - Papillion	9	0	9	0	335	9	3	1	7	0	0	20	1	4	20	0	1	0	26	329
40 - Humboldt	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53
41 - Northern Light	3	3	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
43 - Hebron	1	0	1	1	54	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	54
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25
46 - Rob Morris	6	0	7	0	240	7	7	2	1	0	0	17	3	4	6	0	0	0	13	244
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
50 - Hastings	5	2	5	2	212	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	2	7	7	0	0	0	16	202
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58

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52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40
53 - Charity	1	0	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	44
54 - Lancaster	3	3	1	0	432	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	28	0	0	0	0	39	395	
55 - Mosaic	4	3	1	1	146	2	2	0	2	0	0	6	1	7	9	0	0	0	0	17	135	
56 - York	1	0	1	0	128	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	124	
57 - Mt. Moriah	1	1	1	1	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	45	
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	104	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	99	
61 - Thistle	5	0	5	0	172	5	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	10	8	0	0	0	0	18	161	
62 - Keystone	3	1	2	0	48	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	47		
64 - Blue Valley	1	0	1	0	61	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	62		
65 - Osceola	7	2	5	2	94	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	94		
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	44		
72 - Hooper	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	53		
73 - Friend	2	0	2	0	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46		
75 - Frank Welch	4	0	4	2	148	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	145		
77 - Nelson	1	1	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	61		
78 - Albion	3	0	3	1	37	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	38		
79 - Geneva	0	0	0	0	128	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	126		
81 - Composite	1	0	1	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	45		
82 - St. Paul	0	0	0	0	57	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	56		
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	1	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	36		
89 - Cedar River	3	3	1	0	49	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	48		
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43		
94 - Bennett	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30		
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	66		
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30		
97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	75	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	4	72		
102 - Waterloo	3	1	3	1	122	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	2	0	9	0	0	0	11	117		
103 - Ord	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	43		
104 - Wymore	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	72		
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35		
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	18		
110 - Pomegranate	2	0	2	0	116	2	2	0	3	0	0	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	7	116		
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28		

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112 - Springfield	27	2	27	0	188	27	0	3	3	0	0	33	4	3	5	0	0	0	12	209	
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	
119 - North Bend	2	0	2	0	97	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	
120 - Wayne	0	1	0	0	114	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	113	
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	51	
126 - Stromsburg	1	1	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	78	
127 - Minden	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	10	13	29	
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46	
132 - Scribner	0	2	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	21	
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	23	
135 - McCook	2	0	4	1	143	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	5	3	0	0	0	9	139	
136 - Long Pine	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	
143 - Crescent	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
146 - Jachin	5	3	5	0	126	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	128	
148 - Custer	3	3	2	1	136	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	5	6	0	0	0	12	127	
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	
158 - Samaritan	5	2	3	0	93	5	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	92	
159 - Ogalalla	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	95	
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	42	
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
170 - Mason City	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	17	
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	37	
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	60	
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	40	
183 - Alliance	0	1	0	0	182	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	8	3	0	0	0	11	172	
184 - Bee Hive	10	0	11	1	242	11	0	0	3	0	0	14	0	13	13	0	0	0	26	230	
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	59	
194 - Highland	3	0	4	3	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	40	
195 - Arcana	1	0	1	2	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	
198 - Purity	1	1	1	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	47	
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL		
201 - Scotts Bluff	1	2	2	0	120	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	116
204 - Plainview	0	0	2	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	58
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	63
207 - Parian	3	0	4	0	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
210 - East Lincoln	2	0	2	0	360	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	3	7	8	0	0	0	18	347
211 - Cement	1	0	1	0	49	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	52
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	32
218 - Bloomfield	1	0	1	0	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	42
219 - Relief	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	22
220 - Magnolia	2	3	1	1	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	73
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	1	54	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	51
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	80
227 - North Star	5	3	2	0	174	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	9	9	0	0	0	19	160
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	70
229 - Comet	1	0	1	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	71
234 - Zion	3	0	1	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	29
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	7	36
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	40
250 - G Washington	2	1	1	0	83	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	83
251 - Wausa	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	50
256 - Hickman	12	1	12	0	190	12	3	0	9	0	0	0	24	0	2	14	0	1	0	17	197
263 - Mitchell	1	0	1	1	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	74
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	53	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
265 - R W Furnas	3	3	1	0	135	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	6	0	0	0	10	129
268 - G W Lininger	8	1	8	1	182	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	4	0	0	0	12	178
271 - Oasis	0	1	0	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	56
274 - Olive Branch	2	0	2	0	55	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	57
279 - Wallace	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
281 - Florence	2	1	1	0	177	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	13	4	0	0	0	18	162

