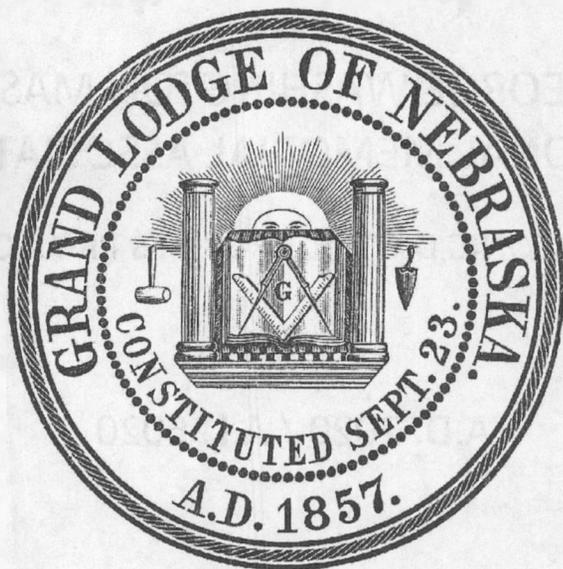


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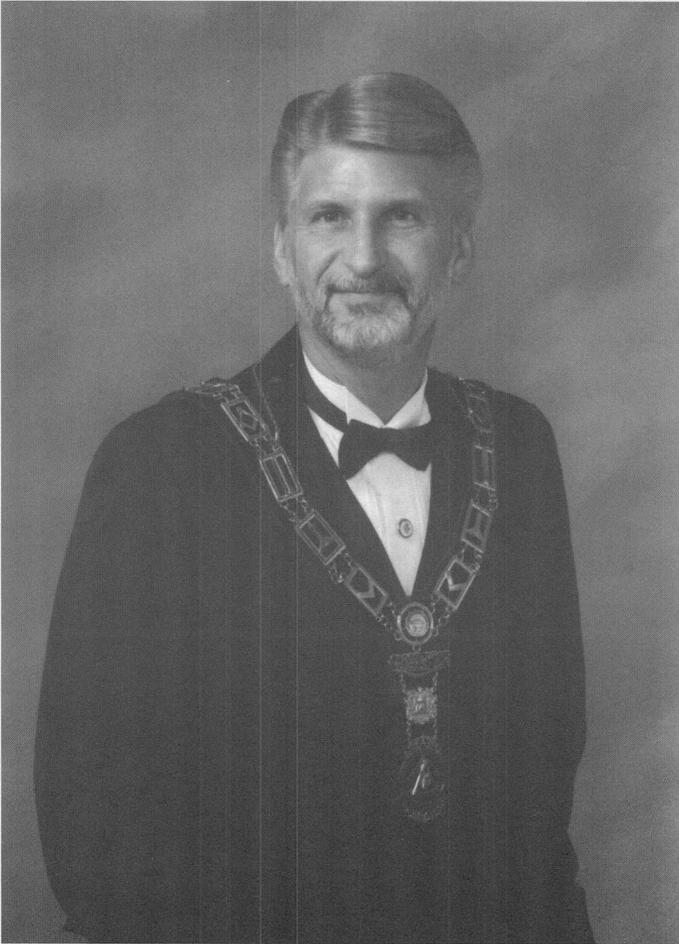
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2007





Scott J. Krieger, Sr.

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2006-2007**

Masonic History of the 140th Grand Master

Scott J. Krieger. Sr.

Scott was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mid-West Lodge No. 317 on August 22, 1979 by his father Marshall H. Krieger, who was serving as acting Master of the Lodge at that time.

Scott served as Junior Steward of the Lodge for the remainder of 1979, and was appointed to the office of Senior Steward in 1980 by his father for Marshall's year as Master. Scott progressed through all the chairs of the lodge until 1985 when he was elected the youngest Master of Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

He joined the Hastings Valley of the Scottish Rite and the Tehama Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 1981 and became active in many of the Scottish Rite degrees, also serving as Provost Marshal for Tehama Temple Shrine Provost Corps., and served on the Shrine Ritualistic Degree Team.

Scott was installed Junior Warden of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in 1988 for the second time, and in 1990 was the only man to serve a second term as Master for Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

He was commissioned a Deputy Grand Custodian in 1990 for District No. 20 and served in that capacity until receiving the honor of Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus in 2005.

Scott joined Acacia Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1992, serving as Associate Patron in 1993 and as Worthy Patron in 1994.

Scott has served as Master of all four Scottish Rite bodies, and served as Director for the 30th degree for many years. In 1985, he was invested with his Knight Commander Court of Honor, and coroneted his 33rd degree in 1999.

He was initiated into Court No. 152 Royal Order of the Jesters in 1986 and served as Director in 1999 and 2000.

Scott is a member of Hastings Chapter No. 21, Hastings Council No. 8 and Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11, York Rite of Freemasonry.

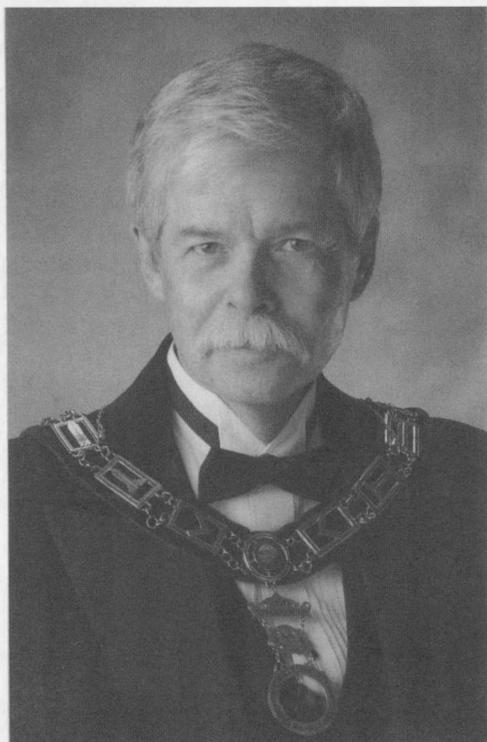
He was inducted into Omaha Chapter No. 19 of the National Sojourners in 2002.

Scott served as Grand Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1990 for Most Worshipful Brother John M. McHenry, and also served as Grand Junior Steward in 1991 for Most Worshipful Brother James N. DeMoss.

Scott was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 2002 by Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones, Grand Senior Deacon in 2003 by Most Worshipful Kenneth D. Beebe, elected

Grand Senior Warden in 2004, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Les Seiler, and elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2005, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska. Scott was installed as the 140th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in Hastings at the Masonic Center on February 11, 2006.

Scott was married to Tammy M. Wortman on the 8th of November, 2003 at Reno Nevada, where their good friends Most Worshipful Mike Jones and Joanie and Worshipful Brother Joe D. McBride and Lori, who came to attend the wedding, surprised them. They spent their honeymoon at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nevada. Tammy has been particularly fond of Masonry ever since.



Dean Skokan

**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2007-2008**

Masonic History of the 141st Grand Master

Dean Skokan

Dean Skokan was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Wayne Lodge No. 120 on May 15, 1973. After moving to Fremont, Nebraska, he demitted to Fremont Lodge No. 15. Dean was appointed Junior Deacon of Fremont Lodge No. 15 in 1998. After passing through the chairs, he was elected and served as Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15 in 2001.

He joined the Omaha Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Tangier Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 2002. He organized and served as Director of the Grand Lodge Scottish Rite 8th Degree team until 2006. He is now Director of the 32nd Degree for the Omaha Valley. He currently serves as Expert in the Omaha Valley Lodge of Perfection.

Dean and his wife Nancy joined Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, Order of the Eastern Star, in 2003.

He was initiated into Court No. 19 Royal Order of the Jesters in 2006.

Dean is a member of Signet Chapter No. 8, Hiram Council No. 7, and Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9, York Rite of Freemasonry. He also works in the Grand Lodge York Rite Past Master Degree Team.

He was inducted into Omaha Chapter No. 19 of the National Sojourners in 2004.

Dean was appointed Grand Senior Steward in 2002 by Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones; Grand Junior Deacon in 2003 by Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth D. Beebe; elected Grand Junior Warden in 2004, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Les Seiler; elected Grand Senior Warden in 2005, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska; and elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2006, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr. Dean was installed as the 141st Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Omaha on February 10, 2007.

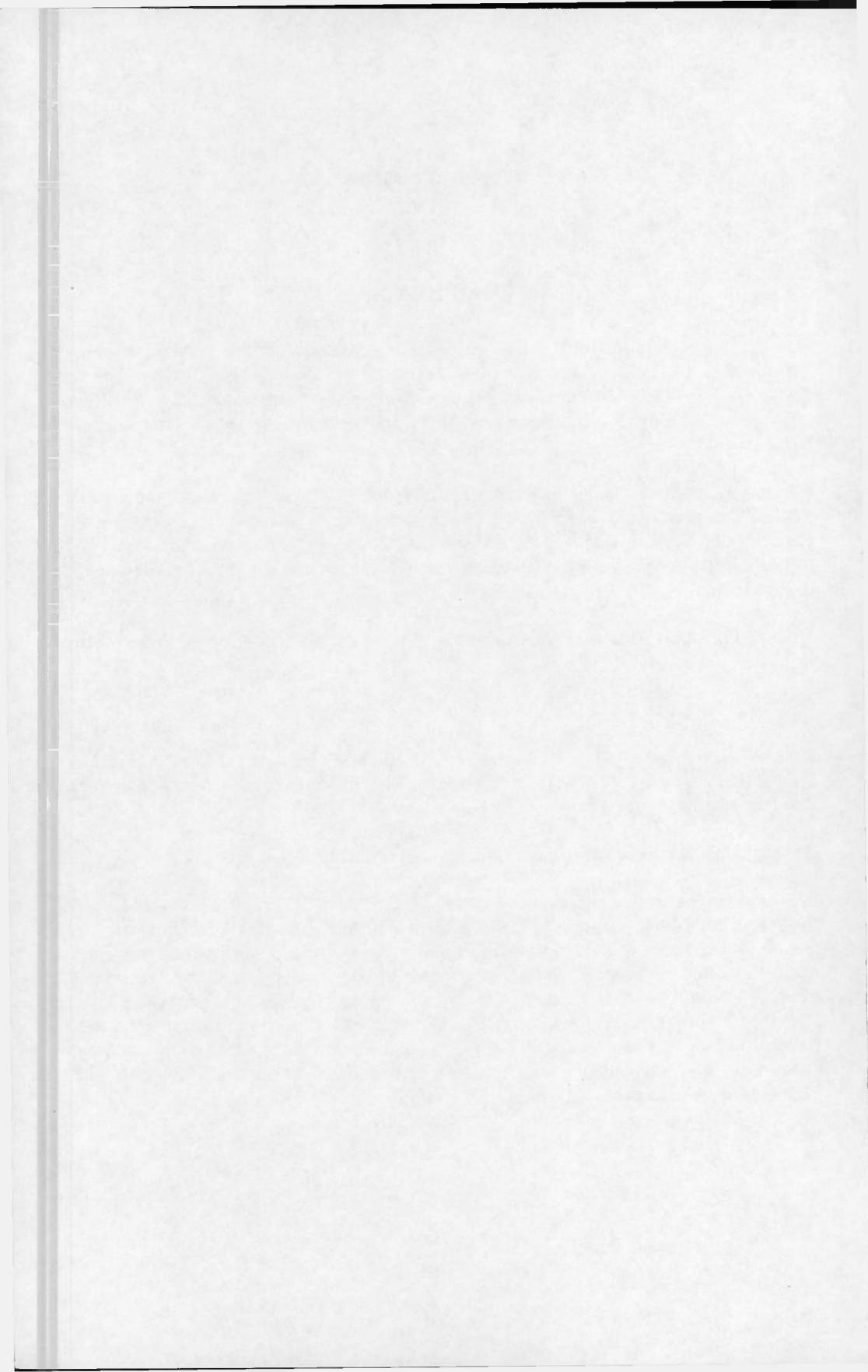


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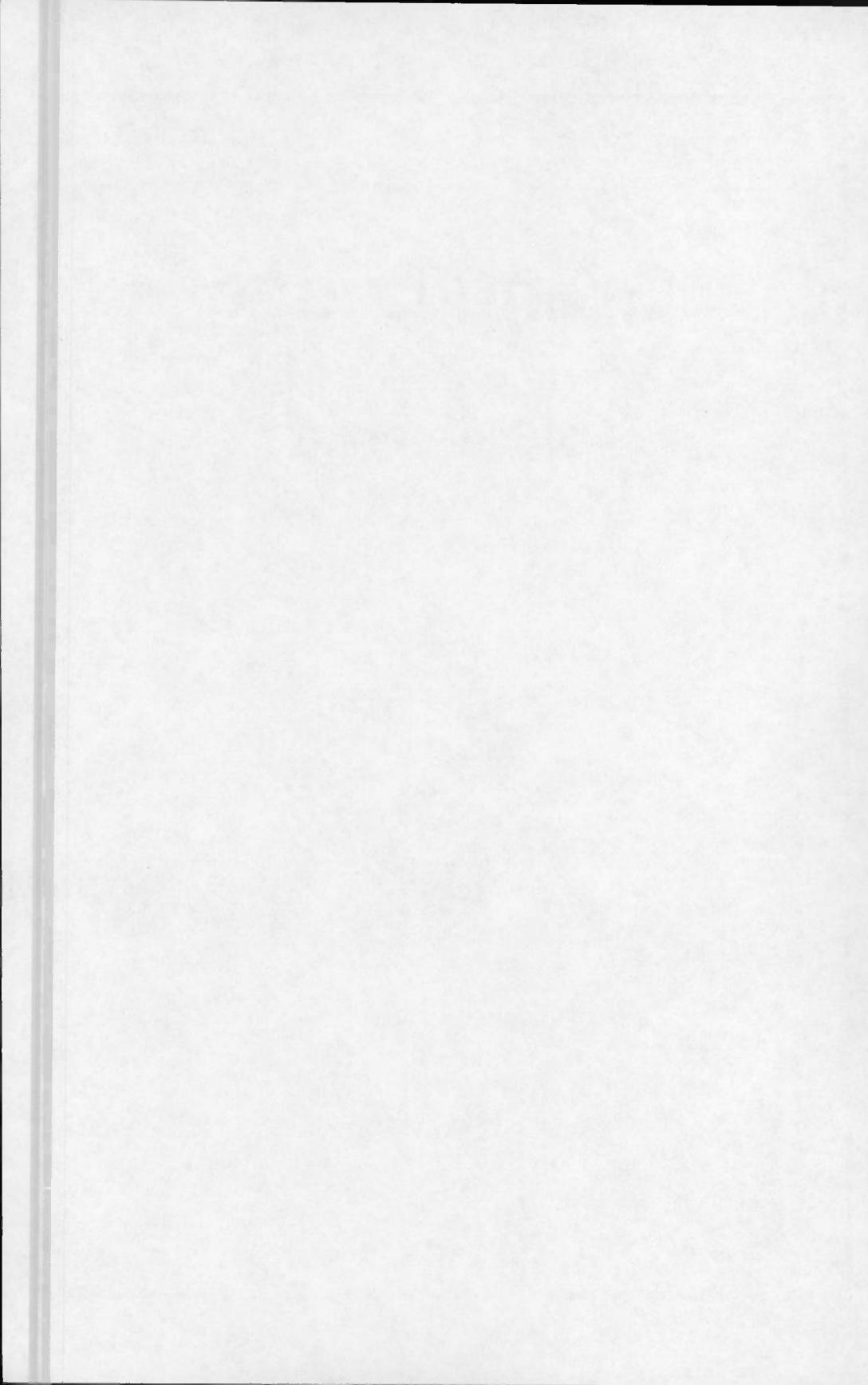
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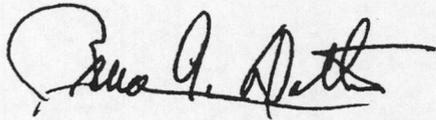


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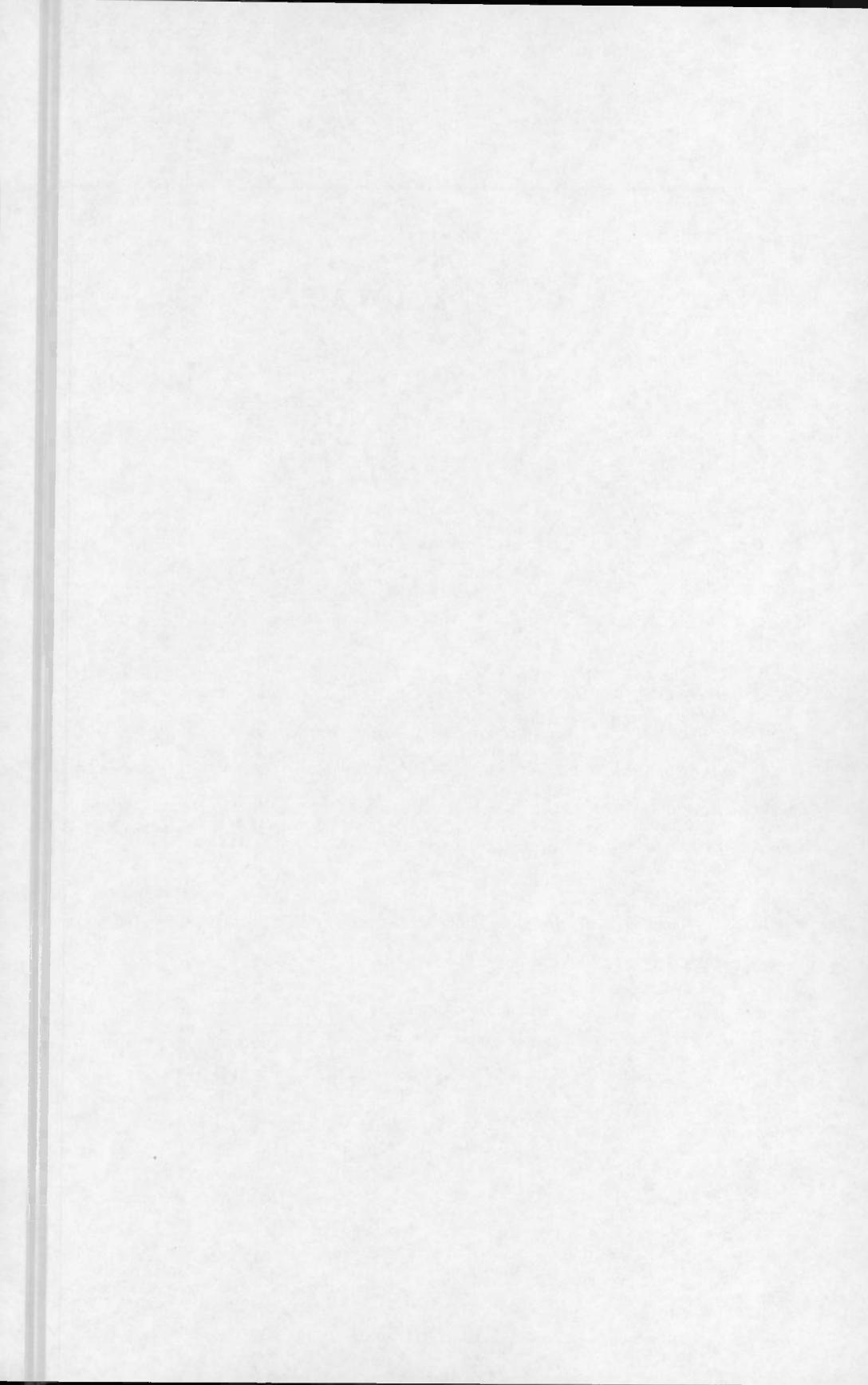
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It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 3 and 4, 2006, 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 September, 2007.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

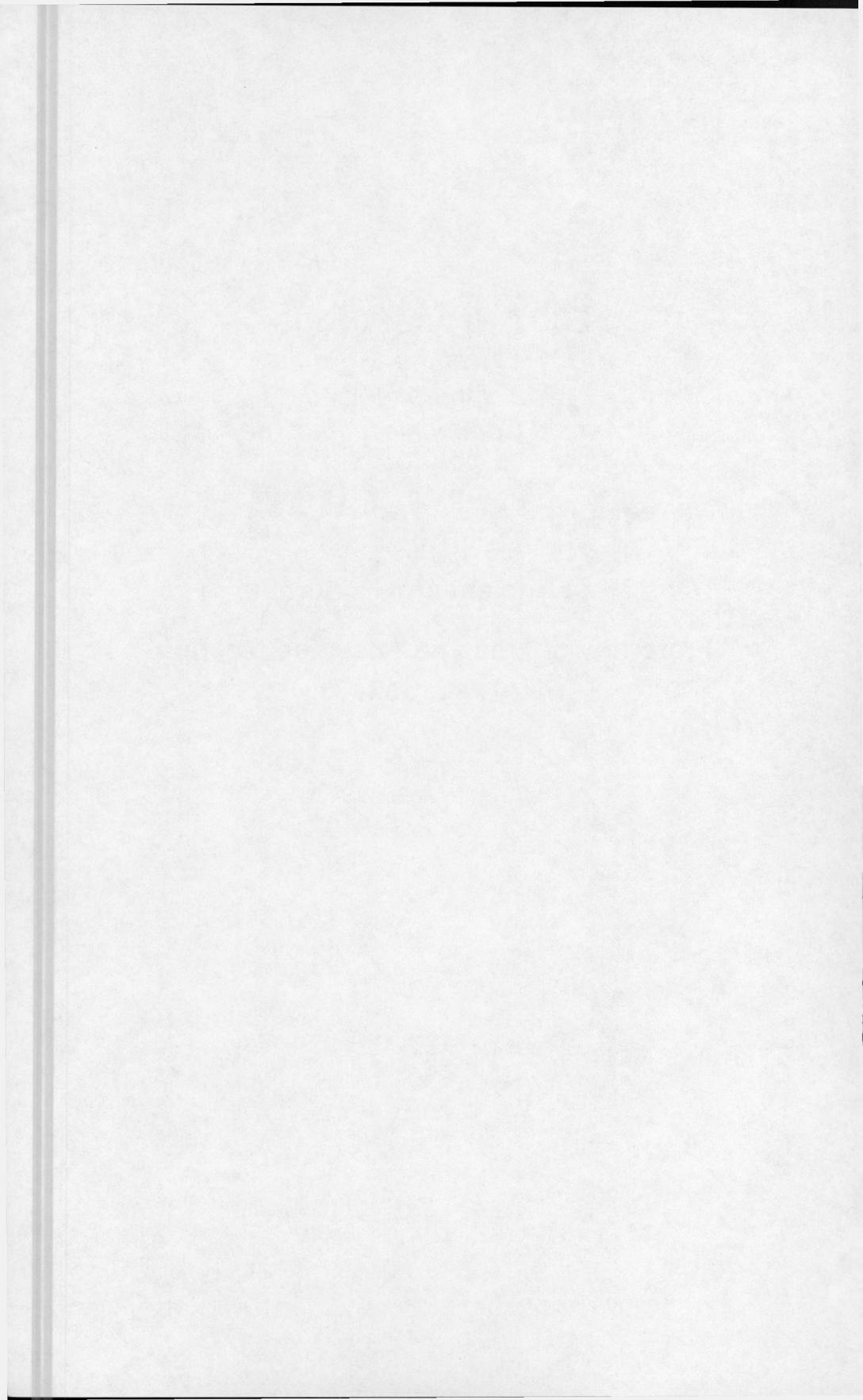


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One Hundred Fiftieth
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Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 2-3, 2007

Most Worshipful Scott J. Krieger, Sr.
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 2, 2007

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2007.