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284 - Seneca	1	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	28
285 - Camp Clarke	5	0	5	1	75	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	75
286 - Oshkosh	1	1	1	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	47
287 - Union	0	0	0	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
288 - Omaha	5	0	5	3	103	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	97	
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	32
290 - John J. Mercer	14	1	14	0	585	14	1	0	27	0	0	42	2	60	46	0	0	0	0	108	519		
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	51
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	51	
294 - James Eatmon	1	0	1	1	95	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	10	87		
297 - Cotner	5	2	7	2	186	7	2	1	1	0	0	11	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	191		
300 - Liberty	28	5	26	1	210	25	1	1	0	0	0	27	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	232		
302 - Mizpah	8	0	8	0	297	9	0	0	3	0	0	12	1	14	14	1	0	0	0	30	279		
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	30		
310 - Victory	1	0	1	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	88		
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	23		
314 - Craftsmen	2	0	1	0	247	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	244		
317 - Mid-West	8	3	7	2	305	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	1	9	11	0	1	0	22	293			
320 - College View	4	2	4	1	75	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	5	0	1	0	0	8	71			
323 - Lebanon	2	2	2	0	127	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	1	0	7	122			
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24		
325 - Bellevue	7	3	5	0	257	5	1	0	1	0	0	7	1	7	0	0	0	0	8	256			
326 - Centennial	1	0	2	0	169	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	8	0	1	0	12	159			
327 - Shiloh	11	1	11	0	145	11	6	0	1	0	0	18	2	3	1	0	0	0	6	157			
328 - Miloma	0	1	0	0	169	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	10	0	0	0	11	160			
	372	86	346	47	16180	348	54	35	114	0	1	552	44	551	453	2	14	12	1076	15656			

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**Kearney, Nebraska
February 6 – 7, 2004**

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. Luenenborg	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
134th	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.....	54
135th	2001	Philip A. Lorenzen	10, 327, 1
136th	2002	Michael E. Jones	51, 173

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
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• 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. Mauer, 173	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 138	1957
• Asa J. Farnham, 106	1958
• Robert B. Conrad, 125	1958
• Winston C. Swanson, 120	1958
• Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210	1959

• Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....	1959
• Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
• Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....	1960
• Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323.....	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38.....	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281.....	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23.....	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19.....	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240.....	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291.....	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177.....	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135.....	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164.....	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256.....	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183.....	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33.....	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33.....	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183.....	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302.....	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15.....	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210.....	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159.....	1966
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• Ward L. McGlashan, 180.....	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49.....	1966
• Walter Brown, 1.....	1967
• John C. Nelson, 250.....	1967
• Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65.....	1967
• Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210.....	1967
• Howard G. Whitmore, 81.....	1967
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• David O. Kipling, 281.....	1970
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• Walter S. Cork, 75.....	1970
• Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136.....	1971
• O. Wayne Thompson, 201.....	1971
• John A. Brandt, 26.....	1971
• Dale E. Kube, 55.....	1971
• Robert E. Kyes, 36.....	1972
• Mannie O. Hansen, 1.....	1973
• Richard O. Cowles, 174.....	1975
• Jens P. Nielsen, 121.....	1975
• Ralph E. McNulty, 61.....	1975
• Don L. McCoy, 11.....	1975
• Everett K. Dappen, 265.....	1975
• Alfred V. Peltzer, 148.....	1975
• Roger L. Shillington, 180.....	1976
• James E. Cornish, 31.....	1976

	Ben D. Fussell, 79.....	1976
•	Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
	Lynn Doty, 251	1977
	Marvin R. Weber, 204	1977
•	W. Dale Page, 15.....	1977
•	Harry L. Saum, 308.....	1979
	DeVern A. Engberg, 26.....	1979
	Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....	1979
	Albert W. Watsek, 40	1979
	Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....	1979
	Arthur J. Ferguson, 221.....	1979
•	Leslie G. Weber, 204.....	1979
	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1980
	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	1981
	David E. Menck, 15	1982
	Vincent Rosenberger, 183	1982
•	Justin F. Fauss, 55	1982
	Augustus W. Clark, 33	1982
	Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....	1982
	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1984
	Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....	1984
	Leslie Evert, 195.....	1985
	William Fogle, 135.....	1985
	Roscoe Malick, 297	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, 159.....	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, 132.....	2000
Carl C. Plants, 54	2001
• Joseph D. Chrisman, 279	2002
Ashley H. Story, 314.....	2002
James R. Taylor, 327.....	2002
Dean Papenhagen, 50.....	2003
R. William Lichtenberger, 207.....	2003
Gordon L. Carley, 75	2003
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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. Futcher	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
Robert A. Metcalf	Nov. 22, 2002	210	(119th)	1984-85
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
2001	Papillion Lodge	No. 39	Papillion
2002	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
2003	Osceola Lodge	No. 65	Osceola
2004	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln

Grand Lodge Of Nebraska GOLD PAN AWARD

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
1997	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1998	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	Hastings
1999	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2000	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
2001	Wallace Lodge	No. 279	Wallace
2002	Blue Valley Lodge	No. 64	Wilber
2003	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
2004	Camp Clarke Lodge	No. 285	Bridgeport

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 Lodge No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water
2001	John Dick	Fremont No. 15	Fremont
2001	Loral Johnson	Purity No. 198	Imperial
2002	Robert A. Merchant	Wayne No. 120	Wayne
2002	Arthur S. Dye	Mid-West No. 317	Hastings
2003	Floyd P. Vrtiska	Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock
2003	Warren K. Urbom	Craftsmen No. 314	Lincoln

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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
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1,1876	June 21,1876

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October 6, 1876	June 20, 1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November 23, 1876	June 20, 1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10, 1876	June 19, 1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	March 19, 1878	June 25, 1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May 4, 1878	June 25, 1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26, 1878	June 25, 1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March 15, 1879	June 23, 1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August 1, 1879	June 23, 1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24, 1879	June 23, 1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March 20, 1880	June 22, 1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April 15, 1880	June 22, 1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April 22, 1880	June 22, 1881
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January 19, 1882	June 20, 1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 5, 1882	June 19, 1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June 28, 1882	June 19, 1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July 21, 1882	June 19, 1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November 10, 1882	June 19, 1883
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Cement	No. 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27,1891	June 16,1892
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade	Hitchcock.....	July 18,1892	June 15,1893
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18,1893	June 15,1893
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar	January 19,1893	June 15,1893
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson.....	Dixon	January 21,1893	June 15,1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry.....	September 22,1892	June 21,1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington.....	March 1,1893	June 21,1894
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17,1893	June 21,1894

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Victory	No. 310	Valley	Douglas	December 27,1920	June 8,1921
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk.....	January 4,1921	June 8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22,1922	June 5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams	January 8,1925	June 10,1925
College View	No. 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1,1927	June 6,1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte	November 14,1928	June 5,1929
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo.....	Hall	January 16,1936	June 1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March 5,1955	June 8,1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26,1955	June 6,1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3,1965	June 10,1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19,1972	June 28,1972
Saints John Education	No. 331			December 27, 2000	February 2, 2002