M.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska presided.

The Colors were presented by the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp, National Sojourners, and "A Toast to the Flag" by John J. Daly was recited by Worshipful Brother Edward W. Nolte.

"Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, a toast to the flag of the United States, the greatest national emblem ever to wave over land, sea, in air or space:

Here's to the red of it, there's not a thread of it, no, nor a shred of it in all the spread of it, from foot to head, but heroes bled for it, faced steel and lead for it, precious blood shed for it, bathing it red.

Here's to the white of it, thrilled by the sight of it, who knows the right of it, but feels the might of it through day and night? Womanhood's care for it, made manhood dare for it, purities prayer for it keeps it so white.

Here's to the blue of it, beauteous view of it, heavenly hue of it, star-spangled dew of it, constant and true, diadems gleam for it, states stand supreme for it, liberty's beam for it brightens the blue.

Here's to the whole of it, the stars, the stripes and the pole of it, body and soul of it, oh, and the roll of it, sun shining through. Hearts in accord for it, swear by the sword for it, thanking the Lord for it, red, white and blue."

Following the presentation of the colors, the Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers were introduced in reverse order, followed by the M.:W.: Grand Master, Scott J. Krieger, Sr. and his Lady Tammy being presented and given Grand Honors.

R.:W.: Dean Skokan, 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 York Rite Grand Commandery Knights Templar in chronological order of the state's entry into the Union.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Gary L. Atkinson..... Grand Master
and his Lady, Sandy

Grand Lodge National of Togo, West Africa

Joseph A.Y. Mensah.....Grand Sword Bearer and
Personal Representative of the Grand Master

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

Doysa L. Whitaker.....Past Grand Master
John W. Reed, Sr.....Past Grand Master
Russell W. Hobson..... Grand Historian
and his Lady, Anne-Marie

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

Ronald A. Aungst, Sr..... Grand Master
and his Lady, Norma

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

Clifford Stamm.....Past Grand Master and Executive Director of MasoniCHIP

Grand Lodge F.: and A.:M.: of New York

Albert W. Hoffman.....Personal Representative of the Grand Master

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

Richard E. Fletcher Past Grand Master and
and his Lady, Judy Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association

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

Daniel E. Yandel Deputy Grand Master

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

Glenn E. Means Past Grand Master and Executive Secretary
and his Lady, Mary Jane of the Conference of Grand Masters
of Masons in North America

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

William R. Crawford Grand Secretary
and his Lady, Elaine

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

Thomas G. McCarthy Junior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Patty

Frederick B. Vihovde Past Grand Treasurer and Grand Representative

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

J. Steven Molstad Grand Master

Jimmie L. Grassi Deputy Grand Master
and his Lady, Jan

Sterling P. Hornbuckle, III Grand Senior Warden
and his Lady, Winona

Jerry L. Lohofener Grand Junior Deacon

Allan L. Hurlburt Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Mary Lou

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

Brian L. Cotter Senior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Jeanie

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

Kenneth L. Glaser Grand Master
and his Lady, Nancy

Denny Robinson Deputy Grand Master
and his Lady, Elaine

Virgil Andersen Senior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Vi

Jack H. Welker Junior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Mary

Leslie Spies Grand Treasurer/Secretary
and his Lady, Bettie

Robert L. Morrow Past Grand Master
and his Lady, André Kaiser

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

Thomas E. Valente, Jr. Grand Master
and his Lady, Pat

Jack D. Anderson Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Barbara

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

Gale H. Kenney Junior Grand Warden

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

Clarence Darling Senior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Anna

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

Brian J. Hastings Personal Representative of the Grand Master

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

David L. Baker Junior Grand Warden

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

Akram Elias Deputy Grand Master

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

Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of Eastern Star

Betty Kirby Worthy Grand Matron

William D. Parrish Worthy Grand Patron

International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska

Christine Bryant Grand Worthy Advisor

Betty Garwood Supreme Deputy

Job's Daughters International

Michelle Carlson Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Eden Clausen Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter

Tori Smith Miss Nebraska Congeniality

Trudy Else Grand Guardian

Ron Nielsen Associate Grand Guardian

DeMolay

Tyler McCabe State Master Councilor

Bryan Kehler State Senior Councilor

Ryan Grazier State Junior Councilor

Michael W. Stuhr Executive Officer

Grand York Rite

Bruce T. Anderson Secretary/Recorder of Nebraska

John F. Dale Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska

Maynard Tatelman Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Curt M. Edic General Secretary – Valley of Omaha

W. Glen Jorgenson General Secretary – Valley of Hastings

Bruce Wood General Secretary – Valley of Lincoln

George Harrison Secretary Registrar – Valley of Sioux City, Iowa

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Nicholas Thomas	Imperial Potentate, Shrine of North America
Jack H. Jones	Imperial Recorder, Shrine of North America
Geoffrey Bogle	Chief Rabban, Tehama Shrine – Hastings
Gary D. Fields	Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
Larry R. Hulsebus	Recorder, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
John Wonder	Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
Thomas K. Brummett	Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
James B. Parks, Sr.	Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
Bill Nelson	Potentate, Sesostris Shrine – Lincoln

Daughters of the Nile

Dee Lichtenberger	Queen, Naamah Temple No. 108 – Hastings
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National Sojourners, Inc.

Chief Warrant Officer Gerald D. Verbeek	Regional Representative, Nebraska & Iowa
Major Charles A. Folsom	Past National President

The Nebraska Masonic Home

Mary Stapp	Executive Director
James R. Erixon	President of the Board

The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

Anita Crisp	Executive Director
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PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

M.: W.: Bevin B. Bump	1983
M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland	1988
M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey	1996
M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming	1997
M.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen	1998
M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith	1999
M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.	2000
M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen	2001
M.: W.: Michael E. Jones	2002
M.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe	2003
M.: W.: Les Seiler	2004
M.: W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska	2005

All Brethren were asked to rise and the Past Grand Masters were given grand honors.



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



Deputy Grand Master Dean Skokan introduced and welcomed Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr.



Grand Master Krieger welcomed everyone to this, the 150th Annual Communication, giving special thanks to the members of the Grand Lodge Social Committee: Don and Marie Rasmussen, Bob and Vicky Summers and Patrick and Cheryl Yates; and the flag bearers: the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp, National Sojourners, Tehama Legion of Honor and Knights of St. Andrew.



Miss Christine Bryant, Grand Worthy Advisor, was introduced by Grand Master Krieger, at which time Christine brought greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



Miss Michelle Carlson, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss Eden Clausen, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, and Miss Tori Smith, Miss Nebraska Congeniality, brought greetings from Nebraska Job's Daughters.



Most Worshipful Krieger asked Tyler McCabe, State Master Councilor of Nebraska DeMolay to come to the podium to bring greetings.



The representatives of the youth groups were asked to come back to the front to receive the 2006 Grand Lodge youth group contributions.



At this time, Grand Master Scott called upon Betty Kirby, Worthy Grand Matron, and William Parrish, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Order of Eastern Star to bring greetings.

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

State Master Councilor Tyler McCabe, State Senior Councilor Bryan Kehler and State Junior Councilor Ryan Grazier presented the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to the Tangier Shrine Center in Omaha. This is the third consecutive year the Tangier Shrine Center has received the award for their outstanding service to Nebraska DeMolay and all Nebraska youth. The Mason of the Year was awarded to Illustrious Sir John Wonder, Past Potentate of Tangier Shrine, for his dedication to Masonic youth, Masonry in general and his efforts to promote unity within all Masonic bodies within Nebraska, as well as the southwestern portion of Iowa.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Grand Master Krieger asked co-chairmen John Maxell and Kent Broyhill to come forward to present the CHIP Awards. The CHild Identification Program (CHIP) Award recognizes outstanding contributions, monetary or otherwise, in the promotion and assistance with CHIP events. One award is given to a member of the Masonic Family, and the second goes to an individual, company or charitable group that has met the award guidelines. Nominations for the awards are submitted by individual lodges to the awards committee for selection.

Due to the number of nominations received for the non-Masonic award and the hard work put forth by two individuals, two recipients were chosen in that category. Jhoni Kucera and Dustin Herring were asked to come forward to accept the awards in the non-Masonic category. Jhoni coordinated four CHIP events held in the Waverly/Eagle school districts and Dustin coordinated an event in Gretna as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Due to Dustin's fund raising efforts, more money was raised than was needed to cover the cost of the kits used during the event. The additional amount raised was donated to CHIP to be used toward the cost of one of the new EZChildID laptops that will be purchased in 2007.

The recipient of the award for a Mason was Terry Stake, a member of Beatrice Lodge No. 26. Terry organized an event in the local school districts over four days, identifying almost every child in the schools in Beatrice, St. Paul and St. Joe's Catholic School.



Grand Master Krieger brought everyone's attention to photographers Bill Gekas and Cliff Moore, and thanked them for recording the events of the Annual Communication for history.



Most Worshipful Scott Krieger mentioned that Brother Ben Harvey, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, was in the hospital, and asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers. In Ben's absence, Grand Master Krieger asked Bob Attebery to come forward as a representative of the Fremont Home, as well as Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Dwight Smith, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Each was presented with a check in the amount of \$2,366.53, from the proceeds of the Fifth Annual Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournaments.



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



Imperial Sir Nick Thomas, Imperial Potentate, was invited to come to the podium. He brought greetings and presented Grand Master Krieger with a token of appreciation from the Shrine of North America.



M.:W.: Scott Krieger asked M.:W.: Richard Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, to come to the podium to bring an update on the activities of MSA. He also presented Grand Master Krieger with a framed certificate of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association in appreciation of all that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska did for MSA in 2006.



Most Worshipful Krieger asked R.:W.: Joseph A.Y. Mensah, Grand Sword Bearer and Personal Representative of the Grand Master, to bring greetings from the National Grand Lodge of Togo, West Africa. R.:W.: Mensah presented Grand Master Krieger with a token of his appreciation for all that the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska have done for the brethren of Togo who have come to live in Nebraska. Pepper Aasgaard, member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, was asked to come forward to receive an award appointing him with the rank of Assistant Grand Master of Honor of the National Grand Lodge of Togo, West Africa. Pepper made a few remarks about how he met Joseph through email approximately five years prior when Joseph's son Yoni was about to move to the Omaha area, and what an honor it has been to get to know Joseph, his son Yoni, and other members from Togo. Tammy Krieger and Kim Aasgaard were also presented with special gifts from the Grand Lodge of Togo.

NECROLOGY

James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain

Each year we gather for our Annual Communication for this Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We are blessed to have the opportunity to meet with old acquaintances and to make new ones. We use this time to reflect on the past and to plan for the future so that generations to come will benefit from our work. As we assemble though, we are reminded of those brethren that are no longer with us. Many generations before us have labored to preserve the reputation of this fraternity that we so love. Masonry teaches us numerous lessons which we can apply to our daily lives. As we have learned, our progression through Masonry is emblematic of our progression through life. The study of Freemasonry and the applications of it into our daily lives helps us to build upon the foundation which these forefathers have started and passed on to us. It is our honor and duty to pass on these teachings to future generations so that they will discover the useful tenets of the order as well.

We are especially saddened by the passing of two of our past Grand Masters from this Nebraska Masonic Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Brother Jack Hendrix departed this life on November 25, 2006. Jack served as Grand Master in 1978. Additionally and most recently, Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg passed to eternal life on January 26, 2007. He served as Grand Master in 1995. We shall be forever grateful for their service to this Grand Lodge and our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families, as well as all of the families that have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year.

And now, let us pray:

Glorious Father, creator of Heaven and earth, we thank thee for the opportunity we had to labor and travel with our dearly departed brethren. We pray that you will give their families strength and support during these hours of darkness. Help guide us as we continue this journey which you have designed for each of us. We pray that you will help to regulate our lives by the plumb line of justice and truth so that we may be prepared for that time when the summons for our departure comes we shall be worthy of thy blessing of eternal life.

Amen

And now brethren, as we observe the names of those brethren that have been called from labor to refreshment this past year, let us keep their memories eternal and be joyful of the time we did have together. The hourglass for our lives continues to flow swiftly and soon our time will come as well. Until then, let us continue with this toilsome journey which these great men have passed on to us.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Lapaseotes, 285
Grand Chaplain

Jim then presented a PowerPoint presentation listing the names and lodges of all Brethren who departed in 2006 to the house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

GRAND ORATION

Kent B. Broyhill, Grand Orator

Grand Master Krieger, First Lady Tammy, visiting dignitaries, fellow Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished guests, ladies and brethren. I bid you Good Morning.

Over the years you have heard much about the tenants of our fraternity, about the need to become more relevant in our communities, more effective, devoted, and true to a cause. We all leave a legacy. I would like to share with you a very true story about the development of a proud Masonic legacy.

Allow me to introduce you to eight men who established their priorities early in life and played a very significant role in the early development of our Masonic fraternity. These proud men were builders, devoted and true to a cause.

The first young man was an ambitious sojourner named Amos Lampson. Born in New York, he was a wood smith and bridge builder. At 21, he moved to Wisconsin then to Missouri where he married Anna Jackson. The couple moved to Iowa where he continued to hear marvelous stories about the bountiful lands to the west. At the age of 41, he staked a claim in the newly formed Nebraska territory and moved to the extreme northeast corner.

The winter of '56 was exceedingly cold. The Missouri river froze over on December 9th and didn't open up again until March 27th. Amos lost his whole herd of cattle during that harsh winter. The following spring, he re-engaged in a business he knew well, the lumber business. He sold lumber to the burgeoning steam ship companies on the Missouri River. The lumber business was good to Amos, but in 1861 with the Civil War looming, duty called and he joined the army.

Next was Jacob Hallack. Hallack was a visionary and entrepreneur. Like Lampson, he also came from New York and was among the first to settle in northeast Nebraska. Hallack erected the first log cabin in Dakota County in 1855. A creative thinker and futurist, Hallack became a full partner in a new sawmill business.

In 1856, he became the first county clerk of Dakota County. In November of that year, he returned to New York, married his childhood sweetheart and brought her back to Omadi, Nebraska.

Hallack organized the Second Nebraska Calvary and was a Second Lieutenant in that company. He fought in the Civil War until his release in December of 1863.

Third on the list was John C. Turk. Like the others, Turk was a very reputable, honest person. He established a law practice in Dakota City in 1857. Turk accepted a position on the first board of directors of the local land office. Those ties afforded him the opportunity to become the first trustee of the Dakota City Company, a company developed to lay plans for a new community in the Nebraska Territory.

Turk served as personal secretary to Nebraska Governor, Mark Izard. He was also a law partner with T. B. Cuming (Cuming County). In 1858, he established a third law practice in Omadi, Nebraska. When Dakota City was founded, Turk became the first town alderman. He also served with Hallak in the Second Nebraska Calvary during the Civil War.

Next on the list was Eldridge Lampson, a brother to Amos Lampson mentioned earlier. Eldridge was the first Justice of the Peace, the first census enumerator and one of the first county commissioners of Dakota County.

Fifth was Thomas McDermott, a speculator who came to Omadi in 1856 during the Great Land Rush. As a speculator, McDermott traded community properties much like company stocks are traded today. In 1859 McDermott moved to Colorado and speculated in the Pike's Peak Gold Rush.

Next is Henry Hale who appears today on the family tree of a prominent family still residing in Dakota City. Not much is known about Hale, only that he left Omadi shortly after the financial panic of 1857 - 1858.

Then came Alfred Puett. Puett was an attorney by trade but the annals of history consider him an American Legislative leader. He was a member of the 3rd & 4th sessions of the Nebraska Territorial Council in Omaha. Puett moved to the Dakotas and served in the Dakota Territorial House of Representatives as Speaker of the House.

Number eight, and perhaps the most colorful person, was Mahlon Wilkinson. Wilkinson's story goes back to the time of Samuel Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. The first telegraph message was sent in 1844 with the words, "What hath God wrought?" The prevailing belief at that time was that Morse's new invention, the telegraph, had brought on the annihilation of time and space.

Many spiritualists of the day were convinced that an even greater wonder called a "spiritual telegraph" could be established between heaven and earth, thus allowing communication with the dead. In 1854, Wilkinson was a signer of a petition sent to congress to fund this enterprise. Congress, however, decided to fund only the communication with the living and the petition was filed.

Wilkinson had also heard wonderful stories of the lands in the west. He again picked up stakes and moved to Omadi, Nebraska and was elected the first mayor of Omadi on May 22, 1858.

So who were these great visionaries, speculators, attorneys, entrepreneurs, mill workers, legislatures, soldiers, trustees and community leaders? Aside from the Lampson brothers, they did not know one another until they met upon the level. These men were the founders of Temple Lodge, U.D. whose letter of dispensation was signed on January 18, 1858, by none other than Nebraska's first Grand Master, Robert Jordan.

Temple Lodge was established along the Missouri River in the brand new village of Omadi, Nebraska. It later became Omadi Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A. M., my home lodge. At that time it was the lodge furthest north in Nebraska. Its establishment was recommended

by the Master, Wardens and members of Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha; thus a new legacy began.

Mahlon Wilkinson, the first Mayor of Omadi, Nebraska was elected as the first Master of Omadi Lodge No. 5. Omadi Lodge later supported the development of Ponca Lodge No. 101 in Ponca, Nebraska, just a short days ride via horseback northwest of Omadi.

Why do I share this legacy with you?

It's because Brothers Wilkinson, Hale, Puett, Hallack, Turk, McDermott, Amos and Elbridge Lampson did not take their obligations lightly and neither did the members of Capitol Lodge No. 3.

Gentlemen, these men were not only raising brothers, they were raising new lodges. These men were visionaries and entrepreneurs. Most were the first in their fields. In brief, they were the movers and shakers of their era. They believed in the future and they planned their destiny, but most importantly, they helped leave much of Nebraska with a very proud Masonic legacy.

Similar stories abound in every lodge across Nebraska. They are your history. They exist for your discovery. Your fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and the founders of your lodges bestowed upon you all an incredibly proud legacy.

Today, it is our privilege, nay, it is our duty to transmit this great fraternity not less than or equal to, but greater than it was transmitted to us. Today permits us yet another opportunity to rededicate our mission, our duty, our task.