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	
Napthali 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	
James A. Tulleys No. 267	.....	Overton with Thistle No. 61
	Lexington, June 26, 2001	
Perkins No. 308	.....	Grant with Ogallala No. 159
	Ogallala, December 19, 2001	
Republican No. 98	.....	Republican City with Franklin No. 264
	Franklin, December 31, 2001	

**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
Minden No. 127 -- Minden.....	October 27, 2003
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 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, 2004 and 4000 = 6004.
A.:A.:S.: RITE	Add 3760 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 3760 = 5764. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH	Add 530 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 530 = 2534.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS		Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 2004 and 1000 = 3004.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR		From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 2004 = 886.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD		To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 2004 and 1913 = 3917.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska #1	Pepper Aasgaard	Billy King		John B. Holzhey*
Western Star #2	Charles E. McElfresh	Edward L. Reed*	Erhardt Steinman*	David A. Wetrosky
Capitol #3	-	-	-	-
Nemaha Valley #4	Clay W. Kennedy*	Ted R. Groves	Donald Mathews*	Michael Andrew*
Omadi #5	-	-	-	-
Plattsmouth #6	Bill J. Corbin	Alfred G. Dietrich	Robert A. Hobart*	Jay H. Speck
Falls City #9	-	-	-	-
Solomon #10	-	-	-	Philip A. Lorenzen
Covert #11	C. Edward Marshall*	Donald L. Gockley	Jeffrey G. Hogue*	Lawrence J. Zwart
Peru #14	Ted R. Groves	Steven Norris*	David L. Pease*	Steven W. Schulte*
Fremont #15	-	Derril G. Marshall	David E. Bute*	-
Lincoln #19	Bruce T. Anderson	Kurt R. Weiss*		Reginald S.Kuhn
Washington #21	-	-	-	Gary D. Finn
Pawnee #23	David L. Williams*	Gary Bedea*	Daniel C. Boellstorff	-
Beatrice #26	Gale R. Carel	George A. Thomas, III	Joseph E. Manes	Paul J. Redwine, Jr.
Jordan #27	-	-	-	-
Blue River #30	Melvin R. Giles	-	Dennis Reichenberg*	Richard T. Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Ronald D. Grass	-	-	Donald M. Neary*
Platte Valley #32	-	Roland S. Coker	Howard C. Gebhardt	Glenn R. Mulholland
Ashlar #33	W. Cecil Barker	-	Thomas G. Townsley	William D. Parrish*
Acacia #34	-	-	-	Marlyn Grubbs
Fairbury #35	-	-	-	-
Lone Tree #36	-	-	-	-
Crete #37	James A. Clark	-	Jerry F. Bepalec	-
Oliver #38	-	-	-	-
Papillion #39	James R. Avant	Steven D. Penney	Albert Burton*	-
Humboldt #40	-	-	-	-
No. Light #41	-	Thomas J. Kinsley*	Robert E. Schellpeper	-
Hebron #43	-	-	-	-
Harvard #44	-	-	-	-
Rob Morris #46	Michael J. Meyer	Roger A. Hansen		Nick V. Longly
Evening Star #49	-	-	-	Don C. Bottorf
Hastings #50	John A. Prettyman	J. Phillip Odom	Erik Nielsen	W. Glen Jorgenson*
Fidelity #51	Jerome O. Vavra	-	Rex M. Rehmer*	Allen Covault*

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Hiram #52	-	-	-	-
Charity #53	-	-	-	-
Lancaster #54	Kent Hemmerling*	David R. Jelinek	Don Gasparetti	Michael D. Rauscher
Mosaic #55	-	-	-	-
York #56	-	-	Fran L. Crowe	Harry W. Gordon*
Mt. Moriah #57	-	-	-	-
Wahoo #59	Lyle D. McKlem	-	Jared Ketner*	-
Thistle #61	-	Dennis H. Biehl	-	James N. Screws
Keystone #62	-	Mylus Robison*	-	-
Blue Valley #64	-	-	-	-
Osceola #65	-	-	-	-
Aurora #68	-	-	-	-
Hooper #72	Douglas W. Hartmann	-	-	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	-
Frank Welch #75	Phillip D. Patten*	-	Jeffrey Makris	Malvin M. Minshall
Nelson #77	-	-	-	-
Albion #78	-	-	-	-
Geneva #79	Rodney D. Norrie	Thomas J. Ortgies	-	John M. Jacobs
Composite #81	-	-	-	-
St. Paul #82	-	-	-	-
Corinthian #83	-	-	-	-
Cedar River #89	-	-	-	-
Oakland #91	-	-	-	-
Bennett #94	Richard Harris	Rick Harris*	Roger Miner	-
Garfield #95	Rob R. Prouty*	-	-	Billie G. Marcellus
Utica #96	Steven R. Rhodes*	-	-	-
Euclid #97	Joel D. Christensen*	-	Charles L. Spohr	Willie C. Kunz
Waterloo #102	-	-	Rex Moats*	Robert R. Attebery
Ord #103	-	-	-	-
Wymore #104	-	-	-	-
Porter #106	Dennis E. McClary	-	-	Lanny R. Kizer*
Table Rock #108	-	-	-	-
Pomegranate #110	-	-	-	-
DeWitt #111	Dale L. Colgrove*	-	George A. Thomas, III*	-
Springfield #112	Michael W. Call*	Rodney S. Sederstrom	Richard C. Lammers	Daniel J. Wellendorf*
Wisner #114	-	-	-	-

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North Bend #119	Ronald R. Giesselmann	Goerge R. Anderson*	Greg Beebe	David G. Otte
Wayne #120	-	-	-	-
Superior #121	-	-	-	-
Stromsburg #126	-	-	-	-
Guide Rock #128	Frank G. Horne	-	-	-
Scribner #132	Arnold A. Gebers*	Donald G. Havekost	Paul R. Morris*	Harold C. Mueksch
Solar #134	-	-	-	-
McCook #135	Richard E. Cole	Brad A. Holtze	-	Marshall D. Grant*
Long Pine #136	-	-	-	-
Crescent #143	-	Paul R. Smith*	Charles L. Sweet	Richard T. Jackson*
Jachin #146	Robert M. Hoagland	-	-	-
Custer #148	-	-	-	-
Lily #154	Tregan P. Albers	-	-	-
Samaritan #158	-	-	-	-
Ogalalla #159	-	-	-	-
Trestle Board #162	Theodore R. Groves	David E. Gravatt*	Daniel Boellstorff	Bruce A. Petzoldt*
Atkinson #164	-	-	Charles Shane*	Jams A. Widtfeldt
Barneston #165	-	-	-	-
Elwood #167	-	-	-	-
Mason City #170	-	-	-	-
Robert Burns #173	-	-	-	-
Culbertson #174	-	-	-	-
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	-
Justice #180	-	-	-	-
Alliance #183	Harold D. Nelson*	-	-	Roscoe W. Bills
Bee Hive #184	-	-	-	-
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	-
Highland #194	-	-	-	-
Arcana #195	Richard E. Barth*	Dale A. Gardner*	-	Dale E. Berndt*
Purity #198	Tom W. Elder	E. Thomas Spunaugle	Keith A. Wood*	Byron L. Hust
Blazing Star #200	-	-	-	-
Scottsbluff #201	-	-	-	-
Plainview #204	-	-	-	-
Golden Fleece #205	Jack D. Woodman*	-	-	Robert A. Hayes
Parian #207	-	-	-	-
Canopy #209	-	-	-	-