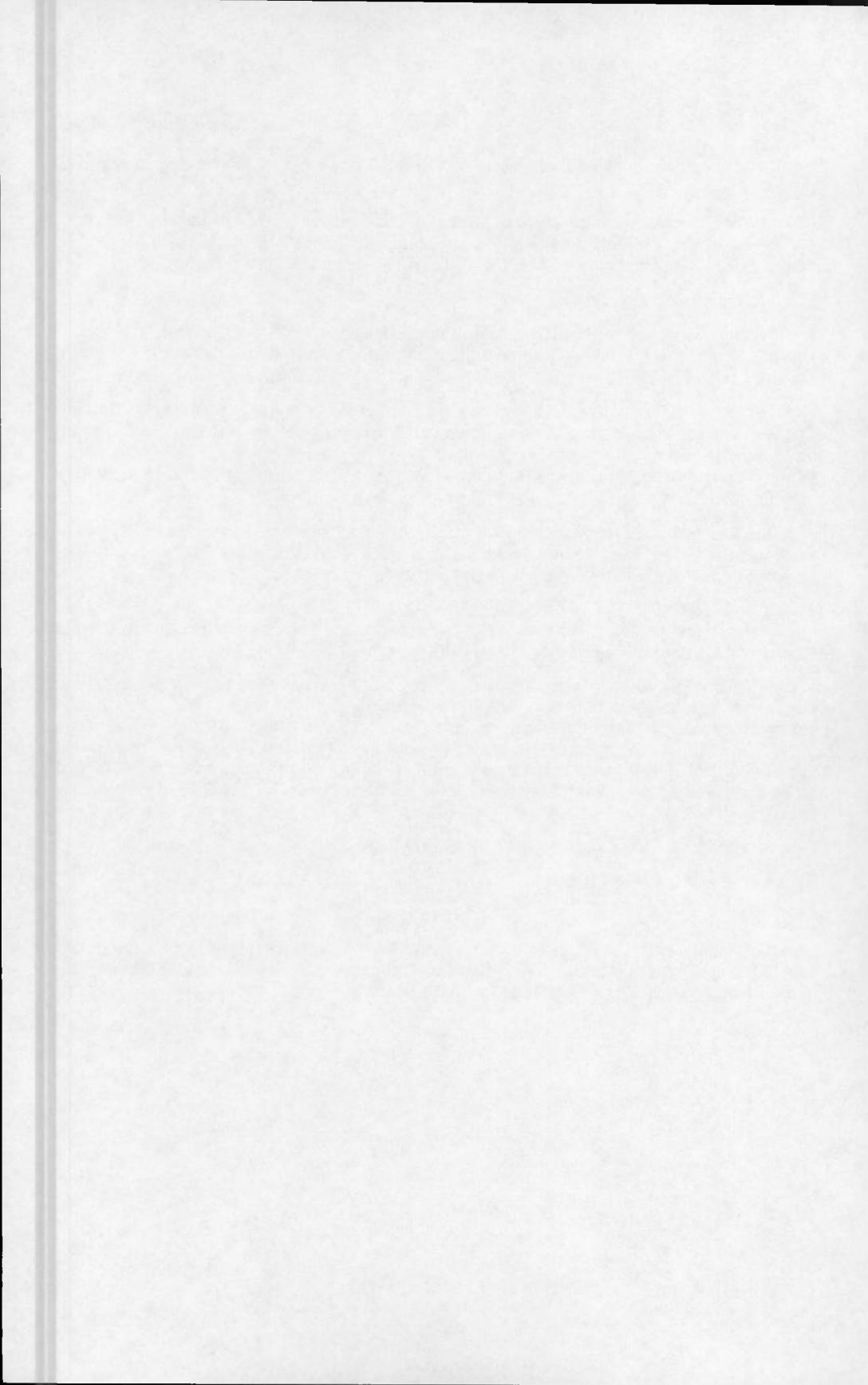
We gather for this annual communication to recognize our past, discuss our present, plan the future and to chart the road that lies ahead. We will be voting on issues at this communication that have the ability to greatly impact our fraternity, the direction we pursue and the ideals we uphold. Masonry's future rests with no one but us. As we proceed with this 150th annual communication, I remind you to contemplate the toils of those dedicated Masons who unselfishly gave of themselves the last 150 years for your benefit here today.

I ask you to "Vote! Vote for the good of masonry...heart within and God overhead!"

Thank you, and may God Bless.



Grand Master Scott made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening, asking that the Brethren clear the room before the opening of a Lodge of Master Masons and the Formal Session.



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Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 2, 2007

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Mid-West Lodge No. 317 with Masons present. M.:W.: Grand Master Scott Krieger thanked the Brethren involved in the opening of that Lodge of Master Masons.

M.:W.: Grand Master Krieger 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 Bruce A. Watkins declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master declared the 150th Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes invoked the blessing of Deity.

At this time, Grand Master Krieger appointed M.:W.: Brother Dwight Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 150th Annual Communication.

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins brought the report of the Committee on Business and Rules, and 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.: Scott Krieger announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steve Green as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grand Master Krieger 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.



While awaiting the marking of the ballots for the election of officers, Grand Master Scott asked M.:W.: Steve Molstad, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to bring greetings.



Chip Stamm, Past Grand Master of Connecticut and Executive Director of MasoniCHIP, was asked to come forward to bring greetings and make a presentation to Past Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska for his efforts in establishing CHIP in Nebraska and his contributions to the National MasoniCHIP committee.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that Randy Ogier, member 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 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha. The winner in the small lodge division was Barneston Lodge No. 165 in Barneston.



The tellers having collected all ballots, M.:W.: Scott Krieger declared the ballot for the election of officers closed.



Most Worshipful Krieger asked Brian Cotter, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Colorado to come forward to bring greetings.



Grand Master Krieger recognized all 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.

Listed in order of percentage increase from highest to lowest:

George W. Lininger No. 268
 Springfield No. 112
 Liberty No. 300
 Plattsmouth No. 6
 Solomon No. 10
 Omadi No. 5
 Utica No. 96
 Barneston No. 165
 Wallace No. 279
 College View No. 320
 Nemaha Valley No. 4
 Platte Valley No. 32
 Mt. Moriah No. 57
 Culbertson No. 174

Comet No. 229
 Camp Clarke No. 285
 Omaha No. 288
 Cotner No. 297
 Miloma No. 328
 Hooper No. 72
 Friend No. 73
 Pomegranate No. 110
 Samaritan No. 158
 Arcana No. 195
 Cement No. 211
 Laurel No. 248
 Olive Branch No. 274
 Newman Grove No. 305

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.: Reginald S. Kuhn
 Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: Russell G. Reno
 Grand Junior Warden R.: W.: John T. Parsons
 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.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott Howerter, Chairman

In the absence of Brother Scott Howerter, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Philip A. Lorenzen, Past Grand Master, presented the report and briefly reviewed a set of slides prepared to illustrate key points relative to the budget.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2007 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

W.: Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian presented the Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentices in attendance in order of the Deputy Grand Custodians' dates of appointment:

Arthur S. Dye District No. 18
 Arthur J. Ferguson..... District No. 26
 Wayne E. Beatty..... District No. 21
 Leslie A. Evert..... District No. 29
 Steven A. Green District No. 10

Ronald D. Grass	District No. 5
Delmar A. Jones	District No. 24
Halsey D. Phillips.....	District No. 3
Richard H. Cooper.....	District No. 30
Roger A. Deininger.....	District No. 17
Bruce A. Watkins	District No. 36
Jack D. Nichols	District No. 28
Carl C. Plants.....	District No. 19
Ashley H. Story	District No. 13
James R. Taylor.....	District No. 35
Bill Lichtenberger	District No. 27
Frank Veverka.....	District No. 34
Kenneth G. Fleming	Emeritus
Harold C. Mueksch	Emeritus

After introductions, Grand Custodian Verbeek also announced the names of the Deputy Grand Custodian Apprentices:

Kevin Lindly	District No. 17
Bruce Baker.....	District No. 18
Alvin Benemerito.....	District No. 26
Donald Loos	District No. 28
Edward W. Nolte.....	District No. 35

Roger Deininger received his pin for ten years of certification, Frank Veverka received a card for 25 years of certification, Harold Mueksch received a card for 40 years of certification. Deputy Grand Master Dean Skokan was awarded a card and certificate for his proficiency certification achieved in 2007.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 21 members who qualified. M.:W.: Grand Master Krieger 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.

- 21 – Rick Weise, Jr., Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 20 – Phil Harris, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
- 19 – Ed Nolte, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
- 18 – Steve Barchus, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 17 – Chase Wicken, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha
- 16 – Martin Stolinski, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha
- 15 – Roland Engel, Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River
- 14 – Nicholas Oleska, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 13 – Tom Koksall, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 12 – Jack Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff
- 11 – David Krogh, Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City
- 10 – Jay Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- 9 – Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 8 – Richard Baasch, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island
- 7 – Steven Smith, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha

- 6 – Anthony Johnson, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 5 – William Wiese, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 4 – Mark Christensen, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
- 3 – Bryan Deming, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield

Second place went to Brother Dale Lueders, a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln. Brother Lueders was presented with a pin, as well as a plaque.

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



Deputy Grand Master Dean Skokan introduced and recognized the 2007-2008 Grand Lodge Officers, also announcing that the installation of the aforementioned officers will take place Saturday, February 10, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. at the Omaha Scottish Rite. It will be followed by a prime rib dinner, for which reservations are required.

R.:W.: Dean Skokan announced that the 151st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, January 31, and February 1 and 2, 2008.



Grand Senior Warden Reginald S. Kuhn announced that the 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska on February 5, 6, and 7, 2009.



Grand Junior Warden Russell G. Reno moved for approval to hold the 153rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska on February 4, 5, and 6, 2010. 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 3 at 8:30 a.m.

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Grand Master

Membership Banquet
Friday, February 2, 2007
7:00 p.m.

During the Membership Banquet, Grand Master Scott Krieger asked all Bronze Jordan Medal holders and 50-plus year members to stand and be recognized for their years of service to the fraternity. Members of all of the Grand Lodge Committees, Masonic band chaperones, and anyone who has served as a volunteer for a CHIP event were also asked to stand. Their efforts were applauded by all.

Various Grand Lodge awards were also presented at the Membership Banquet.

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 Scott Krieger presented the award to members of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 of Walthill.

Members of Olive Branch Lodge came forward to accept the award.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Krieger 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. Members of Cotner Lodge No. 297 came forward to accept the award.

The Harold Hultman Traveling Rock Maul, commissioned last year, was also given to Cotner Lodge as the starting point for its future travels.

Grand Master Scott noted that beginning in 2008, the guidelines for the Rock Maul Award will change to include more activities and greater opportunities for lodges to get involved within their communities. As a result of this, a second award will be added for small lodges within the state, and the Harold Hultman Traveling Rock Maul commissioned last year will be used for this purpose.

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

In 2006, a new award was created for the Lodge Secretary of the Year. The award was fashioned after a practice used by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The recipient is chosen by the Grand Lodge office staff as the secretary who has fulfilled all necessary duties, filed reports completely and on time, and generally gone above and beyond the call of duty as requested throughout the year. The first recipient of the award in 2006, for the lodge year 2005, was Arthur S. Dye, secretary of Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

In 2007, for the lodge year 2006, Michelle Fulmer, Carol Schroeder and Jeannie Holt presented the award to Marshall D. Grant, secretary of McCook Lodge No. 135.

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Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 3, 2007

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 150th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes invoked the blessing of Deity.

Deputy Grand Master Dean Skokan asked the Brethren to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Deputy Grand Master Skokan turned the podium over to M.:W.: Scott Krieger. He noted satisfactory attendance and thanked everyone for being present.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE*Scott J. Howerter, Chairman*

In the absence of Scott Howerter, M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen, gave the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Dave Emry and David Krogh. Also attending were Dean Skokan, Deputy Grand Master, Russ Reno, Grand Senior Warden, Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager. Email was used for follow-up approval from those members who were not in attendance.

The committee approved the proposed budget for 2007. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 1 - 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott J. Howerter, 256, Chairman
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11 & 1
 David A. Emry, 11
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 David G. Krogh, 5

Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$214,095.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$5,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$7,136.50
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$200.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$28,546.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,100.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$7,136.50
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$180.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$7,136.50
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$100.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,200.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$3,800.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
4240.000 CHIP Assessment	\$14,828.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$2,540.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$19,217.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$314,015.50
Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$10,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$2,900.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$7,475.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$187.50
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$910.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,275.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,625.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$2,280.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$750.00

4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$200.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$1,000.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,600.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$200.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$31,402.50
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$56,250.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$7,500.00
4640.000 CHIP Reimbursement	\$10,686.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$750.00
4905.000 Masonic Unity Meetings	\$200.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$75,386.00
Participatory Income	
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	\$438,304.00
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,600.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$7,395.00
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$700.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$4,000.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$6,812.00
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$500.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$300.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$3,500.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$50.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$0.00
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,665.00
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$863.80
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,159.50
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,542.50
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$185.10
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$739.50
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,873.40
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$197.20
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,700.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$36,783.00
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	\$2,100.00
5220.425 Meals	\$1,500.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$625.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$4,225.00
Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	\$0.00

5200.100 Travel-Grand Master	\$0.00
5200.150 Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$0.00
5200.200 Travel-Grand Secretary	\$0.00
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	\$0.00
5210.000 Auto Allowance	\$800.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	\$3,000.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	\$750.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	\$500.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	\$500.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$1,000.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$3,500.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$300.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$325.00
5220.200 Meals-Gr Secretary	\$0.00
5220.250 Meals -Gr Custodian	\$0.00
5220.300 Meals-DGC's	\$0.00
5220.350 Meals-Other Officers	\$0.00
5230.000 Motels-GL Office Staff	\$0.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	\$1,000.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	\$750.00
5230.200 Motels-Grand Secretary	\$300.00
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	\$200.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	\$2,500.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$100.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5240.500 Conference of GM/GS	\$5,600.00
5240.550 Midwest Conference	\$3,900.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$250.00
5240.650 Masonic Renewal Conference	\$750.00
5640.700 Shrine Membership Seminar	\$1,000.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$500.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$750.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$750.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$2,000.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$800.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$35,175.00
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage	\$300.00
5400.100 Office Rent	\$21,600.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$4,600.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$300.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State	\$130.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$7,000.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$2,500.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$1,500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$8,000.00

5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	\$50.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$4,000.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$100.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,750.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,000.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$2,150.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$700.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$34,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$250.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$3,500.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$4,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$2,000.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$500.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,000.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	\$1,850.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$3,200.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$123,780.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$554.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$28,550.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$2,540.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,529.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$19,217.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$1,130.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$57,520.00
Committees and Programs	
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$500.00
5240.450 Conv & Conf	\$1,500.00
5200.525 Committee On Work-Travel	\$50.00
5835.550 Masonic Relief Committee	\$500.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	\$500.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$50.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$750.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$1,000.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$61,250.00
XXXX.750 Youth Committee	\$0.00
5220.750 Meals	
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
XXXX.800 Membership committee	
5650.800 Other Administrative	\$500.00
5520.800 Awards & Rec	\$150.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$800.00
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$300.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$200.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$5,000.00
5650.440 CHild Identification Program-Mileage	\$0.00
5650.940 Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee	\$5,000.00

5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$750.00
5805.000 Masonic Unity Meetings	\$200.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$83,000.00
Contributions	
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$2,600.00
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	\$750.00
5835.000 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$200.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$9,100.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$92,418.00
6561.100 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
6561.200 Salary-Part-time Staff	\$9,880.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$500.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$3,000.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	\$8,284.80
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$275.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$120.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$3,439.00
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$0.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$123,916.80
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$7,336.50
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$29,646.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$7,316.50
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$14,828.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$59,127.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$532,626.80
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-\$94,323
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$94,322.74
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$94,323
ADJ. BALANCE PLUS INVEST. INCOME	\$0

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Ritual is of general good quality within the jurisdiction of Nebraska, with many lodges working industriously on both floor work and ritual presentation. Yet there are still

lodges not yet capturing the spirit for consistent quality ritual. Each lodge knows the quality and capability of its officers and members. Quality of work is a matter of pride – and it is a key to membership growth – it can subconsciously be a reason to not push for a petition for that new member. It is still too easy to sit idly and watch the world pass by. If your lodge does not feel comfort in the ritual, there are many brothers in other lodges who are willing to help. The Grand Custodian and Deputy Custodians are always ready to suggest names of others in your area to help in the ritual. Many lodges do just that and those that do not ask are encouraged by the Committee to ask. The support and encouragement of Most Worshipful Brother Scott Krieger and each of the Grand Lodge Officers is appreciated. Worshipful Brother Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian, continues to take a good hands-on approach to provide incentive and encouragement to each subordinate lodge and its officers. Jerry's example encourages Deputy Custodians and proficient Masons in providing leadership in setting a high standard for proficiency in Nebraska. As the Nebraska Grand Lodge finds ongoing success in both one day conferrals and in one-on-one in the lodge degree work, the Committee appreciates the efforts of the officers and members of subordinate lodges willing to take the time to learn the ritual, including lectures and to deliver them with feeling and understanding, enabling the new candidate to better appreciate the beauty and profound content of the Masonic degrees.

The Committee still emphasizes and encourages individuals to invest the time to learn and to deliver a lecture well. Everyone who engages in the ritual clearly understands the self-satisfaction of his achievement and the joy of sharing the ritual with the new member. Many Masons are much closer to proficiency than they realize—while it takes courage to perform, the feeling of accomplishment is rewarding—so take the time to learn and to grow.

Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work attended and participated in the annual Deputy Custodians' School in Hastings in September. The efforts of the Deputy Custodians and their apprentices are pleasing. Committee members also attended and participated in the Grand Custodian's schools of instruction held throughout the State. The schools of instruction are a great fellowship opportunity as well as a learning opportunity. Masters are encouraged to find ways to increase attendance—it is good to have several members of each lodge in attendance.

Several One-Day Classes were held for degree conferral for multiple candidates in 2006. Those classes and the resultant new Masons were as follows:

<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u># Courtesy</u>
Jan 28	Capitol 3	Omaha	35	33
Apr 15	Liningier 268	Omaha	10	9
May 13	Liberty 300	Lincoln	8	8
July 15	Covert 11	Omaha	11	9
Oct 7	Omadi 5	S. Sioux City	10	6
Oct 28	Nebraska 1	Omaha	13	13
Nov 11	Liberty 300	Lincoln	20	8
		Total	107	86

One-Day Classes continue to enable Freemasonry in Nebraska to grow more steadily and more conveniently than would otherwise be possible. The teamwork and fellowship resulting from lodges working together plus the Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and the Grand Lodge Officers all stepping up and taking on the responsibility for one or more degrees at locations throughout the Jurisdiction of Nebraska clearly emphasizes the benefits of Unity. Nebraska Masons provide the benchmark as to unity of all Masonic Bodies and the long-term reward to all in understanding and in mutual growth of each appendant organization.

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.



Most Worshipful Scott Krieger asked Akram Elias, Deputy Grand Master of the District of Columbia, to approach the podium and bring greetings to the brethren assembled.



Grand Master Krieger asked Thomas Valente, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, to come forward to bring greetings.



Thomas McCarthy, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, stepped to the podium to bring greetings upon the request of Most Worshipful Krieger.



Grand Master Scott Krieger asked all current lodge Masters present at the session to approach the East. Scott personally presented each Master with a pin as a token of his appreciation for all of the work contributed by them to the individual lodges.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Don Jelinek, Chairman

My thanks to the other members of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee for their work this past Masonic Year. As in the past, the committee selected one member from each of the Masonic Youth groups to receive a \$1,000 Grand Lodge Scholarship. A fourth \$1,000 scholarship designated the "Grand Master's Scholarship," was also awarded to a youth group member without regard to which group they belonged. Congratulations to the winners: Jared Mracek, DeMolay; Kimberly Rieken, Job's; Caryn Stuhr, Rainbow; and the winner of the Grand Master's Scholarship, Kathrin Taff, Job's.

The Masonic Youth Leadership Conference Committee made up of the Youth Committee, augmented by several dedicated Masonic Brothers and Eastern Star members began work on the planning of the November 2008 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. An organizational meeting was held in December and by the time this report is received at the Grand Lodge Communication, another meeting will have been held at which we hope to have selected the topic(s) and theme of the conference so we can begin

securing speakers for the event. It is our intention to complete these activities along with the preparation of a detailed program and budget to be presented to the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation Board in the next few months so they may use the information to produce a fundraising brochure. We would like to offer our thanks to the Nebraska Youth Foundation for their dedication and foresight in agreeing to fund the 2008 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference as they did the conference in 2005 and express the hope that individual lodges will be generous when they are approached for contributions by the Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Jelinek, 54, Chairman
James Carlton, 325
Corbin Heinis, 32
Gene Wehrbein, 6
David Zlomke, 33

W.:B.: Jelinek moved for the adoption of the report of the Youth Committee as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



Grand Master Krieger asked Russell Hobson, Grand Historian, to bring greetings from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Dwight E. Smith, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation had its annual meeting Thursday, February 1, which was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and some interested Brethren. The financial report for the fiscal year ending May 2006 was adopted. The report showed total income of \$139,511.97, and expenses of \$125,578.76, for a net income for the year of \$13,933.21. Our balance sheet currently shows total assets, mostly consisting of our building in Lincoln where the Grand Lodge Office is housed, of \$470,106.16, with no liabilities, with an unrestricted fund balance of \$368,882.02.

From time to time, mailings will be sent out for various items relative to the Foundation, including fund raising. The Foundation is working on the office in Lincoln to improve the grounds and the museum facility. All brethren are invited to visit the Grand Lodge Office. The foundation exists for the members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and it stands as the charitable arm of Masonry in Nebraska.

The Foundation's Board of Directors elected the following Foundation Officers for the year 2007.

President	M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith
Vice President	M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe
Secretary/Treasurer	M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight E. Smith, President

CHARTERING OF TABULA RASA LODGE

Grand Master Krieger asked Thomas Hauder, Worshipful Master of Tabula Rasa Lodge U.D., to come forward. W.:B.: Hauder moved for the approval to charter the lodge as Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. The motion was seconded.