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East Lincoln #210	James B. Michaelson	Christopher Rosenthal	Robert J. Pratt*	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	William C. Carson*	Roland R. Engel*	-	-
Palisade #216	-	-	-	-
Bloomfield #218	-	-	-	-
Relief #219	-	-	-	Richard H. Lentz
Magnolia #220	-	-	-	-
Wood Lake #221	-	-	-	-
Landmark #222	-	-	-	-
Silver Cord #224	-	Michael E. Hitchcock	-	-
North Star #227	-	-	Harry A. Storz	-
Bartley #228	-	-	-	-
Comet #229	-	-	-	-
Zion #234	-	-	-	-
Golden Rule #236	-	-	-	-
Friendship #239	-	-	-	-
Geo. Armstrong #241	-	-	-	-
Laurel #248	-	-	-	-
G. Washington #250	-	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell C. Erickson
Hickman #256	Ray V. Schwarz	Todd E. Tinnean	John C. Axe*	-
Mitchell #263	-	Rodney L. Ramig*	Ames Hartung, III*	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	-	-	-	-
Robt. Furnas #265	Randall A. Olson	Robert E. Nichols*	-	Mark Gwin*
G.W. Lininger #268	-	-	Michael J. Mulligan*	Ronald D. Stites
Oasis #271	-	-	-	-
Olive Branch #274	Donald L. Berg*	Richard G. Leitschuck*	Elton E. Bray*	-
Wallace #279	Randall E. Ogier	Jack M. Curtis*	Otis Pierce*	Eric J. Chrisman*
Florence #281	Dale E. Wagner	Paul L. Welsch	Franklin O. Shuffty	Doyle E. Berg
Seneca #284	-	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	James C. Lapaseotes	Craig A. Barnette	-	-
Oshkosh #286	Bernard L. King*	Donald C. Fischer*	-	Merton L. Rose
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	Galen L. Crawford*	-	-
Omaha #288	John A. Domian*	-	David L. Peterson*	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	-	-	Dale R. Link

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John J. Mercer #290	-	-	-	-
Diamond #291	-	-	-	-
Monument #293	-	-	-	-
James Eatmon #294	-	-	Joseph H. Belden*	John B. Ferguson
Cotner #297	Ritchie Inns*	Scott E. Bennett*	James B. Hyland*	Dietrick P. Frye
Liberty #300	Wade R. Kendle	Brent Myers*	Maynard D. Sears*	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	Steven R. Barchus	-	-	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	-	-	-	-
Victory #310	-	-	Gregg Kava*	Roger Dill
Polk #311	Alan W. Pickrel	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	George S. Akerson*	Eugene C. Sibley	-	-
Mid-West #317	Bruce A. Baker	Robert L. Williams	Eduardo Casas*	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	-	Robert L. Brommer	Richard R. Bird	-
Lebanon #323	Robert E. Wilbur	Harold D. Chadwell	Rick Porter	-
Cairo #324	-	-	-	-
Bellevue #325	David C. Norton	Horace H. Reynolds, IV*	William R. Dodge*	Paul "Al" Zamiska
Centennial #326	Carl J. Diamond*	Robert M. Loper	Brian W. Schamber*	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	-	R. Todd Simpson*	James R. Taylor*	Paul D. Rutherford
Miloma #328	-	-	-	-

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
		Africa, Cameroon		
		Africa, Congo		
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Alabama	Gary D. Finn, 21	3/15/2002
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Alaska	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19, 134	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, 287	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	Russell Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
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	Sydney Clausen, 52	3/12/2002
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman		
.....		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	2/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brazilia		
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
Aldo Buitoni	12/23/2002	Brazil, Grand Oriente		
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Wilson Chinalli	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso		
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
Tutomo 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	Scott G. Brendel, 146	5/31/2002
		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	3/19/1999
Sidnei Luiz Saut	12/1/1991	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	7/1/1974
R.W. Orivaldo Fernandes	4/15/2003	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
J.R. Malcolm Berry	2/24/2003	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
Harvey J. Ford		Canada, Nova Scotia	Chad Richter, 317	2/10/1999
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
Carlos Miranda	10/22/1968	Costa Rica	Thomas W. Moore, 264	6/24/2002
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/5/1952	Cuba	John F. Dale, 126	12/14/1989
Zdenek Kirshner	11/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry Bepalec, 37	8/17/1999
Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987

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Ib Andersen	8/22/2003	Denmark	Frank Lawson, 1	12/21/1989
Richard E. Fletcher	11/25/1998	District of Columbia	Les R. Seiler, 317	
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	Ben F. Hughes	7/17/2003
Heikki Aitola	12/31/1997	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/1995
John R. Thomas	8/20/2002	Florida	John Lippert, 323	8/8/1966
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/1954	France	Paul Befort, 32	5/31/2002
Marcel Ibinga Magwangu	5/3/1990	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	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
		Hawaii	James DeMoss, 325	12/7/1991
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 Singhanian	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
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
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. Lueneborg, 39, 32	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
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	12/22/96
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	Rex M. Rehmer, 51, 81	2/7/2003
		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	Cullen F. Pilker, 39	4/11/2002
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
W. Wayne Perkins	10/31/2003	Nevada	D. Sidney Stewart, 135	3/7/2003
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	2000
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	North Carolina	T. John Hinkel, 96, 38	3/6/2003
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/1995
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	2/10/1989
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	Ohio		
John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oklahoma		
Joseph C. Willhoft	1985	Oregon	Michael Birnstihl, 314	12/13/1999
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
		Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 89	
Victor Vidal Mantilla	12/20/2002	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		
Edwa.5(o)-4, 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		

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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2003

Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		96,303	96,303
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.625%, 2-15-06	25,000	23,377	26,945
FNMA NTS Unsecured, 7.25%, 1-15-10	25,000	24,304	29,477
FHLMC MTN Ser 3, 4.25%, 8-1-18	50,000	48,975	49,277
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 5.25%, 11-1-16	100,000	99,000	100,000
Public Service Electric & Gas, 6.5%, 5-1-04	50,000	46,231	50,641
Union Electric Co., 6.75%, 5-1-08	50,000	49,054	55,556
Disney (Walt) Co., 7.30%, 2-8-05	50,000	54,022	52,750
AT & T Corp., 7.75%, 3-1-07	50,000	49,000	55,562
AT & T Notes, 6.75%, 4-1-04	50,000	49,633	50,282
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	50,000	46,452	55,856
Lilly Eli & Co., 6.57%, 1-1-16	50,000	51,312	57,000
Hewlett Packard Co., 5.75%, 12-15-2006	75,000	81,557	81,195
IBM Corp., 5.375%, 2-1-09	50,000	50,553	53,438
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-10	50,000	57,646	59,713
TOTAL BONDS	<u>725,000</u>	<u>731,116</u>	<u>777,692</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
250 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		12,639	14,086
Business Services:			
550 NDCHealth Corp.		12,914	14,091
Communication:			
625 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		27,461	23,594
1,350 Level 3 Communications, Inc.		42,691	7,695
3,000 RCN Corporation		38,725	2,040
Construction/Materials:			
1,200 Chicago Bridge & Iron		20,386	34,680
400 Vulcan Materials Co		16,076	19,028
Electronics:			
900 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		21,199	24,939
Entertainment:			
400 Viacom, Inc.		22,303	17,752
Food:			
450 Performance Food Group Co.		7,523	16,277
Household Products/Furniture:			
200 Colgate Palmolive Co.		10,389	10,010
Insurance:			
500 Nationwide Financial Services		21,263	16,530
687 Fidelity National Financial Inc.		15,296	26,642
Medical Equipment:			
1,850 Cholestech Corp.		18,483	14,134