Tom explained that the new lodge is a European concept lodge. The concept includes having smaller lodges, more participation, with virtually every member holding some sort of job, and turning lodges back toward the concept of education. The dues structure of the lodge is such that fund raisers are not needed. The business portion of the meetings are very short, however, there is always an educational presentation. The size of the lodge is limited to a total of sixty people.

With no discussion, the motion carried.



M.:W.: Scott Krieger asked Michael Stuhr to come forward and be introduced as the new Executive Director of Nebraska DeMolay. Mike brought greetings from the youth group and gave details about where DeMolay is headed in the future.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 13 Past Grand Masters, 21 Deputy Grand Custodians and 68 non-delegate Masons.

There are 67 Worshipful Masters in person and 32 by proxy; there are 49 Senior Wardens in person and 33 by proxy; there are 36 Junior Wardens in person and 42 by proxy; and there are 65 Secretaries in person and 29 by proxy.

Before announcing the lodges that are not registered, I wish to thank and recognize all that are present. We have 389 total possible votes with officers and proxies. Also we are recognizing the Lodges that have all four delegate officers in attendance in person. They are Lodges 15, 32, 50, 227, 281, 297, 300, 317, and 326. They will receive a certificate to display in their lodge. Thank you for your efforts to be present and be a part of this Grand Lodge Communication.

There are no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 27, 31, 34, 36, 41, 49, 52, 53, 57, 73, 103, 111, 120, 154, 177, 192, 194, 220, 229, 236, 241, 250, 284, 289, 291, 311, 320, and 324.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from Lodges; 52, 57, 103, 111, 177, 192, 194, 220, 229, 236, 239, 241, and 311.

And for three years from 229, 236, 241, and 311.

We are honored to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions; Grand Lodge of Canada, National Grand Lodge of Togo, West Africa, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of The District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico.

We are pleased to have in attendance the following Masonic related organizations; Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, Nebraska DeMolay, York Rite of Nebraska, Scottish Rite of Nebraska and Iowa, Tehama, Sesostris and Tangier Shrine Temples, The Imperial Shrine of North America, Daughters of the Nile, National Sojourners, The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: there were 292 present at the Grand Master's Banquet on Thursday evening; there were 525 at the Public Opening on Friday morning; and 359 at the Membership Banquet Friday Night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for Most Worshipful Scott Krieger. I want to personally thank the other Brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the registration table to help make this an enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are Frank Dougherty, William Hurst, Philip Edwards, and Robert Mike Hoagland.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle, Carol, Jean and Barb at the Grand Lodge office who work so hard to make this Grand Lodge Session run smoothly.

With possible corrections or additions due to late registrations, I move for the adoption of the report of the credentials Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman
W. Scott Dodge, 297
Michael L. Small, 50
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
William G. Hurst, 54
Roger W. Manley, 290

The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master Scott Krieger spoke briefly about the past year, the goals set for 2006 and the accomplishments achieved, as well as touched on a few points from the printed Address.

I want to welcome you all to this 150th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. In compliance with Article X section 2 (b) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska and with great humility, I present to you this written address for our 150th Annual Communication. The legislative proposals I have tendered as Grand Master consisting of my Recommendations, have been forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee and Subordinate Lodges not less than 45 days prior to the 150th Annual Communication as set forth in Section 1-304 of the Bylaws for this Grand Jurisdiction. The Recommendations have also been presented at all Area Meetings held in the fall of 2006.

This address, presented to you for your review, lists the official acts of this 140th Grand Master during the preceding Masonic year.

To the out-of-state visiting Brethren and appendant Masonic organizations, I thank you for your attendance and certainly hope that you find our business session to be useful and informative. I also hope that while spending your valuable time with us you find our Annual Communication to be fun and enjoyable.

It is not possible to capture in writing the honor I have felt in serving as Grand Master of Nebraska. The respect shown to this office is very humbling and certainly made me question my qualifications for the job. I can truly say that I have been overwhelmed by the quality and integrity of our members in Nebraska and across this great nation. The opportunity to work closely with the exceptional leadership we have in our Grand Lodge Officers was even more humbling; what an impressive group. I can guarantee you they have the good of Nebraska Masonry at heart and will take us boldly into the future.

As you can tell, "No, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is not closed." I certainly hope we are far from that. The article I put in the Nebraska Mason was designed to get the attention of all Masons within our great fraternity. In some cases, I believe it truly accomplished my goal. However, after stirring up the interest and attention among our members who showed great concern with regard to Masonry and the Grand Lodge, are they willing to put forth the effort to help? It will take the dedicated Masons and Lodge officers to change the course of history. Fortunately for us when the hard times came and the going got really tough, our forefathers did not give up.

We kicked off two new programs this year. One was the Masters Forum, which gave the Grand Lodge Officers the opportunity to meet with Masters and Senior Wardens of the lodges enabling them to exchange ideas and answer questions one-on-one in an informal atmosphere. The second was the Grand Lodge of Nebraska's "Enrollment Program." This program takes us back to the basics of Freemasonry. Deputy Grand Master Dean Skokan worked many hours to bring this program to fruition. Using Bob Conley's theory on Masonic candidates, it reminds us that we have five opportunities to enroll our new candidates into our organization; we must make the most out of each of them in order to enroll them into our Masonic family. It is essential that every Lodge within the state of Nebraska adopt this program and makes it the benchmark of joining the Lodge.

To the Nebraska Masons, I welcome you to the 150th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This is really your session to which the Grand Lodge Officers have had the pleasure and honor of representing you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would first of all like to take a moment to thank my late father Marshall H. Krieger, a 33rd degree Mason, a Past Master of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and a wonderful mentor. He introduced me to Masonry by his actions long before I even knew what the organization was. Unfortunately, he was called home this December before he could attend our 150th Annual Communication. He was the one who started me on this journey and unfortunately did not get to see its completion.

I also owe a great debt of gratitude to my wonderful wife Tammy, who has put up with many long and late hours away from home, has had to pick up the slack not only around home but also at work while I have devoted most of my time to Freemasonry. She is truly a fantastic lady! The encouragement and support that my mother Marcella Krieger has given is unequalled, she has always been there to aid and assist whenever needed. I thank her so very much. To our children Scott, Stephenie, Henry, Troy, and Tara, I thank you for being so understanding when we missed out on so many family-related activities over the last few years.

I also need to acknowledge a great thank you to Worshipful Brother Art Dye. He spent countless hours working with me on the lectures, ritual and floorwork to see that I was proficient. A big thank you must go to Past Grand Master Mike Jones for his confidence and trust in me. To my fellow Grand Lodge officers, a sincere thank you for all that you've done for me, and for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Without your expertise, hard work and devotion to this organization, we would not be able to meet our financial commitments, goals and responsibilities to future generations. It is only by the great sacrifices made on your part in donating your financial resources, your time and your wisdom that we can continue to move Freemasonry into the future. I realize there are many, many more of you who I would and should be thanking for all that you've done to help me and Nebraska Masonry however, it is impossible to list all of you. **Thank You!**

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

The Masonic CHIP program continues to be a vital resource for our lodges to become relevant in their communities. It not only allows us to bring Masonry into a positive light in our community, but also provides an avenue for Masons to help families and ultimately children in time of need. To date, Nebraska Masonic lodges have identified over 13,000 children. Wow! What an accomplishment. This year the Grand Lodge CHIP committee provided training and resources for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: to kick off their initial child ID program; it was a great success. I know we will be further assisting them in the future. The one-dollar CHIP assessment has allowed us to hire a chip coordinator, who has greatly assisted the workload in the office. Make it a point to call or stop in and just say thank you for all Barb Bruning is doing to help with the CHIP program.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel February 18 to February 20, 2006. Scott Krieger Grand Master; Dean Skokan, Deputy Grand Master; Reginald Kuhn, Grand Senior Warden; and Bruce Watkins, Grand Secretary represented the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This conference enables us to stay current with matters facing our fraternity throughout the 51 Grand Jurisdictions of North America.

Since I was appointed on the planning committee for the Conference of Grand Masters, Tammy and I made a trip to Nashville July 8-9 of 2005 to set the schedule and decide the topics of the breakout sessions. The ideas for topics ranged from: programs for membership retention, attracting younger men, public awareness of masonry, one-day class retention, community involvement program, and the current mission of Masonry, just to name a few. Delegates attending the conference choose the breakout sessions of interest to their jurisdiction.

Right Worshipful Dean Skokan was appointed to the time and place committee, which will decide the location of future conferences. I was elected to the Commission on Information for Recognition; this commission decides the legitimacy of a Grand jurisdiction and sees to it that the ancient landmarks are adhered to. This elected office is a seven-year commitment, ending with the individual as chairman of the commission. As you can see, Nebraska is well thought of throughout the United States.

CORNERSTONES

One of the exciting programs in Nebraska, which provides great public exposure for Masonry, is the tradition of setting cornerstones for qualifying buildings. I am pleased to report the following Cornerstone ceremonies:

Hastings – April 18 – Good Samaritan Kid’s Ark Preschool-Daycare Center

Host Lodge: Mid-West Lodge No. 317

Master: Eduardo Casas

Theftord – August 27 – Thomas County Courthouse

Host Lodge: Seneca Lodge No. 284

Master: Roger L. Galusha

Grand Island – October 22 –Library

Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33

Master: Thomas G. Townsley

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

This group of hard-working individuals gives of their time, their resources, and their energy to assist the Grand Custodian (Gerald Verbeek) in the performance of his duties. This group of brethren is particularly close to my heart, having worked with them in the trenches for 15 years. Their job is never ending; it is their duty to assist the lodges of their district in order to see that our ritual stays constant and true. Thank You Brethren! The following new Deputy Grand Custodian was commissioned in 2006:

Philip E. Darby District No. 25

EIGHTH DEGREE

A group of the Grand Lodge Officers are committed to the presentation of the eighth degree for the Scottish Rite. Under the direction of W.:B.: E. David Watts, Grand Junior Deacon, this degree was performed from Omaha to Alliance this year, and many compliments were received with regards to the quality of work.

ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

With the diligent work of R.:W.: Dean Skokan, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska kicked off its enrollment program this year. This program is designed to capitalize on the five opportunities we have to work with each of our candidates. We have every hope that each Lodge in Nebraska will adopt this method of mentoring and thereby enroll each of their new candidates as long-term members.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

We continue to support, with a small portion of our dues, this outstanding Memorial to a great Mason. This monument erected to the memory of one of our founding fathers is also a memorial to his Masonic commitment and the teachings, which created the government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Most Worshipful Brother Harry Spencer received the Gold Jordan Medal on January 9, 2007 at the Plattsmouth Masonic Home. Past Grand Master Harry was raised to sublime degree of a Master Mason in November of 1925. It was a distinct honor and pleasure to present this wonderful honor of distinction to my longtime friend. Most Worshipful Brother Harry has long served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Plattsmouth

Masonic Home, and it is truly fitting that he should hold this badge that represents such dedication to masonry.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

To the many Grand Lodge committee members, I thank you for all the work and time you have given this year. Without your commitment to Masonry and the Grand Lodge, we could not continue to function. Your dedication to Masonry and your Lodge has pointed you out as a proper object for the esteem of your brethren.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning February 3, 2006 to the beginning of the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 2006

- 1-4 Annual Communication, Kearney
- 10 Pre-Installation Dinner, Hastings
- 11 Grand Lodge Installation, Hastings
- 12 Grand Lodge Officer's Meeting, Hastings
- 17 Membership Dinner, Omaha Scottish Rite Center
- 18-21 Conference of Grand Masters – Nashville, Tennessee
- 25 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Chili Supper, Fremont
- 27 Grand Master's visit to Robert Burns Lodge No. 173, Stratton

MARCH 2006

- 1 Presentation of 60-year pin to Marshall Krieger
- 2 Hastings Lodge No. 50 pin presentations
- 4 Masonic unity meeting, Lincoln Scottish Rite Center
- 7 Albion Lodge No. 78, Master Mason's degree
- 8 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting, Fremont
- 10 P.R. Committee meeting, Grand Lodge office
- 11 Tangier Shrine Potentates Ball, Omaha
- 14 EA School at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- 16-19 Scottish Rite Leadership Conference – Houston, Texas
- 22 College View Lodge No. 320, Past Masters dinner, Lincoln
- 24 First Section Master's Degree, Lancaster No. 54 School of Instruction
- 26 Daughters of the Nile, Omaha Scottish Rite
- 28 2nd Section Master's Degree, Craftsmen No. 314 School of Instruction

APRIL 2006

- 1 EA School at Beatrice Lodge No. 26
- 2 Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting, Lincoln Scottish Rite Center
- 5 Bronze Jordan Medal presentation, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
- 6 Year pin presentations, Hastings Lodge No. 50
- 7 Grand York Rite Dinner, Columbus
- 8 Grand Lodge All Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 8 Daughters of the Nile Installation, Lincoln
- 8 Nebraska Lodge No. 1 Past Masters' Roast, Omaha
- 10 Top Three Officers Meeting
- 11 Commission Deputy Grand Custodian Philip E. Darby, Jr., Lexington
- 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting, Fremont
- 13 Meeting with Imperial Potentate, Tangier Shrine, Omaha

- 15 Omaha One-Day, Grand Lodge Officers to put on first section of MM
- 17 National Sojourners Meeting, Fremont
- 18 Cornerstone Ceremony, Hastings Good Samaritan
- 18 George W Lininger Lodge No. 268, Table Lodge
- 19 Mid-West Lodge No. 317, EA Degree
- 20 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Friendship Dinner, Kearney
- 21 Alliance Scottish Rite Reunion
- 22 DeMolay round up, Kearney
- 25 York Lodge No. 56, Jordan Medal and 60-year presentation
- 26 Covert Lodge No. 11 50 and 60 year pin presentation, Omaha
- 27 Liberty Lodge No. 300 awards night, Lincoln
- 29 Tehama Potentates Ball, Hastings
- 30 All-Masonic day at the zoo & ballpark, Omaha

MAY 2006

- 2 Hastings Valley Scottish Rite Remembrance & Renewal Dinner
- 3 Mid-West No. 317 regular meeting
- 5-6 Hastings Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- 6 Knights of Columbus Centennial Dinner, Hastings
- 8 FC School of Instruction, North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln
- 9 Grand Chapter O.E.S. Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers
- 10 Meeting with Master of College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln
- 11 R.O.J.'s, Wood River
- 13 Masters Forum, North Platte
- 16 McCook Lodge No. 135, Past Master's Night and year pin presentation
- 17 Omaha Scottish Rite, Spring outing, Papillion gun club
- 18 DaVinci Code Interview, Hastings
- 18 DaVinci Code Interview, Lincoln
- 18 Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, Year pin presentation
- 19 Tangier Shrine friendship dinner, Omaha
- 20 News Releases & PR Meeting relating to the DaVinci Code
- 20 Potentates Ball Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 22 Cotner Lodge No. 297, Year pin presentations, Lincoln
- 23 Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Year pin presentations, Lincoln
- 24 Acacia Chapter No. 39, OES, Scholarship Dinner
- 25 St Paul Lodge No. 82, Masters Degree
- 31 Mid-West Lodge No. 317, EA Degree

JUNE 2006

- 5 Top Three Officers Meeting
- 6 Wallace Lodge No. 279 awards and friendship night
- 7 R.O.J.'s Meeting, Omaha
- 9 Shrine Soccer Classic Friday night dinner and awards
- 10 Shrine Soccer Classic Game international shrine membership day
- 12 R.O.J.'s at Red Cloud
- 13 R.O.J.'s Meeting at Lincoln
- 14 Mid-West Lodge No. 317, FC Degree
- 16 Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite 8th degree
- 16 Rainbow Grand Assembly
- 17 John J. Mercer Lodge courtesy work for California
- 20 Annual Temple Board Meeting, Hastings
- 21 Mid-West Lodge No. 317, MM Degree

- 22-23 Job's Daughters Grand session
- 24 Midwest Lodge No. 317 outdoor degree Grand Lodge officers 1st M.M.
- 25 Parade at North Bend

JULY 2006

- 2-6 Shrine Imperial Session, Tampa, Florida
- 11 Steak Fry, North Bend Lodge No. 119
- 12 Brainstorming Meeting, Grand Lodge Office
- 14 Shrine Bowl chicken barbecue at Crete tuxedo Park
- 15 DeMolay conclave, Fremont
- 15 Grand Lodge Officer Meeting, Omaha
- 15 Omaha one-day Grand Lodge Officers first section of M.M.
- 17 Omaha Scottish Rite
- 18 Masonic All-Star marching band camp (trip to the hospital)
- 19 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Education building dedication
- 19 Masonic Talk to Band Students
- 19 Open Cotner Lodge No. 297 at Memorial Stadium to prove up Barry Carlson
- 21 Prince Hall Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Omaha
- 21 Shrine Bowl Banquet
- 22 Shrine Bowl Parade & Game
- 26 Brainstorming Grand Lodge office
- 27 Northeast Nebraska Masons meeting, Tekamah
- 29 George Washington Lodge No. 250 Year pin presentations, Lincoln
- 30 Centennial Lodge No. 326 Corn Feed, Omaha

AUGUST 2006

- 2 Mid-West No. 317 regular meeting
- 5 Thistle Lodge No. 61 cream can feed
- 5 Shrine Club Parade at Elwood
- 10-12 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Kansas City
- 13 4-H Day, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 15 Masters Degree & Chicken feed, Logan Iowa
- 16 R.O.J.'s Initiation, Hastings
- 18-20 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Wichita, Kansas
- 21 Grand Master's Charities Golf Tournament, Fremont
- 24 Investment Meeting, Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 25 Friendship Dinner, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 26 Joint Masters degree with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge
- 27 Cornerstone at Thedford (new courthouse)
- 28 Acacia Chapter No 39, OES, Meeting, Hastings
- 29 Tabula Rasa Lodge organizational meeting Lincoln Scottish Rite

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 5 Hastings Valley Scottish Rite Meeting
- 6 Bellevue Lodge No. 325 Dinner and reception
- 7 Ladies Night York Lodge No. 56
- 8 Grand Lodge Deputy Grand Custodian School, Hastings
- 10 Keystone Lodge No. 62 Chicken Dinner
- 12 Master's degree Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City
- 13 Corinthian Lodge No. 83, 90th annual banquet, Wakefield
- 14-16 Iowa Grand Lodge annual communication
- 16 120 year celebration Barneston Lodge No. 165

- 17 Fidelity Lodge No. 51 trap shoot fundraiser, David City
- 20 Omaha Scottish Rite pig roast
- 23 Enrollment Program at Children's Home, Fremont
- 23 Plattsmouth Home Caring Club meeting and dinner
- 27 Brainstorming Grand Lodge office
- 30 Grand Lodge Enrollment Program School at North Platte

OCTOBER 2006

- 2 Top Three Officer Meeting, Plattsmouth
- 3 Geneva Lodge No. 79 Guest night
- 4 Mid-West No. 317 regular meeting
- 12 R.O.J.'s @Hastings Holiday Inn
- 14 Grand Lodge Officer's Meeting at Hastings
- 16 Keystone Lodge No. 62 regular meeting, Phillips
- 19 Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen visit Omaha
- 20 Grand Masters Breakfast at Omaha Home for Boys
- 22 Cornerstone laying new library Grand Island
- 24 Tabula Rasa Lodge meeting And Installation
- 25 Area Meeting at Geneva Lodge No. 79
- 26 Supreme Queen Visit Daughters of the Nile at Hastings
- 27 Prince Hall and Grand Lodge officers social, Omaha
- 28 Sioux City, Iowa Scottish Rite Centennial banquet
- 29 Youth Foundation & Youth Leadership Meeting, Lincoln

NOVEMBER 2006

- 1 Mid-West No. 317 Regular meeting
- 3-4 Scottish Rite Reunion Alliance Grand Lodge Officers 8th degree
- 6 James L Eatmon Lodge No. 294 regular meeting, Kimball
- 9 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Past Masters' Night
- 10 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Vacant Chair Ceremony
- 11 Veterans' Day parade, Hastings Lodge No. 50 Hastings
- 11 Vacant Chair Ceremony, Lincoln
- 13 Albion Lodge No. 78 Friendship Night
- 14 R.O.J.'s at Hastings Holiday Inn
- 15 Brainstorming Grand Lodge office
- 15 Masonic Temple Board Meeting, Hastings
- 16 Mt Moriah Lodge No. 57 Year pin Presentations, Syracuse
- 17 Omaha Valley Scottish Rite, Grand Lodge Officers 8th Degree
- 18 Masters Forum at Waterloo Lodge No. 102 Elkhorn
- 19 Omaha Scottish Rite 125th Anniversary Celebration
- 21 Waterloo Lodge No. 102, MM Degree
- 27 Justice Lodge No. 180, Year pin Presentations, Benkelman
- 28 Tabula Rasa Lodge meeting
- 29 Mizpah Lodge No. 302, MM Degree, Omaha

DECEMBER 2006

- 2-3 DeMolay Grand Masters Class, Hastings
- 5 Palisade Lodge No. 216 Consolidation Meeting
- 6 Mid-West No. 317 regular meeting
- 7-9 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge
- 13 Mid-West Lodge No. 317, MM Degree
- 16 Lodge of Military Tribute Hastings

19 Tabula Rasa Lodge Meeting

JANUARY 2007

- 2 Wallace Lodge No. 279 Installation
- 3 Mid-West No. 317 regular meeting
- 5 Tangier Shrine Installation, Omaha
- 6 Nebraska Lodge No. 1 Installation, Omaha
- 6 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 Installation, Omaha
- 7 Omadi Lodge No. 5 Installation, South Sioux City
- 9 Plattsmouth Home Annual Meeting
- 9 Albion Lodge No. 78 Installation
- 10 St Paul Lodge No. 82 Installation
- 11 Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 Installation
- 12 Prince Hall Grand Master's Ball, Omaha
- 13 Cotner Lodge No. 297 Installation, Lincoln
- 17 Brainstorming meeting, Columbus
- 18 Installation of Cement Lodge No. 211 Wood River
- 20 Installation of Midwest No. 317 & Hastings No. 50
- 31 Annual Communication, Kearney

FEBRUARY 2007

- 1 Annual Communication, Kearney
- 2 Annual Communication, Kearney
- 3 Annual Communication, Kearney

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Amend **Section 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN** 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 stricken:

Sec. 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN –

Second 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 *serve at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master, receiving* ~~receive~~ the sum of fifteen dollars per day while conducting Schools of Instruction, which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. *Any Deputy Grand Custodian who is absent from the annual Custodian school for three consecutive years will automatically lose his commission at the close of the third consecutive school, unless good cause can be shown to the Grand Master.*

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Amend **Section 1-303 – MEETINGS** 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 stricken:

Sec. 1-303 – MEETINGS – The committees above named shall meet at *least twice annually.* ~~each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and any Any~~

committee may be convened ~~in advance~~ at the ~~discretion will and pleasure~~ of the Grand Master.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend **Section 1-308 – MASONIC RELIEF** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-308 – MASONIC RELIEF – The Committee on Masonic Relief shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. Said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, *to plan and execute fundraisers to finance the Relief Committee projects, and to make a full accounting of such fundraisers to the Grand Master. The Committee on Masonic Relief shall have the ability to raise money by special projects such as, but not limited to, raffles, as set forth in Section 3-102, silent auctions or solicitation of lodges and/or members.*

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend **Section 1-315 – CODIFICATION OF THE LAW** 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 stricken:

Sec. 1-315 – CODIFICATION OF THE LAW – The Committee on Codification of the Law 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 digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge; and, after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, it shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws ~~at the same communication~~ *within 90 days of that Annual Communication.* The ~~approved~~ report of this committee shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend **Section 1-318 – FINANCE, Section 1-325 – APPROPRIATIONS, and Section 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES** by adding certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-318 – FINANCE – The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, each to serve a period of five (5) years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member annually. In case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. *The committee shall meet at least twice annually with the Committee on Appropriations and the Board of Grand Trustees.* It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge, vouchers of officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge,

consider matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts and certify the results thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to a certain expenditure, its appropriateness or its proper category, said matters shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations who, with the advice of the Committee on Jurisprudence, shall determine the appropriateness of said expenditure or the appropriate category into which said expenditure shall be placed. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

Sec. 1-325 – APPROPRIATIONS – The Committee on Appropriations shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually, and in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. *The committee shall meet at least twice annually with the Committee on Finance and the Board of Grand Trustees.* It shall be the duty of the committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided that the committee must submit a proposed budget with appropriations which do not exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, person or committee requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity, provided, however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES –

Add the following to the end of Section 1-401:

(j) *The Board of Grand Trustees shall meet at least twice annually with the Appropriations Committee and the Finance Committee.*

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Amend **Section 1-327 – LODGE ADVISORY** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-327 – LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each to serve for a period of five years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of the committee to advise and work with any subordinate lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this committee to process all applications to surrender Charters, *however, no Charter may be surrendered until said Lodge has met at least twice within six months at their regular stated communication with the Lodge Advisory Committee,* and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this committee.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Amend **Section 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2005, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund – <i>January 2007</i>	15.00
<i>commencing January 2008</i>	\$17.00
<i>commencing January 2009</i>	\$18.00
<i>commencing January 2010</i>	\$19.00
<i>commencing January 2011</i>	\$20.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

If Recommendation No. 7 passes, the following Section must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the allocation of funds and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS –

Third 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 an initiation fee in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The initiation fee shall increase to Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) on January 1, 2007. In addition, each Lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Eighteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$18.50) as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2005. *The per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$2.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, 2008, and one dollar per year for the next three years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, and 2011 - \$23.50.* 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. In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the CHild Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

Amend **Section 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall *meet with the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may* petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

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

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

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

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

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

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

completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

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

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

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

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the Lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in this section, before he may receive his diploma as prescribed above.

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

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10

Amend Section 2-502 – **CHANGE OF LOCATION** 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 stricken:

Sec. 2-502 – CHANGE OF LOCATION – Subject to the approval of the ~~Grand Lodge or~~ Grand Master, a subordinate lodge may move from one building to another in the same town by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposed move has been given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto.

Subject also to the approval of the ~~Grand Lodge or~~ Grand Master a subordinate lodge may move from a building in one town to a building in another town if approved by a majority vote of the members of such lodge present at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposal to move must be given to all members of the lodge at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote to move is taken.

A subordinate Lodge that has no permanent building location may request permission from the Grand Master for the unlimited ability to move their charter to various locations within the city in which they were chartered, provided they meet the notification requirements of this section. A Lodge desiring unlimited mobility of its charter must request a dispensation from the Grand Master annually.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11

Amend Section 2-503 – MEETINGS by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Add a third paragraph at the end of the section:

Sec. 2-503 – MEETINGS –

Third paragraph:

At the discretion of the Worshipful Master, the regular stated communication of a subordinate Lodge may be opened in any of the three degrees of Masonry, provided, however, that balloting on petitions, election of officers, surrender of Lodge charter, or consolidation may only be considered in a Lodge opened in the Master Masons degree, and provided further, that only Master Masons shall be permitted to vote on any matter before the Lodge.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 12

Amend Section 2-1202 – NUMBER OF CANDIDATES 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 stricken:

Sec. 2-1202 – NUMBER OF CANDIDATES – No subordinate lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, without the prior written approval of the Grand Master, *except when using the approved ritual for up to five candidates at one time.* ~~but the~~ The lecture lectures and charge charges may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 13

Amend the second paragraph of Section 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES 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 stricken:

Sec. 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES –

Second paragraph:

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year. The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary *postmarked* not later than the 31st 15th day of ~~December~~ *November* of each calendar year.

IMPERIAL SHRINE SESSION

Tammy and I had the distinct honor to attend the Imperial Shrine session in Tampa, Florida, July 2-6, 2006. The meeting and accommodations were first class. We were truly impressed by the respect and honor shown to the Grand Masters during this session. We certainly want to thank the three Shrine Centers for the hospitality shown to us.

Tehama, Tangier and Sesostris Shrine Centers were such gracious hosts and we certainly enjoyed our interaction with all the officers. Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas asked Nebraska Grand Lodge to allow a one-day courtesy class for his nephew Mark Cook. Illustrious Sir John Wonder made the necessary arrangements and Mark was made a Master Mason in John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 on June 17, 2006. Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas was very appreciative and thanked the Masons of Nebraska for their assistance numerous times. As a result, Tammy and I and John and Cheryl Wonder were invited to the Imperial Potentate's Beach party the day following the Imperial Session. What a wonderful thank you.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On March 8, 2006, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln.

On May 10, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Friend Lodge No. 73 in Friend to change their regular stated communication from the 4th Monday of each month to the 4th Tuesday of each month.

On May 10, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to increase their degree fees.

On June 25, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 in Norfolk to add a clause for moving their regular communication to the following Tuesday should the regular communication fall on a national holiday.

On June 25, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cedar River Lodge No. 89 of Fullerton to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On July 26, 2006, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of York Lodge No. 56 in York.

On August 16, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 in Omaha to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On August 28, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On August 28, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to change the provision that a new Mason's dues shall be considered paid through the end of the year in which he is raised to the provision that his dues will be prorated through the end of the year in which he is raised.

On September 9, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On September 18, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Parian Lodge No. 207 in Callaway to increase their annual dues.

On October 1, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Porter Lodge No. 106 in Loup City to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On October 11, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge, to change the date of their regular communication from the first Wednesday to the first and third Wednesday of each month, and to increase the amount the Master may draw for local relief from \$25 to \$50.

On October 23, 2006, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of North Bend Lodge No. 119 in North Bend.

On October 23, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Keystone Lodge No. 62 in Phillips to change their degree fees.

On October 23, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Keystone Lodge No. 62 in Phillips to increase their annual dues.

On October 26, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wayne Lodge No. 120 in Wayne to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On October 30, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On November 5, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On November 26, 2006, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to increase their annual dues.

On January 8, 2007, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of the Omaha Area Masters and Wardens Club.

On January 8, 2007, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus.

On January 8, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to increase the amount paid to the Secretary for his services.

On January 8, 2007, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha.

On January 18, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell to increase their annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS

As the population shrinks in some of the small communities, we will see more and more consolidations. This is not a reflection on the Brethren in the small lodges or their desire to stay open, but as the population decreases, fewer prospects for Masonry are available in the community. I approved the following consolidations:

Table Rock Lodge No. 108, Table Rock, merged into Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City, effective the 26th day of June, 2006.

Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson, merged into McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook, effective the 19th day of January, 2007.

Palisade Lodge No. 216, Palisade, merged into McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook, effective the 19th day of January, 2007.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

July 18-22, 2006 marked the occurrence of the twelfth annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. This is certainly a highlight in the life of many high school students across our great state, and I believe it will indelibly mark their memory with a positive impression of Masonry. Tammy and I had the opportunity to visit the Shrine Children's Hospital in Chicago and visit with some of the children who are patients there. That trip certainly makes you more appreciative of what we all take for granted in our lives. A special thank you to the Masonic All-Star Band Committee, the chairman M.:W.: Jerry Rittenburg, and all of you who put in long hot days, late nights and many miles to make this a successful endeavor.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Our Nebraska Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children continues to serve a great number of young children who are less fortunate than ourselves. W.:B.:Ben Harvey, Executive Director, in conjunction with the Board of Directors and a great number of staff, have provided for these young men and women a family environment which should prove to make them productive individuals in our society in the future. Unfortunately this year, they lost one of their young men in a drowning incident at a lake near Fremont. Accidents like this take the toll on any family unit, and the Children's Home is no exception. This hit the staff as well as the residents of the home extremely hard and we continue to keep them in our prayers in order that they may move on with their lives.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Job's Daughters International, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International seem to be attracting more and more young individuals to take part in their great teachings. This year marked a change in the Executive Director for DeMolay. With the retirement of Executive Director Bruce Woods, a new director was appointed. Mike Stuhr, who is no newcomer to the position, has agreed to drive DeMolay into the future. We congratulate and thank him for his dedication to the Order.

MASTERS FORUM

This year marked the beginning of a Masters Forum program. This program was designed to bring the Lodge officers together with Grand Lodge Officers in order that they may have a better understanding of the challenges faced by each other. Two of them were scheduled this year: one at North Platte and one at Elkhorn. The attendance, unfortunately, was not at the level I would have expected; however, I understand programs take time to grow. This did give the Grand Lodge Officers an opportunity to discuss, in an informal meeting, many ideas, problems and challenges we face now and in the future.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Lodge of Kansas hosted the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges this year in Wichita, Kansas. This conference brings together the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Michigan. It allows the Grand Jurisdictions to share ideas, problems and solutions which each of them encounter on a daily basis. The conference was attended by Scott

Krieger, Grand Master; Dean Skokan, Deputy Grand Master; Reg Kuhn, Grand Senior Warden; and Russ Reno, Grand Junior Warden.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home completed its State of Nebraska imposed licensing requirements this year. Its inspection went through flawlessly, as we knew it would. The Home continues to be a wonderful place for those who need some assistance or who can no longer take care of themselves. The directors and staff truly have the care of the residents first and foremost in their heart. That is something that can only be said about the Nebraska Masonic Home.

NECROLOGY

This particular item hits entirely too close to home for the year 2006. The loss of my father W.:B.: Marshall Krieger, 60-plus year member; and a good friend M.:W.: Jack Hendrix, Grand Master of the year 1978, makes us realize how truly short our time here can be. We are told in our third section Master's lecture "that we are all born to die," a simple fact of life; however, in that same lecture, we are reminded "when we are called from our labors on earth to that everlasting refreshment in the paradise of God that is when we will see the King in the beauty of his Holiness and with him enter into an endless eternity."

In 2006, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska lost 421 brothers who found it to be their time to enter that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 13, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Worthy Matron of Narcissus Chapter OES No. 269 in Omaha to obtain a list of addresses for all Nebraska lodges for the purpose of inviting each lodge to participate in a special event.

On February 14, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wahoo Lodge No. 59 to install their 2006 Treasurer and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 14, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 to install their 2006 Chaplain and Tyler out of time.

On February 14, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Acacia Lodge No. 34 of Schuyler to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 22, 2006. 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 twenty-five;

- 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.

Acacia Lodge No. 34 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Schuyler area.

On March 1, 2006, I gave permission to Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to sponsor boys and girls basketball tournaments.

On March 14, 2006, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On March 14, 2006, 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 April 15, 2006. 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 twenty-five;
- 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 March 14, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Section 2-312 to permit Magnolia Lodge No. 220 to elect and install their 2006 officers out of time.

On March 15, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 to install their 2006 Chaplain out of time.

On April 6, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Samaritan Lodge No. 158 to install their 2006 Senior Steward and Chaplain out of time.

On April 13, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Barneston Lodge No. 165 of Barneston to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on May 13, 2006 or May 20, 2006. 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 five;
- 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. 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.

On April 9, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-1101, I upheld the objection of a member of James L. Eatmon Lodge number 294 to the advancement of a Fellow Craft Mason. The member in good standing cited some alleged illegal activity in which the individual had been engaged.

On April 13, 2006, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On April 18, 2006, 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 May 13, 2006. 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 twenty-five;
- 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 May 1, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-508, I gave permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to sponsor a float in fourteen (14) parades in northeastern Nebraska in June, July and August in conjunction with the Northeast Nebraska Masons.

On May 2, 2006, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 8, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to move their charter on June 13, 2006 to an outdoor setting in an isolated canyon on Brother Walter Johnson's ranch located at 16600 N. Johnson Road in North Platte, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On May 22, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 15, 2006. 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 thirty;
- 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.

Covert Lodge No. 11 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 22, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Scribner Lodge No. 132 to move their charter for their regular communication during the summer months to the Lodge Building located at 117 N. Main Street in Hooper, for the purpose of holding meetings in an air conditioned building.

On June 6, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all members in the Omaha area who have been raised within the last year for the purpose of membership recruitment.

On June 6, 2006, I contacted the Secretary of Thistle Lodge No. 61 with regard to their June 13th meeting, which, according to their newsletter, was to be held in a different location. I explained to him that he must request a dispensation to move the charter of Thistle Lodge No. 61.

On June 7, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Omadi Lodge No. 5 to move their charter on October 7, 2006 to Sioux City Scottish Rite Consistory Building, located at 801 Douglas Street in Sioux City, Iowa, for the purpose of holding a one-day degree in a lodge room of adequate size.

On June 7, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Omadi Lodge No. 5 of South Sioux City to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 7, 2006. 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 twenty-five;

- 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.

Omadi Lodge No. 5 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the South Sioux City area.

On June 8, 2006, I contacted the Master of Geneva Lodge No. 79 and informed him that going dark in July and August, as was explained in their newsletter, was not permissible.

On June 11, 2006, I was asked by the Potentate of Tangier Shrine (John Wonder) to allow a Nebraska Lodge to perform the three degrees of masonry on a candidate from the jurisdiction of California, therefore enabling the Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas to fez his nephew Mark Cook at the Imperial Shrine session. After verifying proper protocol had been followed within the state of Nebraska to request a one-day ceremony. I contacted Most Worshipful Brother Fred Sorsabal, Grand Master of California, who informed me he had given permission to his California Lodge to request courtesy work to be conferred in Nebraska. With that assurance, I granted the dispensation.

On June 12, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Thistle Lodge No. 61 to move their charter on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 to the home of John Reynolds, located at 813 E. 13th Street in Lexington, for the purpose of holding a regular communication.

On June 16, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 to move their charter on June 24, 2006 to the William Morrow Farm on the Platte River, approximately five miles west of Doniphan, for the purpose of conferring an outdoor Master's degree.

On June 21, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tyler McCabe, State Master Councilor of Nebraska DeMolay, to obtain a list of addresses for all Nebraska lodges for the purpose of informing the lodges of upcoming events and programs for Nebraska DeMolay.

On July 10, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit George Washington Lodge No. 250 to install their 2006 Senior Warden and Senior Deacon out of time.

On July 14, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 to move their charter on July 19, 2006 to Memorial Stadium, for the purpose of conducting Master Mason proficiency for Brother Barry Carlson.

On July 31, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Thistle Lodge No. 61 to move their charter for their regular August communication to Millennium Vineyards south of Lexington, for the purpose of holding a cow pasture lodge.

On August 4, 2006, under the provisions of Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution, I granted dispensation for petitioners to establish a lodge under the name of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. U.D.

On August 14, 2006, 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 August 21, 2006. 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 each Degree.

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

On August 15, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Barneston Lodge No. 165 to move their charter to 110 Wyant Street in Barneston for the permanent relocation of the lodge due to the current disrepair of the lodge building located at 302 1st Street in Barneston.

On August 17, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 11, 2006. 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 twenty-five;
- 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 August 30, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of members of all Omaha area lodges, including contact information and birthdates, for the purpose of membership recruitment in the 42-60 year-old age range.

On September 5, 2006, 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 September 18, 2006. 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 each Degree.

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

On September 6, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to obtain a list of all Lodge 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 September 7, 2006, 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 September 16, 2006. 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 ten;
- 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. 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.

On September 8, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 28, 2006. 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 twenty-five;
- 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.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1 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 September 13, 2006, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to sponsor the annual Robert W. Boon Thanksgiving Memorial Food Truck to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Home, and to send a letter to Nebraska Lodges requesting contributions for the same.

On September 13, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hastings Lodge No. 50 in Hastings to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 14, 2006. 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 twenty-five;
- 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.

Hastings Lodge No. 50 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Hastings area.

On September 17, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Hastings Scottish Rite to obtain a list of all Master Masons raised in the last three years for the purpose of membership recruitment.

On September 18, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the editor of The Masonic News in Lincoln to obtain a list including current mailing addresses for members of all Lincoln lodges for the purpose of updating the mailing list for the publication.

On September 25, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Zion Lodge No. 234 to move their charter on October 11, 2006, to a brother's yard in Arthur, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On October 3, 2006, 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 October 23, 2006. 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 each 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 4, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Grand Lodge Office to forward to all lodges with an email contact an invitation from Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha for an All-Masonic Chess Tournament.

On October 4, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Tangier Shrine Greeters to obtain a list and contact information for all members in the Omaha area for the purpose of inviting them to the Greeter's Danish Breakfast.

On October 16, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Home for Boys to obtain a list and contact information for all members in the Omaha area who have been raised within the last year for the purpose of recruiting potential board members.

On October 16, 2006, 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 October 16, 2006. 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 each 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 25, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to move their charter on October 28, 2006 to the Scottish Rite Temple located at 202 S. 20th Street in Omaha, for the purpose of conferring the degrees of Masonry on multiple candidates.

On October 26, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Palisade Lodge No. 216 to move their charter on November 7, 2006 to 108 N. Main Street, for the purpose of holding the regular communication in a heated building.

On November 2, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to York Lodge No. 56 to move their charter to 106 W. 6th Street in York (Elks Lodge) until a new building can be purchased after the first part of next year, for the purpose of relocating the lodge after a fire destroyed the lodge building on Friday, October 20.

On November 2, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 8, 2006. 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 each Degree.

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

On November 3, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Grand Lodge Office to forward to all lodges with an email contact an invitation from Mid-West Lodge No. 317 for a Lodge of Military Tribute.

On November 3, 2006, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all current Worshipful Masters for the purpose of sending them invitations from the Past Master's Club.

On November 7, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 13, 2006 and November 20, 2006. 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 each Degree.

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

On November 10, 2006, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On November 12, 2006, because of inconsistencies with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge, I disapproved an amendment to the bylaws of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 that included a section that would, upon the closing or consolidation of the lodge, transfer all property of any kind or nature at or within the Columbus Masonic Center to the Temple Craft Association of Columbus.

On November 12, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Shiloh Lodge No. 327 to move their charter on December 9, 2006 to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, located at 1635 L Street in Lincoln, for the purpose of performing a joint conferral of the Master Mason Degree.

On November 20, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 14, 2006. 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 twenty-five;
- 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.

Centennial Lodge No. 326 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 11, 2006, I gave permission to George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 in Craig to sell their lodge building.

On November 27, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Lotus Lodge No. 289 to elect their 2007 officers out of time.

On November 28, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Cedar River Lodge No. 89 to elect their 2007 officers out of time.

On November 30, 2006, due to the passing of the previously elected Worshipful Master, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Blue River Lodge No. 64 to elect a new 2007 Worshipful Master out of time.

On December 4, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit North Bend Lodge No. 119 to elect their 2007 Junior and Senior Wardens out of time.

On December 4, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 to move their charter to 250 S. Main Street in Craig as of December 5, 2006, due to the recent sale of the lodge building.

On December 6, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Bartley Lodge No. 228 to elect a 2007 Senior Warden out of time.