Mining:		
500 Newmont Mining Corp.	14,505	24,305
Miscellaneous:		
500 Hanover Compressor Company	18,275	5,575
Packaging/Containers:		
550 Avery Dennison Corp.	33,686	30,811
Petroleum/Energy:		
500 Houston Exploration Company	11,941	18,260
700 Unocal Corporation	24,751	25,781
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
400 Abbott Labs	15,258	18,640
500 Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	14,780	18,475
400 Pfizer Inc.	15,098	14,132
Railroad:		
1,000 Kansas City Southern	14,166	14,320
Real Estate:		
700 Plum Creek Timber Co.	21,039	21,315
Retail:		
550 Cato Corp	12,031	11,275
Utilities:		
650 Burlington Res Inc.	24,115	35,997
500 Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	12,370
Multi-Industry:		
600 Corning, Inc.	<u>33,951</u>	<u>6,258</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>552,117</u>	<u>499,012</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>1,283,233</u>	<u>1,276,704</u>

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2003

	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		236,367	236,367
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.875%, 2-15-04	25,000	24,128	25,149
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 8-15-05	25,000	24,901	26,969
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-07	25,000	25,001	28,297
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-04	25,000	25,914	25,570
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6%, 8-15-09	50,000	47,930	56,641
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-16	25,000	28,117	31,188
FHLMC MTN Ser 3, 4.25%, 8-1-18	50,000	48,975	49,277
Walt Disney, 6.75%, 3-30-06	25,000	26,800	27,191
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-06	25,000	25,000	27,190
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-08	25,000	26,433	28,043
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	25,000	24,230	27,928
Merrill Lynch & Co, 6%, 2-17-09	25,000	24,393	27,483
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-10	25,000	28,823	29,856
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-27	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,325</u>	<u>28,150</u>
 TOTAL BONDS	 <u>400,000</u>	 <u>404,970</u>	 <u>438,932</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
250 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		12,639	14,086
Business Services:			
450 NDCHealth Corp.		10,566	11,529
Communication:			
475 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		20,870	17,931
1,275 Level 3 Communications, Inc		36,414	7,268
3,000 RCN Corporation		31,532	2,040
Construction/Materials:			
800 Chicago Bridge & Iron		13,591	23,120
300 Vulcan Materials Co		12,057	14,271
Electronics:			
700 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		16,488	19,397
Entertainment:			
300 Viacom, Inc.		16,727	13,314
Food:			
400 Performance Food Group Co.		6,688	14,468
Household Products/Furniture:			
150 Colgate Palmolive Co.		7,792	7,508
Insurance:			
400 Nationwide Financial Services		17,562	13,224
687 Fidelity National Financial Inc.		15,296	26,642
Medical Equipment:			
1,700 Cholestech Corp.		16,235	12,988
Mining:			
600 Newmont Mining Corp.		17,406	29,166

Miscellaneous:		
400 Hanover Compressor Co.	14,620	4,460
Packaging/Containers:		
425 Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	23,809
Petroleum/Energy:		
400 Houston Exploration Company	9,553	14,608
550 Unocal Corporation	22,062	20,257
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
300 Abbott Labs	11,443	13,980
500 Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	14,780	18,475
350 Pfizer Inc.	13,211	12,366
Railroad:		
800 Kansas City Southern	11,333	11,456
Real Estate:		
600 Plum Creek Timber Co.	18,033	18,270
Retail:		
450 Cato Corp.	9,844	9,225
Utilities:		
450 Burlington Res. Inc.	16,695	24,921
500 Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	12,370
Multi-Industry:		
500 Corning, Inc.	<u>25,741</u>	<u>5,215</u>
 TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	 <u>456,322</u>	 <u>416,364</u>
 TOTAL FUND	 <u>861,292</u>	 <u>855,296</u>

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