On December 7, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Wisner Lodge No. 114 to elect their 2007 officers out of time.

On December 11, 2006, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 16, 2006. 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 each Degree.

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

On December 7, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Comet Lodge No. 229 to elect their 200 Master out of time.

On January 8, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 30, 2007. 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 each Degree.

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

On January 10, 2007, 2006, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to move their charter on January 20, 2007, to Papillion Lodge No. 39, for the purpose of holding an installation of lodge officers.

On January 11, 2007, 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 15, 2007. 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 each Degree.

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

On January 12, 2007, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 91 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 12, 2007, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mitchell Lodge No. 263 to install their 2007 Senior Warden and Junior Steward out of time.

On January 15, 2007, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 16, 2007, 2006, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 to install their 2007 Chaplain, Junior Deacon, Marshal and Tyler out of time.

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

It was my distinct honor and pleasure to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at the Prince Hall Annual Communication on July 21, 2006. Most Worshipful Frederick Wisdom, Grand Master, has become a very close friend and I'm honored to call him my Brother. We also held a joint Master's degree with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at the Scottish Rite Center in Omaha on August 26, 2006. Four candidates were raised to the sublime degree of the Master Mason; the first section of the degree was performed by the Grand Lodge Officers A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, with the second section being performed by the Grand Lodge Officers of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. I also had the opportunity to attend the Prince Hall Grand Master's and Grand Matron's Ball, which was held January 13, 2007 at the Doubletree in Omaha. The relationships between these two Grand Jurisdictions are very close and we must make every endeavor to keep our friendships at the highest level. 2006 was our 16th year of the mutual recognition between these two Grand Jurisdictions, and we have a relationship envied by many.

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:

March 8, 2006.....	Barry M. Kuhl.....	Covert No. 11
March 8, 2006.....	Raymond L. Norris	Superior No. 121
April 10, 2006.....	Jay D. McCoy	Lincoln No. 19
April 10, 2006.....	Robert H. Busteed.....	Lincoln No. 19
April 26, 2006.....	Dale Miller.....	Platte Valley No. 32
June 25, 2006.....	Garret L. Capler	Arcana No. 195
June 25, 2006.....	Richard Baugher	Jachin No. 146
June 25, 2006.....	Donald B. Hilton.....	Omadi No. 5
June 25, 2006.....	William Johnson	John J. Mercer No. 290
June 26, 2006.....	Michael R. Dehart.....	Western Star No. 2
July 30, 2006	Robert R. Caraker	Mizpah No. 302
August 3, 2006	D. A. Drouillard	George W. Lininger No. 268
August 28, 2006	Melvin Canell	Rob Morris No. 46
October 5, 2006	Bryan L. Stave	Frank Welch No. 75
October 11, 2006	Paul D. Linnell.....	Miloma No. 328
October 13, 2006	Tony L. Lowenberg	Rob Morris No. 46
October 22, 2006	Philip A. Kloster	Wayne No. 120
November 2, 2006	Daniel J. Longley	Bennett No. 94
November 15, 2006	Leslie H. Noble, Jr.	Beatrice No. 26
January 11, 2007.....	Mike Clary	George Washington No. 250
January 18, 2007.....	Paul O. Swanson.....	Lebanon No. 323

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

The appeal of the Trial Commission decision for an expelled member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 was reviewed by the Grievances Committee. After such review, the committee recommended that the expulsion be upheld.

The appeal of the Trial Commission decision for an expelled member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 was reviewed by the Grievances Committee. After such review, the committee recommended that the expulsion be upheld.

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-103 of the Bylaws, a Trial Commission was appointed in the matter of a criminal offense by a member of Covert Lodge No. 11. The matter is still pending.

I would like to thank the members of each of the appointed Trial Commissions for their service to the Fraternity in these matters.

YORK LODGE NO. 56

A fire on October 20, 2006, destroyed two-thirds of a city block in downtown York, including the York Lodge No. 56 Lodge building. A photostatic copy of the lodge charter was issued. The Lodge moved their charter to the Elks Lodge until a new building could be purchased after the first part of 2007.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

- April 17, 2006 Shawn Parke
- July 14, 2006 Acanthus Lodge No. 632, Iowa
- July 17, 2006 Jeremy C. Myers
- September 19, 2006 Humanity Lodge No. 378, Iowa
- October 30, 2006 Quentin Amundson
- Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
- Tim T. Handlin
- Ellsworth Lodge No. 146, Kansas
- Larry W. Handlin
- Ellsworth Lodge No. 146, Kansas

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

As we look around at the various lodges throughout the state of Nebraska, many of them are working hard in their communities and in their lodges, making themselves relevant to their community and bringing in new members. Unfortunately, there are a number of lodges who have not identified the fact that we must change the way we do business in order to survive. I have heard from numerous young men coming back from the war in Iraq how important the brotherhood of Masonry is in their lives and how their friends are interested in becoming members. The positive publicity we have enjoyed through the movie *National Treasure*, the book *The DaVinci Code* and *Freemasonry for Dummies*, means the pendulum is swinging back our way. We cannot wait for those individuals to break down the door to get in. We must take a lesson from some of the service organizations - it's called a "membership drive." To those of you who say it's quality not quantity we are looking for in Masonry, I will agree; however, in order for you to attract quality members, you must make your Lodge, philanthropic work, and membership attractive to them. You must still go out and contact them personally to invite them to join your Lodge.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, as I look into the future of Masonry, I believe we will soon be heading in the correct direction. It will take work on the part of every officer in every Lodge to make this organization the powerhouse it once was. When our membership in general identifies the fact that they are also responsible to help build the membership numbers, help in the community as a Mason and encourage each other to be proud that they are masons, that is when we will change the course of our destiny.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.
Grand Master

The 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

Charles Spohr, Chairman

In the absence of Charles Spohr, Grand Junior Warden Russell G. Reno presented the report.

As in past years, the Awards Committee has been challenged to review and suggest changes to the Awards in an effort to offer more opportunities for all the Lodges.

With the help of Russ Reno and the Grand Lodge Officers, the Application for the Rock Maul Award has been revised to include additional activities and more opportunities than lodges have had in the past in scoring points. The new forms may also present more ideas for all Lodges to use in planning their events for the year. There was an increase in Applications this year, though the number was still small.

In addition, two more awards are being created. Starting in 2007, the Nebraska Pillar Award, to recognize lodges; and the Grand Master's Achievement Award, to recognize Masters.

We had 37 Rock Maul applications - up from 36 in 2005, 12 Gold Pan - up from six in 2005 and seven CHIP nominees - the same as 2005. We also awarded nine Masonic and five Non-Masonic Awards in 2006. Hopefully things are looking up.

The Committee urges the Masters and Wardens to do their utmost in getting their Lodges to participate in the Awards and other Lodge functions. As the Applications should be in the hands of the Lodges in January at the latest, this should make planning for the year much easier.

The Committee would like to thank Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr. and his Grand Lodge Officers for their concern and support, as well as Jeannie and the Grand Lodge Office staff for their assistance.

Respectively submitted,
Charles Spohr, 97, Chairman
Fran Crowe, 56
Paul Eveland, 119
Fred E Liebers, 297 & 94
Kevin R Lindly, 148

R.:W.: Reno moved for the adoption of the report as printed. With no discussion, the motion carried.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.: Grand Master Krieger asked R.:W.: Dean Skokan for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

Since it is the 150th Anniversary year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, it is appropriate to celebrate our past and plan for our future. We will be doing much of this in the coming year. Indeed, there is much to celebrate in our history. On September 23, 1857 the three existing lodges in Nebraska Territory formed the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. That event was described in our 100 year book this way:

Three weak lodges with a membership of less than seventy-five Masons, living in three scattered settlements on the Eastern borders of the Nebraska Territory; surrounded by the waters of the Missouri River on the east and the vast prairies to the west; with not a mile of railroad within one hundred miles or more and not a telegraph line anywhere near, joined hands to form the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. These were the brothers of strong heart, courageous faith, and enduring loyalty and devotion who came to found an empire in the middle west. They loved their Masonry and its teachings. They believed in God. They never questioned that they had a mission to perform and with their trust in Him they set about to accomplish that mission. Bound together in bonds of true brotherhood they are to this day held in the highest esteem for what they did more than a century ago.

In briefest summary, in the first 25 years of its history, The Grand Lodge of Nebraska granted charters to new lodges in the mountain west, including several in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. We are proud to welcome representatives from those Grand Jurisdictions to our session this year. As an aside, allow me to point out to you that I and many of our Rocky Mountain Conference brethren are members of Bannack Lodge, one of those lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which now exists as a historical lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Montana. All Master Masons of any jurisdiction are eligible to join Bannack Historical Lodge, and for \$50 lifetime dues, you will get a most interesting lesson in Masonic history and be a part of one of the best advertisements for Masonry in the Mountain West. Also included, free, no additional cost, is the answer to the question many of you ask me "What's the 3-7-77 on your license plate for?" Our good brother Tom Valente, Grand Master of Montana, can tell you more about this, he probably has several petitions with him.

In more recent times, The Grand Lodge of Nebraska was the first to extend full recognition to our Prince Hall Brothers, and they to us. We were among the first to hold regular strategic planning sessions for Grand Lodge officers. We sponsor leadership

programs for subordinate lodge officers, a comprehensive membership program, and mentoring programs for helping lodges bond with their new brothers.

In spite of these proud traditions, our membership continues to decline, at about three percent a year. While that number is not good, the number that should be of the utmost concern is the number of our brethren that actually participate in regular lodge activities. There is no reliable statistical data, but I have visited nearly one hundred of our lodges and, in my estimation, no more than 10 - 15% of Masons regularly attend meetings, perhaps a few more attend lodge functions during the year. Those estimates are probably generous.

To work against these numbers we have tried several approaches. It is now easier to be a Mason in Nebraska than at any time in our history. We regularly use one-day classes. Proficiency, or what passes for it, is accomplished in an hour.

It is also cheaper to be a mason than it ever has been. By holding our dues at levels established in the 1950's and 60's we have limited our abilities to assist our brothers in need, and to be a force for good in our communities. Many of our lodges are struggling financially. Only a handful has an internet connection in their lodge. Most don't even have a telephone. I visited a lodge 2 years ago that had a great facility, located in the heart of downtown, lodge room on the main floor and a full kitchen and meeting room in the basement. It had been years since they had turned on the lights or heat in the basement, they couldn't afford it. There are many more examples.

I want to stress that I'm not being critical of the ideas that led us to this point. They were put in place by good men, and represented the best ideas of the time, but I would suggest to you that it is time to turn a corner.

I am convinced that the path to the future we all want for our fraternity does not lie in the direction of making it cheaper or easier to be a Mason. If we are to reconstruct Masonry in Nebraska, it must be built on the minds of men who are committed enough to study Masonry, to learn and work towards an understanding of our principles, and upon the shoulders of men who understand the value of Masonry in their daily lives and are willing and able to pay for it.

Many such men belong to our order today, but no longer participate in lodge activity. Many others would be interested if we were perceived as something other than a bunch of old men hiding in old buildings. It seems to me that the first step in revitalizing our current membership and attracting the men who will carry our brotherhood forward is to restore pride in masonry. That starts with us – the few hundred hard core that are here. We need to use our insignia to identify ourselves as masons. Most of us wear rings to lodge, and have a pin on the coat we wear to lodge, but how about the jacket you wear to work. Is there a bumper sticker on the car you drive to coffee? There should be. Take every opportunity to identify yourself as a mason, and then act like one.

In April of this year the Grand Lodge will bring an art exhibit to Joslyn Museum in Omaha. The exhibit was commissioned by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. It's a series of paintings depicting some of the Masonic origins of our country. Several thousand people tour Joslyn in a month, people who don't know anything about us. They will see Washington in his apron. They will see the cornerstone of the nation's capitol being laid by masons. I want you to see these things too. We did this not only to generate interest in our fraternity, but also to inspire our brotherhood. There will be a brief Masonic ceremony to open this exhibit, and you will hear more about it in the weeks ahead.

On September 21, there will be a special memorial service. Most of you know about the Nebraska Hall of Fame in the rotunda of the Capitol building. You may not know that of the 17 men enshrined there 10 were masons. We have received permission to conduct a Masonic memorial service in the Capitol rotunda to honor those men. I expect three hundred masons, in white gloves and aprons to march across the street and up the stairs of the capital to attend that service. It will be a grand day, our hundred fiftieth birthday party.

I didn't include this section when I put this speech together, but I saw Hanoi Jane sticking her head out of her hole the other day at a protest rally. It's probably just the old Vietnam Vet paranoia again, but I'm afraid I feel the sands of public opinion shifting under my feet. Many of you know that Vietnam veterans were not really welcomed home. It was a very difficult time for many of us in this room. It is a small wonder that Vietnam vets are not joiners. Many were very badly treated. We cannot allow this to happen with the veterans of this war, regardless of how we feel about the war itself. Our soldiers in this war are older. Many are members of our lodges. These brothers need to be welcomed into our lodges, stood up before our altars, their sacrifices acknowledged, and their service honored. We must do better this time brethren, we must do better.

I don't feel that I am any better equipped to solve these problems than any of my predecessors in this high office. I daresay that many of them are smarter than me, most are undoubtedly more industrious, and all have likely moved farther along the path we all travel between the rough and the perfect ashlar than I have. What I will try to bring to the table is a willingness to experiment and to change, to try different things, knowing that not all of them will work in all lodges, and that some won't work at all. But, to the extent that the Grand Master has authority, I will grant dispensations freely to move from the current situation towards the future. If you require permission to experiment with ways to increase fellowship, to try daytime or weekend meetings, I will look for ways to allow lodges to move on. Too often we have allowed our rules to become roadblocks to change instead of roadmaps to progress.

M.:W.: Mike Jones was fond of saying that not even the Grand Master can steer a parked car. True enough. But anyone, including a Grand Master, can kick a stubborn mule in the ass...it's just harder to steer from there. I will not try to steer you, lodges need to find their own direction, but I will do everything I can to move you. Where we are is not where we need to be. Every master and every officer of a subordinate lodge should be seeking ways to involve all the members of his lodge in activities of all kinds. I believe that anything that is combined with Masonry is improved by it. The tremendous resurgence of our lodge in Bridgeport started with a flag football team. Now they have two sets of officers so everyone has an opportunity to participate. Alvin Benemerito pretty much single-handedly turned the lodge in Long Pine around. There are now as many members of Long Pine Lodge as live in the entire town. One man, one idea can make all the difference. Be that man, nurture and support that idea, make a difference. Move.

I'm going to close by reading from the epilogue of the 100th year book. "The lesson in all this of course, is clearly evident. Our lodges have the supreme task of maintaining their strength by keeping losses from their ranks at a minimum, maintaining sound programs of Masonic education at a maximum, and constantly and judiciously making membership in Masonry something to be sought after."

That advice is as sound today as it was 50 years ago. When membership in Masonry is something to be sought after, all the things we perceive as problems today will fade away, and light will spread across Nebraska just as brightly as it did 150 years ago.

Fraternally yours,
Dean Skokan
Deputy Grand Master

PRESENTATION OF THE JAMES L. "SONNY" EATMON TRAVELING GAVEL

The Traveling Gavel was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge by the Family of Past Grand Master James L. "Sonny" Eatmon, (GM 1992) in 2005. Most Worshipful Brother Eatmon entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens on August 28, 1999. Worshipful Brother John Ferguson handcrafted this beautiful wood gavel and case in honor of his father-in-law. In honor of this recognition, this gavel or wood maul is commissioned as the James L. "Sonny" Eatmon Traveling Gavel, this 3rd day of February, 2006.

Symbolic of the operative craft working as Masons in the construction of Ancient Monumental Edifices and the intricate detail of ornamentation, it is appropriate that this gavel or wood maul work in our Lodges to demonstrate leadership and concern to the fine details of fellowship among our speculative craft and thus encourage visitations among our Lodges and Brethren.

This gavel will depart Annual Communication each year with the Lodge of the New Grand Master. It will be the responsibility of at least four brethren, of which at least two must be officers, of that Lodge to visit another Lodge within 30 days and to carry and deposit the gavel to the visited Lodge. That Lodge will then hold the same obligation of visiting and depositing the gavel in another Lodge within 30 days.

Most Worshipful Krieger charged those present to move the travel gavel as much as possible in the coming year. Although the rules state that it must travel at least once a month, it means that only twelve lodges would be privileged enough to hold it. The Grand Master encouraged brethren not to wait for a monthly meeting, but to move the gavel two and three times per month so that the true purpose of the gavel can be enjoyed by as many lodges as possible – fellowship, brotherhood and spreading the work of Masonry. The gavel was presented to Deputy Grand Master Dean Skokan and Fremont Lodge No. 15.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: Les Seiler, Chairman

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 1, 2007 by M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Dwight E. Smith, Don E. Rasmussen and John M. McHenry. Also present were fourteen Grand Lodge Officers.

Pursuant to Section 1-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, 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. There were no resolutions submitted at the 149th Annual Communication held on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2006.

Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge provides that at least 15 days prior to the opening of the session of the 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 11, 2007 and submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, we found that Recommendations 1 through 3, 5 through 10, and 12 through 13 are in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session. Recommendations four and eleven are not in proper form and cannot be submitted as presented.

With regard to the permissions and dispensations, the Committee found them to be proper. The Committee further reviewed the permissions and dispensations granted by the Grand Master from the time of his report to the beginning of this Grand Lodge session. The Committee on Jurisprudence found all permissions and dispensations to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry of Nebraska and approved the same. All the proper information and request for charter of Tabula Rasa Lodge has been submitted and the Grand Lodge may vote on the charter.

With regard to the Bylaw Amendments that were approved by the Grand Master, the Committee found that all such approvals were proper.

The next order of business was the election of a Chairman and Secretary of the Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler was elected Chairman and M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith was elected Secretary.

The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Scott Krieger, Sr. on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended him and his officers for their year of service to the Fraternity.

The Committee on Jurisprudence stands willing, ready and able to aid and assist your Grand Master and all of the elected Grand Lodge Officers in any way we can with reference to the laws of our Grand Lodge and to aid all of our officers in the execution of the duties of their office.

At this time I would like to thank the other members of the Committee.

Fraternally,
Les Seiler, 317, Chairman
John M. McHenry, 19
Steven F. Mattoon, 75
Dwight E. Smith, 205
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135

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



The Deputy Grand Custodians, under the leadership of Steven A. Green, were reappointed by Most Worshipful Krieger as tellers for the morning's proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

It is a great privilege and honor for me to continue to serve the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska as your Grand Secretary. Also, to be able to continue to work with the other Grand Lodge officers, the secretaries and other members of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction and the staff in the Grand Lodge office. Throughout this past year, I was able to attend the Conference of Grand Secretaries in Nashville, Tennessee as well as many cornerstone laying ceremonies throughout the State.

The duties of a Lodge Secretary are numerous and are vital to the proper functioning of a Lodge. It is also important to the Grand Lodge to be kept informed of the things that are happening within the local lodges. This local information is reported to the Grand Lodge on a monthly basis and those Secretaries who file these and other information to the Grand Lodge office in a timely manner are awarded a Certificate of Achievement at the Secretaries Workshop at the annual communication. Those Secretaries who received the award at the 2006 Annual Communication for their work in 2005 are as follows:

- Jack Duffield, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
- Dave Wetrosky, Western Star Lodge No. 2
- Jay Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- Denny Smith, Fremont Lodge No. 15
- Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
- Bill Parrish, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
- Marlyn Grubbs, Acacia Lodge No. 34
- Marvin Lillie, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
- Loren McNeil, Utica Lodge No. 96
- Dick Ely, Guide Rock Lodge No. 128
- Marshall Grant, McCook Lodge No. 135
- Richard Gable, Long Pine Lodge No. 136

- Viron Baxter, Palisade Lodge No. 216
- Lowell Erickson, Wausa Lodge No. 251
- Darrell VerMaas, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- Dick Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263
- Ron Stites, Geo W Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Merton Rose, Oshkosh Lodge No. 286
- Ralph Riemann, Cotner Lodge No. 297
- Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- Art Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317
- Phil Edwards, Centennial Lodge No. 326
- Don Miller, Miloma Lodge No. 328

Those Secretaries who were recognized for receiving the award for five consecutive years are as follows:

- Richard Gable, Long Pine Lodge No. 136
- Dick Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Number of Lodges	155	154
Initiated	375	343
Passed	361	344
Raised	345	362
Affiliated	45	50
Dual Memberships	30	32
Reinstatements	148	134
Consolidations	18	17
Other	0	3
Total Gains	586	598

Deaths	490	.....	433
Demits	53	.....	52
Suspensions	427	.....	512
Withdrawals	0	.....	3
Consolidations	18	.....	17
Termination of Dual	11	.....	25
Other	4	.....	0
Total Losses	1003	.....	1042
Net Membership Changes	(417)	.....	(444)

	<u>12/31/2004</u>	<u>12/31/2005</u>
Membership	15,257	..... 14,840
Preliminary Membership as of 12/31/2006	14,396	

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

339	.....	50 year pins presented
229	.....	60 year pins presented
7	.....	70 year pins presented

Our office staff ladies are Michelle Fulmer, Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt, and they continue to do a great job for us. They handle their duties in an efficient manner and can also answer the questions that we have for them. Give them a word of thanks for all their efforts. They would appreciate it.

Thank you very much to the entire Grand Lodge for allowing me to continue in the capacity as your Grand Secretary. I shall do my best to fulfill the duties of this office.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Watkins
Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins moved for the adoption of the report of the Grand Secretary, as printed, along with the adoption of the second printing of the 2006 Proceedings. The motion was seconded and carried.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director

M.:W.: Krieger asked Jim Erixon, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees, to come forward to bring the report from the Home.

The mission of The Nebraska Masonic Home has always been to provide dignified, loving care to the residents. That goal hasn't changed since 1903, and I want to assure you that it is a goal that continues to be our main priority.

As you all know, many changes have taken place for The Nebraska Masonic Home to be in compliance with the rules and regulations of licensure for the State of Nebraska. It is important to say that our longstanding status for providing excellent care remains unchanged and was never in question by the state. I am very pleased to tell you that our facility is now licensed for both assisted living and nursing care. After two years of

intense preparation and an incredible amount of team work the process for preparing for licensure is finally complete. Changes that licensure has affected are building and safety code issues, food code regulations, increased ongoing training, departmental policies and procedures, and staffing needs for documentation and maintaining records. The Masonic Home must now continue to follow all licensure requirements on a daily basis while maintaining the residents care as top priority. The Board of Trustees, Administrative Staff, and all employees deserve an incredible amount of praise for all the on-going effort, hard work, and commitment that were devoted to making this process a success. The Board of Trustees and staff have taken a very positive approach to the licensure preparation and all future requirements and costs that licensure will continue to require.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is one of the finest facilities in the Midwest that offers a full continuum of care. We maintain that becoming a licensed facility will give more credibility to our facility and build on our excellent reputation in the health care industry.

I want to take this time to express our gratitude to the Board of Trustees, department supervisors, employees, and residents for their cooperation and understanding throughout the lengthy licensure process. It was a learning experience for everyone and applying everything learned to the individual job duties has taken careful planning and consideration. Change isn't always easy, but everyone did a remarkable job reaching our goal. I am genuinely pleased with the outcome. Thank you to everyone.

One very positive change that has been made at The Masonic Home is the expansion of the eligibility criteria for admission. At the October Board meeting the Board took a final vote and amended the by-laws. The changes that were made will allow more Masonic men and their eligible female relatives to be eligible for admission to our fine facility. We are very excited about the changes and know that it was a necessary step for The Nebraska Masonic Home as well as all potential residents. A copy of the amended by-laws for admission was included in The Home's publication, The Hour Glass, and the Grand Lodge publication, The Nebraska Mason. Copies were mailed to all lodge secretaries, OES secretaries, all Grand York Rite, Shrine, and Scottish Rite bodies. I am looking forward to being able to speak to lodges and chapters on the changes that have been made.

The resident census has fluctuated this year from a high of 92 in December to a low of 85 in June. Our average census was 92 during 2005 compared to 89 during 2006 which was an average of 39 regular way and 50 pay basis residents. The average level of care was 30 residents on Level 1; 28 residents at Level 2; 27 residents at Level 3; and 2 residents at Level 4. The census as of December 31, 2006 was 92 and was comprised of 70 women and 22 men of which there were 7 couples. As you can all see, The Masonic Home continues to provide excellent services to Nebraska Mason's female relatives in greater number than we are caring for the Nebraska Masons themselves.

In June and July, Narcissus Kensington and Home Chapter #189 of Plattsmouth both made their annual visits complete by bringing in lovely meals for the residents and staff. Their commitment to these visits and meals is appreciated. Thank you for making these two days of traditions annual favorites of all our residents and employees. It is always an honor to receive the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of Eastern Star officers and their companions as our special guests at the Home Chapter picnic. The special entertainment they provide for our residents on that day is always a real treat. A guided tour follows the meal for many Grand Chapter officers and their companions. It is always a moment of pride for me to show our guests our beautiful facility. Our residents are very appreciative of both annual picnics and have made many new friends through these special events.

We continue to welcome and look forward to the many Masonic groups that have chosen The Home as a place to hold one of their regular monthly meetings. It is an honor to have these groups as our guests. The employees are so proud when groups enjoy a meal and tour The Home. Our guests' compliments are appreciated by everyone. It reinforces to the employees that they are doing a great job at presenting The Home as comfortable and welcoming to our guests as it is for our residents.

On November 22 the Boon Memorial Food Truck delivery arrived. The residents, staff, and Board of Trustees deeply appreciate this annual delivery. I would like to welcome Richard Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 on board as the new coordinator for this project. He did a great job spearheading the event this year. Richard continues the fine legacy of the late Adolph Schlaman and the late Ed Weber. Special thanks are extended to the lodges and chapters for their annual commitment of giving to this very worthwhile and long-standing project.

On December 5 the Tangier Shrine Chanters kicked off the Christmas season with their annual holiday musical program in our chapel. It was a beautiful, seasonal program and enjoyed by all.

Many thanks are extended to the Masters and Wardens Club of the Omaha-Metro area for their contribution to our December 23 Resident Christmas Party. They ensure that each of our regular-way residents receive his or her very own personally-selected Christmas gift. A special thanks is extended to Dan Wellendorf, who chairs this annual holiday project. Masons throughout the area that make this project such a success are to be commended. Our residents are grateful for your generosity during the Christmas season and always.

To Grand Master Scott Krieger and his Grand Lodge Officers I extend a very special thank you and my appreciation to the Grand Lodge staff for their continued administrative support. To the Worthy Grand Matron, Betty Kirby; Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Parrish; and the Eastern Star Grand family I send you thanks for another year of support and loyalty to The Nebraska Masonic Home and to the residents we are dedicated to caring for. The Masonic Home depends greatly on both Grand families, and it is an honor to work with both Grand families for the betterment of The Home.

This year has been another year of change, challenge, and compromise. I want to express my deep appreciation to the Administrative Staff and Department Supervisors for their continued teamwork and commitment. They have met these challenges as a team and have proven their dedication to The Masonic Home. They have truly been department leaders for the employees. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all the employees for your commitment and loyalty to The Home. Your 24-hour a day dedication to our residents is commendable. We should all be very proud to have completed another successful year together.

A special thank you is extended to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation staff--Anita Crisp, Executive Director; and Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant. Their hard work and commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home and our residents is very much appreciated.

The dedication that the 15-member Board of Trustees has for The Masonic Home is commendable. Your continued support and expertise in addition to your loyalty make a remarkable combination. The Masonic Home is very fortunate to have each of you serve on the Board of Trustees. Your constant availability for advice and guidance is greatly

appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Board, residents, and employees. Your ongoing and sincere efforts are truly appreciated.

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

REPORT ON THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

In the absence of Ben Harvey, Grand Master Scott called on Bob Attebery to bring the report from the Children's Home.

It is with pleasure that I bring you up to date on what is going on at your Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Our Executive Director, Ben Harvey, and his very efficient staff of office, house parents, grounds, and supervisory personnel continue to operate our home in a manner in which we are proud. Census of the home seems to remain about 30 other than summer when it sometimes drops into the 20's, but we always unofficially count our college students since we need beds for them should they return home for a visit. We consider 34 as full, but 36 can be accommodated should the need arise. The Home provides quality care for children in an environment of love, security, and acceptance where they can grow and develop into well-adjusted individuals.

There have been few changes in personnel this past year, and that lets seasoned people continue to do their work well. The results are evident when you visit the grounds, and watch the activities taking place. Sometimes you will see an animal parade, which in fact are the kids, each with a lamb, going around the circle learning how to present their lamb at show time. That's a neat parade to witness. They walk over from the farm, stop and start, make corrections in handling, and by the time they get back to the farm they have had a good training session. This same thing happens with their calves but usually just at the farm. The 4-H program is a very large part of child training. It teaches many important lessons to them while they are prepping and training the animals – a wonderful experience.

Our new "Education Center" construction is actually a little ahead of the projected progress chart, and we can thank "mother nature" for that. Winter came in short spurts, giving us enough construction time outside to catch up, and get ahead, for which we are very thankful. Work inside is now going on at a fast clip and a fine usable durable structure is rapidly taking shape. It looks big, and it is. When laying out the design, we planned for now and the future, and when it is used like we plan for it to be used, you will be more than proud. We envision it to fill the needs of the home and community for a long time to come. It will provide plenty of space for special help for the children and for the staff, meeting areas large and small, vision enhanced program areas, and for use to accommodate other programs that are not even thought of as of now. It is totally ADA approved, with a ramp to the main level, and an elevator from the main level to the lower level with restroom facilities on both levels, so no one is left out. A computer lab is included, and will be equipped with wireless computers. Funding for the building is on schedule, and of course there will always be a need for furnishings and equipment.

We have a well-informed and hard working board of directors, and I am proud to speak for them. They meet monthly, with few exceptions, to pay the bills, watch the operating budget closely to see that we stay on course, give Ben guidance if it is needed, and handle other business as presented. The board thanks you as members of Masons and Eastern

Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. The children's lives are greatly enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives. This is truly Masonry at work.

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



Most Worshipful Scott reported that all items sold at the silent auction have been picked up. A total of \$2,193.00 was raised and will be split among the three youth groups.

REPORT OF THE CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

John T. Maxell, Chairman
Kent B. Broyhill, Co-Chairman

After completing its second year of existence the CHIP program has completed the goals that were proposed to the Nebraska Grand Lodge. These goals were to promote a program that identifies a child from the age of 1-month through young adult, to promote Freemasonry in the Nebraska community, and to get the Masonic family active in the community.

The concept of CHIP in Nebraska is to provide a service to the families of our communities and assist with bringing relevance to the Masonic family in Nebraska. The comprehensive CHIP program is composed of five components; 1) a digital photo for use in identification and Amber Alert; 2) 3-5 minute videotape interview to learn vital information to child's habits, mannerisms, and four profiles/views of the child, 3) fingerprints and vital stats of the child; 4) Toothprint (tooth impression) which provides a dental record, DNA and scent for canine detection and location; and 5) cheek swab for long term DNA (if kept frozen is said to retain DNA for up to 20 years). This ID packet is all given at no cost to the parents; permission sheets from the parents are the only material retained by the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic family had 46 events and identified over 7,817 children. All events were funded, manned, and promoted by a local Masonic family. An additional 7 events have been scheduled for the year 2007 with other lodges having events in the planning process.

Local, County, and State police departments; local dentists and local hygienists were all instrumental in helping with CHIP events.

Over the past year the CHIP committee has hired a part-time coordinator to handle all of the day to day operations for the committee, purchased 4 electronic child kits from Canton Computers out of Canton, Michigan, which will allow for large events and the quick processing of a child through an event. The committee has secured the National CHIP convention for June 8 and 9, 2007 in Omaha.

A special thank you to Omaha Scottish Rite, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Jackson, Tangier Racer Unit, Omaha Boy Scout Troup 282, and Mizpah Lodge No. 302 for the purchase of new electronic CHIP kits.

Respectfully submitted,
John T. Maxell 327, Chairman
Kent B. Broyhill 5, Co-Chairman
E. Newton Kelley, 3
Maynard Tatelamn, 288
Richard Corwine, 39
Jerry Bishop, 302
James B. Hyland, 297

Worshipful Brother Kent moved for the adoption of the report of the Child Identification Program. The motion was seconded and carried.

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 is a privilege and rewarding experience to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office Staff, the Deputy Custodians and the Officers and members of the lodges in this grand jurisdiction.

I believe the state of the Craft is good regarding the quality of the "work." We constantly strive for perfection as we confer our degrees and public ceremonies and this always improves the quality of the work. As long as we continue the effort to improve, we will make our Lodge Work more appealing and thus will attract more brethren to participate in lodge activities--I believe we are making progress in this important area of lodge work.

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 73 lodges will be recertified, and with ongoing work I expect 10 more to complete recertification. To date 24 lodges have been certified for more than 60 years. This is a record worthy of note and the officers and members of these lodges are to be congratulated for their efforts. The lodges are as follows:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (83)	Euclid Lodge No. 97 (75)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (76)	McCook Lodge No. 135 (61)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (72)	Custer Lodge No. 148 (63)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (76)	Samaritan Lodge No. 158 (63)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (72)	Alliance Lodge No. 183 (62)
Crete Lodge No. 37 (74)	Arcana Lodge No. 195 (70)
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 (61)	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (73)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (83)	North Star Lodge No. 227 (74)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (85)	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (68)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (82)	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (75)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (82)	Cotner Lodge No. 297 (66)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (78)	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (83)

The following brethren received their initial certification this year: Gail Bevington, Victory Lodge No. 310; John Broomer, Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Robert Cole, Zion Lodge

No. 234; Rex J. Moats, Waterloo Lodge No. 102; Keith Neisler, Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Alan L. Rolfs, Waterloo Lodge No. 102; Dean Slader, Victory Lodge No. 310. They join a select group of dedicated masons and I commend them for their work.

Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, completed 20 years of proficiency this year.

The following brethren have completed 30 years of proficiency: Lynn Doty, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Wausa Lodge No. 251; Jack M. Johnson, Comet Lodge No. 229; Robert J. Smucker, Comet Lodge No. 229; Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, Capitol Lodge No. 3; Roger L. Shillington, Deputy Grand Custodian, Justice Lodge No. 180; Larry M. Smith, Waterloo Lodge No. 102.

William G. Hurst, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, completed his 35th year of proficiency.

The following brethren completed 40 years of proficiency: Donald J. Launer, Fremont Lodge No. 15; Ralph E. McNulty, Thistle Lodge No. 61; Harold C. Mueksch, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Scribner Lodge No. 132;

Augustus W. Clark, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Douglas A. Thomas, Alliance Lodge No. 183 completed their 45th year of proficiency:

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more: 76 years--Harry A. Spencer Sr., Past Grand Master, North Star Lodge No. 227, and Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; 58 years--Ben D. Fussell, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Geneva Lodge No. 79 and Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; 57 years--Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 56 years--Lloyd I. Edwards, Deputy Grand Custodian, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 and James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30 and East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 54 years--Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No.128 and Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; 52 years--Most Worshipful Brother Wayne G. Luenenborg, Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Platte Valley Lodge No. 32; Dean E. Taylor, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and David E. Anthony, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177; 51years--Arthur S. Dye, Deputy Grand Custodian, Mid-West Lodge No. 317; Richard B. Hobson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54; Most Worshipful Brother Donald R. Swanson, Past Grand Master, Lancaster Lodge No. 54; Albert W. Watek, Humboldt Lodge No. 40; 50 years--Frank R. Harris, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Nelson Lodge No. 77; H. Lewis Miller, Bellevue Lodge No. 325; Ivan N. Nord, Comet Lodge No. 229; Larry A. Rogers, Papillion Lodge No. 39; Norman L. Sorenson, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, and Raymond A. Holm, Tekamah Lodge No. 31.

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. Worshipful Brother Daniel L. Scarborough, District No. 20, informed me that his duties in his occupation will no longer permit him to continue as Deputy Grand Custodian of District No. 20. I thank him for his service and regret that he can no longer continue to serve in this important position. I am also pleased to report that we have some very talented Apprentice Custodians who are an important part of the total program.

Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6--District No. 1

Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325--District No. 3

Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, Capitol Lodge No. 3--District No. 2

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, Pawnee 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 Vallabhbbhai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314--District No. 11
 Ashley H. Story, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314--District No. 13
 Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317--District No. 17
 Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317--District No. 18
 Carl C. Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54--District No. 19.
 Daniel L. Scarborough, Geneva Lodge No. 79--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
 Philip E. Darby, Jr., Thistle Lodge No. 61--District No. 25
 Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221--District No. 26
 Roy William Lichtenberger, Parian 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
 Glenn R. Mulholland, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32--District No. 33
 Frank Veverka, Fremont Lodge No. 15--District No. 34
 James R. Taylor, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, 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

Most Worshipful Jerry L. Rittenburg, Past Grand Master, and Worshipful Brother Augustine (Gus) 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.

Glenn W. Binder
 Richard L. Mauch
 Frank R. Harris
 Ben D. Fussell
 Ralph McNulty
 A. W. Clark
 Lynn Doty
 Eugene C. Sibley

Richard W. Linnemeyer
 Vincent Rosenberger
 Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master
 Michael G. Birnstihl
 Scott J. Krieger Sr., Grand Master
 Harold C. Mueksch
 Harold W. Noble

The annual custodians' school was held in Hastings on September 8, 2006. My thanks to Most Worshipful 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. I would also like to thank all the Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentice 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 Scott J. Krieger, Sr., attend, participate in the work, and address the attendees. Right Worshipful Brother Reg Kuhn, Grand Senior Warden and Most Worshipful Brother Philip A. Lorenzen, Chair of the Committee on Work also attended the school. Eighteen Deputy Grand Custodians, four Apprentice Deputy Grand Custodians and one Worshipful Brother attended the school. My thanks to W. Glen Jorgenson, 33 Degree, and all the brethren from Hastings for making the Hasting Masonic Center available for our school and for assisting in the various details required to operate the school.

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 16 schools of instruction of all types. 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, local lodge and other Masonic functions in the State of Nebraska. I offer a special "Thank You" for all the support and cooperation I have received this year from Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office Staff and all Masons in Nebraska.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr., for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15
Grand Custodian

Before moving for the adoption of the report, W.:B.: Jerry Verbeek noted that the printed report includes information up to the printing deadline date for the packet, and that any new information he receives will be included in the final report submitted for the proceedings. Grand Custodian Verbeek moved for the acceptance of the printed report with the inclusion of any additional information he may receive. The report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel L. Scarborough, Chairman

In the absence of Daniel Scarborough, Bruce A. Baker, Grand Historian, presented the report.

The Lodge Advisory Committee met on April 8, 2006 in Lincoln, Nebraska and again on June 10, 2006 in Hastings, Nebraska to discuss strategy and future direction. Outcomes included a decision to utilize Grand Lodge Officer visitation reports as a guide for identifying Lodges "in need" and utilization of the Lodge Advisory Committee as a means of visiting Lodges "in need." Utilization of the Grand Lodge Education Committee as a resource was also deemed an essential part of any future strategy aimed at assisting identified Lodges.

The Lodge Advisory Committee visited two Central Nebraska Lodges during the summer of 2006 and encouraged them to pursue a Chips event. These Lodges were also briefed on what the Lodge Advisory Committee's purpose is, as well as its availability to them as a resource, should they choose to use it. Individual members of the Committee also visited other Lodges in Central Nebraska during the reporting period.

The committee did not meet during the fall of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel L. Scarborough, 79, Chairman
Curt M. Edic, 268 & 1
Roger A. Hansen, 46
Rob Kinsey, 297
Vernon L. Platte, 177

Worshipful Brother Baker moved for the adoption of the Lodge Advisory Report, as printed. The motion was seconded and the report was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Jerry L. Rittenburg, Chairman

Due to the recent passing of Most Worshipful Rittenburg, Most Worshipful Mike Jones presented the report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee.

As chairman of this committee, I want to thank the other members of the committee as well as the staff of the Grand Lodge office. They make this an easy job. Also thank you to the Grand Master for this chance to work with the band.

At the time of the deadline for applications we had 282 students and almost that many sponsors. We were reasonably sure some of the applicants would cancel before time for the band camp. That was correct and when band camp started we had 258 kids. We have never determined the exact number we can handle or the largest number we should have in the band. This year was one of the largest bands we have ever had but the kids were so good there were no problems.

During the camp we lost one student because of illness. As always it was hot but the kids did a good job of drinking water and there were only minor problems with the heat. Having a certain number of students return from the previous year is a great help. They know what we expect and help communicate that information to the new students. The nurses also do a great job of working with the band members.

Several years ago we had a chance to buy a set of bass drums and we had the Masonic All-Star Band logo on the drum heads. This year we bought drum stands for those drums. I think they were only about \$35 each and we think they were a good investment.

This year we made a change in the usual schedule and for the first time had a pizza party on Friday evening instead of Tuesday. On Tuesday we ate in the dorm and had the first practice. On Wednesday evening some of the band members went to the Devaney Center to swim and others watched a video. On Thursday there was a dance at the student union. This is always the favorite activity of the entire camp. On Friday evening we played for the Shrine dinner then went back to the dorm and had our traditional pizza party. After eating the band members put on skits. They had a lot of fun doing this activity. Some of the folks that were made fun of may not have enjoyed the attention. On Saturday we marched in the parade, and then played in front of a nursing home on the way back to the bus. We went to a city park which was next door to a church where we could use the rest rooms. Lancaster Lodge cooked hot dogs and served lunch for all of us. Thanks members and officers of Lancaster Lodge. We had the group picture taken in front of the capital building then walked to the Scottish Rite building for some time to cool off and have another meal. The Grand Chapter officers serve this meal to the band members. We then

bussed to the stadium. The band played some pep tunes before the game then performed the halftime show. Following the halftime the band members were free to leave. I think the band members would tell you they had a good time and learned something useful. Another successful band camp.

Again this year we had some really great chaperones. These folks are the ones that make the camp possible. They are the most visible adult for the band members and are the first line in answering questions from the band members. We would like to have more chaperones but we had enough to get by. We especially could use more people on the night shift. We have several adults that stay up all night on each floor in the dorms. These are the ones that make sure the kids get to bed at a reasonable time and then get them up again in the morning in time to shower and go to breakfast. The night shift chaperones are a very important group.

Another very important group is the one that works on the instrument trucks. Dave Watts kind of looks after this function and he does a great job. If you see Dave thank him for all the work he does.

Another person that makes a real big contribution is Jack Lorenzen. He has donated the bottled water for the last several years. If not for Jack we could not afford to buy enough bottled water. We would have to come up with another way to keep water available.

This year we bought back packs for the band members to carry water bottles, music or other items they need during the day. The packs were very popular except that several of the packs had seams that came loose. If we use these next year we will try to get something a little better.

Following this years' camp a critique was sent to 80 band members that were randomly selected. There were a good percentage of returns and some good suggestions. After the sheets were returned, the committee met to consider the suggestions. At least some of us will be on the committee next year and we wanted to go over the suggestions while the camp was still fresh in our minds. I think some minor changes will be made because of these suggestions.

Again, I want to thank the committee members, office staff, the Grand Master and the members of Grand Lodge for the chance to serve on this committee. It is a very rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rittenburg, 210 & 64, Chairman
Mike Jones, 51 & 173
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 198
Wayne Vian, 33
Jan Thoman
Joe Chapman, 21, Ad-hoc
K. Roger Dill, 310, Ad-hoc
Don Havekost, 132, Ad-hoc

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

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Grand Master Krieger then asked Deputy Grand Master Skokan to take the podium and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations. R.:W.: Skokan announced that voting on the Recommendations will take place by a show of hands. If the outcome is close, a written ballot will be taken.

Recommendation No. 1

Amend **Section 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN** 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 stricken:

Sec. 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN –

Second 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 *serve at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master, receiving* the sum of fifteen dollars per day while conducting Schools of Instruction, which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. *Any Deputy Grand Custodian who is absent from the annual Custodian school for three consecutive years will automatically lose his commission at the close of the third consecutive school, unless good cause can be shown to the Grand Master.*

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend **Section 1-303 – MEETINGS** 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 stricken:

Sec. 1-303 – MEETINGS – The committees above named shall meet at *least twice annually.* ~~each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and any~~ Any committee may be convened ~~in advance~~ at the ~~discretion~~ *will and pleasure* of the Grand Master.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 3

Amend **Section 1-308 – MASONIC RELIEF** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-308 – MASONIC RELIEF – The Committee on Masonic Relief shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. Said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, *to plan and execute fundraisers to finance the Relief Committee projects, and to make a full accounting of such fundraisers to the Grand Master. The*

Committee on Masonic Relief shall have the ability to raise money by special projects such as, but not limited to, raffles, as set forth in Section 3-102, silent auctions or solicitation of lodges and/or members.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 was made and seconded. After discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 4

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that Recommendation No. 4 was not in proper form and could not be balloted upon.

Recommendation No. 5

Amend Section 1-318 – FINANCE, Section 1-325 – APPROPRIATIONS, and Section 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES by adding certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-318 – FINANCE – The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, each to serve a period of five (5) years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member annually. In case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. *The committee shall meet at least twice annually with the Committee on Appropriations and the Board of Grand Trustees.* It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge, vouchers of officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts and certify the results thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to a certain expenditure, its appropriateness or its proper category, said matters shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations who, with the advice of the Committee on Jurisprudence, shall determine the appropriateness of said expenditure or the appropriate category into which said expenditure shall be placed. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

Sec. 1-325 – APPROPRIATIONS – The Committee on Appropriations shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually, and in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. *The committee shall meet at least twice annually with the Committee on Finance and the Board of Grand Trustees.* It shall be the duty of the committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided that the committee must submit a proposed budget with appropriations which do not exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered

the financial limit of authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, person or committee requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity, provided, however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES –

Add the following to the end of Section 1-401:

(j) The Board of Grand Trustees shall meet at least twice annually with the Appropriations Committee and the Finance Committee.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 5 was made and seconded. After discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 6

Amend **Section 1-327 – LODGE ADVISORY** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-327 – LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each to serve for a period of five years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of the committee to advise and work with any subordinate lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this committee to process all applications to surrender Charters, *however, no Charter may be surrendered until said Lodge has met at least twice within six months at their regular stated communication with the Lodge Advisory Committee*, and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this committee.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 6 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 7

Amend **Section 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2005, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund – <i>January 2007</i>	15.00
<i>commencing January 2008</i>	\$17.00
<i>commencing January 2009</i>	\$18.00

<i>commencing January 2010</i>	\$19.00
<i>commencing January 2011</i>	\$20.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

If Recommendation No. 7 passes, the following Section must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the allocation of funds and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS –

Third 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 an initiation fee in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The initiation fee shall increase to Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) on January 1, 2007. In addition, each Lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Eighteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$18.50) as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2005. *The per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$2.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, 2008, and one dollar per year for the next three years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, and 2011 - \$23.50.* 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. In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the CHild Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 7 was made and seconded. After a good deal of discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 8

Amend **Section 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall *meet with the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may* petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to

the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 8 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 9

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Examination of all those hereinafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge

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

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

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the Lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in this section, before he may receive his diploma as prescribed above.

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

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 9 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 10

Amend Section 2-502 – **CHANGE OF LOCATION** 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 stricken:

Sec. 2-502 – CHANGE OF LOCATION – Subject to the approval of the ~~Grand Lodge or~~ Grand Master, a subordinate lodge may move from one building to another in the same town by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposed move has been given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto.

Subject also to the approval of the ~~Grand Lodge or~~ Grand Master a subordinate lodge may move from a building in one town to a building in another town if approved by a majority vote of the members of such lodge present at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposal to move must be given to all members of the lodge at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote to move is taken.

A subordinate Lodge that has no permanent building location may request permission from the Grand Master for the unlimited ability to move their charter to various locations within the city in which they were chartered, provided they meet the notification requirements of this section. A Lodge desiring unlimited mobility of its charter must request a dispensation from the Grand Master annually.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 10 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 11

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that Recommendation No. 11 was not in proper form and could not be balloted upon.

Recommendation No. 12

Amend **Section 2-1202 – NUMBER OF CANDIDATES** 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 stricken:

Sec. 2-1202 – NUMBER OF CANDIDATES – No subordinate lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, without the prior written approval of the Grand Master, *except when using the approved ritual for up to five candidates at one time.* ~~but the~~ *The lecture lectures and charge charges* may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 12 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 13

Amend the second paragraph of **Section 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES** 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 stricken:

Sec. 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES –

Second paragraph:

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year. The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary *postmarked* not later than the *31st* ~~15th~~ ~~day of December~~ ~~November~~ of each calendar year.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 13 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.: Scott Krieger asked for any reports not yet received.



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

- Fraternal Relations
- Masonic Relief
- Masonic Education
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee
- Finance Committee
- Grand Lodge Office
- Public Relations Committee

Membership
Grievances
Charters and Dispensations
Insurance Review
Internet and Computer Technology
Freemasonry and Religion
Necrology – Report received during Public Opening

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

The Grand Lodge of Macedonia, Grand Lodge of Mauritius and Grand Lodge of Croatia have requested recognition in 2006. We are presently investigating to see if they meet the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

The committee recommends that we not recognize the following jurisdictions at this time because of lack of recommendation by the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and they be carried forward for further consideration in the ensuing year along with the three listed above.

Grand Loge du Niger, The Grand Lodge of Estado de Aguascalientes (Mexico), The Grand Lodge of Estado De Guerrero (Mexico), The Grand Lodge of Montenegro, The Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Morocco, The Grand Lodge of San Marino, Grand Lodge of Baja California (Mexico) and the Gran Logia "Occidental Mexicana" (Mexico).

A study on the effectiveness, viability and participation of the appointees of the Grand Representative System continues. The roll of the Grand Representative is a misunderstood function of our Grand Lodge 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. Our committee will continue to make recommendations for nominations for Representatives to various jurisdictions that are either vacant or the representative has indicated a desire to be replaced. At year's end this project continues to be a work in progress.

The Committee continues to solicit for recognition from the various Prince Hall Grand Lodges in those jurisdictions where Prince Hall Grand Lodges and Grand Lodges under the canopy of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America have entered into agreements of mutual fraternal recognition.

As always, the Grand Representative of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions are urged to communicate with their counterparts; and, if possible, make arrangements to visit the jurisdiction they represent.

Thanks to the staff at the Grand Lodge Office for help with mailings and research. We are ever grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, Chairman
David H. Eads, 6
Joseph K. Humphrey, 159
Robert A. Jones, 83
Cullen F. Pilker, 39
Ex-Officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

Ronald W. Osborne, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief received no appeals for relief during the past Masonic year and no funds were dispersed through our committee.

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Education Committee consists of Bob Whipple, Dale Anderson, Dan Nonneman, Denny Brydl, Don Gasparetti, Eduardo Casas, John Parsons, Keith Neisler, Larry Jacobsen, Max Miller, Ron Stites, and Tom Hauder. These Brethren work very hard to support the many projects of the committee. The committee is constantly on the lookout for more Brethren with the same desire to assist in bringing Masonic Education to the Masons of Nebraska. More support is needed from the Western and Northern parts of Nebraska. Experience is not necessary, everyone else started with limited knowledge in Masonry and only the desire to learn more.

All Masons enter in Masonry with an obligation to seek more "Light in Masonry." The Grand Lodge Education Committee has taken on the charge to direct Nebraska Masons to sources of the light of Masonic education. The committee member's time, not to mention the committee's meek budget, doesn't give them the luxury of being able to visit each Lodge and deliver Masonic Education. The Masonic Education Symposium hosted two times a year, is a tool used to demonstrate how any member or Lodge can deliver Masonic Education to their members.

Masonic Education should be a part of the monthly business meetings. The Nebraska Masonic Education Committee gives every Lodge in Nebraska the opportunity to have such a program using the "To Light Moment." This is a monthly email that is sent to any Mason who requests it. "To Light Moment" is written and researched by Max Miller. The presentation is recommended to be read in Lodge, so that members go home with some Masonic education from the regular business meeting. The Masonic Education Committee continues 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.

This year, as in the past, the Masonic Education Committee begins the year with the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Breakfast. A very professional Masonic Education program is presented by the talented members of the committee. Masons from all over Nebraska have the opportunity to attend this presentation and go home with a little more knowledge about the Fraternity. In addition, the committee makes book reading recommendations that enable the Masons of Nebraska to expand their Masonic knowledge even more.

The Masonic Education Symposiums are held in March and October. The committee tries to host these at 4 locations in Nebraska. Ken Fleming can no longer host these symposiums, so now the committee is actively searching for someone to be the host in the Western part of Nebraska. These are very professional programs, which will allow the attendees to walk away with Masonic history, philosophy, information, etc., about the fraternity. More importantly, it will give the attendees a demonstration of how to present Masonic Education to their Lodge. In addition, a game of Masonic Jeopardy is presented. Many of the committee members enjoy this, as much as the attending committee members.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. This conference gives the committee ideas about how to better channel Masonic Education to the Masons of Nebraska. 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. In 2008, it will be Nebraska's turn to host this event in Omaha. This is a great opportunity for the Nebraska Grand Lodge to host Masons from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois. The Grand Lodge Education Committee has the opportunity to set a new standard for the conference, as far as giving attendees something to take home and demonstrating a higher level of organization and planning than many of the conferences lack. The 2006 conference was held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It is held in the latter part of April. This year it will be held in Indiana.

The quarterly section of the Nebraska Mason called "To Light" is a product of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen, John Parsons and others, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. Thanks to utilizing the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered. Articles are being provided by the MSRIF and the Saints John Lodge (Education Lodge) in addition to members of the Education Committee.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Saints John Lodge) 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 2006 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year. There are 2 meetings per year. The meetings include papers being presented by members and of course, no Masonic gathering would be complete without a meal. Any member of the committee will be happy to give Masons more information and instruction on how to join.

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 who volunteer to support the committee in this task.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, 314 & 287, Chairman
Danny J. Nonneman, 317
Thomas L. Hauder, 210
Max H. Miller, 79
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327
W. Keith Neisler, 1
Eduardo Casas, 317, Ad-hoc
Donald C. Gasparetti, 54 & 314, Ad-hoc
Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281, Ad-hoc
Dale W. Anderson, 158, Ad-hoc
Ronald D. Stites, 268, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

Some interesting things have happened at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in the past year. On May 17, an exhibit entitled: "The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington, D.C." was opened at the Octagon Museum in Washington. It was recognition by America's Architects of Freemasonry.

Also during the year, the levels of support for the Association were restated and enlarged. They are: \$100, Silver Craftsman; \$250, Gold Master; \$500, Platinum Presidential; and \$1,000, 21st Century. All of the above will receive a Certificate of Membership and a bronze lapel pin of the Memorial. In addition, platinum and 21st century donors will receive a replica of the George Washington pen knife and 21st century donors will have their names cast in bronze and displayed at the main entrance to the Memorial.

In addition, there are the Millennium Memberships, as follows: \$5,000, Millennium Architect; \$10,000, Millennium Master Architect; \$25,000, Millennium Builder; \$50,000, Millennium Master Builder; and \$100,000 Millennium Grand Master Builder. Each of these contributors will receive all the gifts mentioned and also will receive a Membership Plaque and their names will be permanently displayed on the Memorial Wall of Honor.

Also, there is the Memorial Tree Program. For \$500, a tree will be planted and maintained on the grounds of the Memorial and a granite marker will be installed by each tree to identify the donor and the honoree.

Immediate Past President W. Scott Stoner, R.:W.: Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was always a great promoter of the Planned Giving program whereby donors might contribute to the Memorial and earn tax deductions besides. We are sorry to report that Brother Stoner's health failed him about the time he completed his first year of service as President. He did not seek a second year as President, and shortly thereafter entered God's Grand Lodge. We miss him very much.

Since February, 2006, our Leader as President has been Michael D. Brumback, M.:W.: Past Grand Master of Indiana. Brother Mike is doing a great job as President and we value his leadership a great deal. A great deal is happening. A project to identify

and locate all of the Memorial's artifacts has been accomplished. This will make our Library and all Masonic information even more available to researchers, who will now be able to examine the books by using their computers. We are proud that Brother Mark Tabbert, a well-known Masonic author and researcher has joined the Memorial Staff. Brother Tabbert is the author of the book: American Freemasons; Three Centuries of Building Communities. Our relationship with Mount Vernon and its Executive Director, Brother James Rees continues to be close and productive as we pursue our mutual objective to honor our Worshipful Brother George Washington and make sure that history is never allowed to forget him or to forget all of the patriots who gave so much to bring this great Country into existence.

Any Freemason who is going to be in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. should make sure to find the time to visit the Memorial. It is open, with guided tours available, every day, including week-ends, except for a few national holidays. Nobody who took the tour has ever been heard to complain or say they did not enjoy it.

Respectfully submitted,
 Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman
 Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297
 Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15 & 119
 Ronald Stites, 268
 Richard L. Hill, 317

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 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 evidence 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 to verify their accuracy.
5. Review of income items including lodge assessments.
6. Review of Perpetual Membership and Scholarship accounts.
7. Discussion and review of monthly financial statements.

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

A comparison of actual revenue and expenditures to budgeted revenues and expenditures is as follows:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Revenue	\$458,007.14	\$416,141.25
Interest Income	68,496.00	86,511.00
Total Revenue	526,503.14	502,652.25
Expenses	508,346.53	502,652.25
Difference	18,156.61	0.00

The difference of budget versus actual gave us a positive of \$18,156.61. 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 2006.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for 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.

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
Kenneth D. Rouch, 300 & 46
Ben F. Hughes, 38 & 96
Rick E. Nelson, 317
Steve B. Wetzel, 227

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman

The Grand Lodge Office Committee is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the efficient operation of the Grand Lodge Office and its employees. Additionally, the committee manages the assets required by the Grand Lodge Office. In discharging this responsibility, the committee met formally on two occasions and at other times through the use of email. The results of the actions taken by this committee follow:

- New Membership Software – The new membership software program purchased by the Foundation from Wendell Bell and Associates of Colorado has been installed. It was noted that the office staff is happy with the change. Modifications are still being made to the system on an as-needed basis.
- Mileage Reimbursement Amount – The committee retained for 2007 the current mileage reimbursement rate of 25 cents per mile for eligible members of the Grand Lodge traveling in an official capacity.
- Grand Lodge Fixed Assets - The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge and the changes that would need to be made to it. The old postage meter was removed from the fixed asset list of the Grand Lodge. Two Dell PCs and 1 PC Software program were also removed from the fixed asset list of the Grand Lodge. The committee approved the purchase of the Long Ranger IV Speaker system. The chairman noted that last year the committee removed all of the CHIP equipment from the fixed asset list of the Grand Lodge because the program was being handled by the Foundation at that time. At the Foundation meeting in February 2006, the Foundation made a ruling that the CHIP program needed to be handled by the Grand Lodge, and those assets would now need to be added back into the Grand Lodge fixed assets. Consequently, the CHIP assets were added to the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge.
- Committee Budget – The 2007 budget request for the Grand Lodge Office Committee was set at \$50.

- Grand Lodge Liability and Insurance Package – The current status of the insurance package carried by the Grand Lodge for liability, directors and officers, workers compensation, office contents, etc. was reviewed. The bid process utilized in early 2006 was also reviewed. The Insurance Committee received three bids. UNICO's package was still the best deal. The line officers and the Insurance Committee determined that the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges have a higher liability exposure than they have coverage, so an additional umbrella policy was purchased for \$2,000,000 at a cost of \$3800 a year. That premium will also be split between the lodges for reimbursement to Grand Lodge. An inland marine policy was also put into place for up to three Grand Lodge Officer jewels and aprons in the event they would be lost or stolen. That coverage is at a cost of \$212 per year. That premium will be absorbed by the Grand Lodge budget.
- CHIP Program – The Office Manager reviewed the current situation with the CHIP program. She indicated that right now there are donations coming into the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to allow the donations to be deductible, however, she can't get that money out of the Foundation anymore because of the mission set forth for the Foundation in the IRS 501(c)3 application. The CHIP per member assessment is collected by the Grand Lodge, and Michelle invoices lodges from the Grand Lodge for any shortfall of money when events are held. However, right now, the CHIP program is operating in the red in the Grand Lodge books. Reg Kuhn is forming a new foundation that will be called the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP) Foundation and it should be up and running by January 1, 2007. After its creation, all monies will transfer into this new foundation and all income and expenses will be handled there. Barb will most likely remain an employee of the Grand Lodge, however, the new foundation will be asked to reimburse the Grand Lodge for any payroll expenses incurred as a result of her work on CHIP. An administrative fee, similar to the one paid by the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, to the Grand Lodge is also a possibility for this new foundation, however, that issue will need to be discussed with the board of directors after they are in place.
- Health Care Costs – During the year it became necessary for the Office Manager to be added to the Grand Lodge policy due to her husband's job change. The current plan requires at least two participants.
- Banking Change – West Gate Bank was selected as the source of the Grand Lodge Office's checking account. The accounts are earning interest.
- Concealed Weapon Policy – The committee discussed the new concealed weapons law going into effect on January 1st. A policy was adopted that the Grand Lodge would ban concealed weapons from the Grand Lodge Office and that a sign would be placed on the front door stating such policy.
- Grand Lodge Office Employees – Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and communicated to the employees. The policy that raises given to the employees of the Grand Lodge should not exceed 5 percent in any fiscal year was followed in the determination of raises for the 2007 fiscal year.
- Revision of Employment Policies – The committee will hold a meeting on May 21, 2007 at 3:00 pm at the Grand Lodge Office for the purpose of reviewing the Employment Policies document.

The Grand Lodge Office committee would like to acknowledge the professional manner in which the employees of the Grand Lodge Office perform their duties. Their competence and professional demeanor should be applauded by every mason in

Nebraska! You are encouraged to stop by the Grand Lodge Office the next time you are in Lincoln. Your presence is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Chairman
W. Glen Jorgenson, 50
Francis L. Crowe, 56
Michael R. McFarlin, 1
Suman Vallabhbhai, 314
Ex-officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Pepper Aasgaard, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continued its promotion of Masonry in Nebraska in 2006. The Grand Lodge Office sent form news releases to Nebraska Lodges for their use to publicize installation of officers, awarding of scholarships, naming students who participate in Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp and presentations of membership year-pin awards and Jordan medals. This most important communications function has been handled historically by the Grand Lodge Office staff, for which we as a committee are very grateful.

While this has been the traditional role of the Public Relations Committee and the use of news releases and newsletters is somewhat effective; the internet is the media today. Most young men use the internet exclusively for news, research, bill payments and most other communications. Currently all content of the Grand Lodge websites are being managed by the Internet Committee. The internet is today the newspaper of yesterday. As such, the Public Relations Committee would like to have input regarding internet media, yet at the same time support the Internet Committee's functionality of the website.

The Public Relations Committee strongly supported changes to the Grand Lodge website to include either a special section or separate domain dedicated solely to recruitment of prospective members. The Committee also supported the development of public service announcements and will continue to work with the Grand Lodge Officers and other committees to make this a reality.

The Committee introduced two new domains: www.NebraskaMason.org and www.NebraskaMasons.org that may serve to better reflect the title of our Grand Lodge publications.

In the effort to provide feedback from membership to the Grand Lodge Officers, staff and committees, the Public Relations Committee developed several confidential surveys and randomly selected members using several databases, including the Grand Lodge membership database. Usually a survey is fortunate to receive a ten percent response; the initial Public Relations Committee survey had a surprising 61.3% response in less than 48 hours.

The initial survey proved to be a good cross section of our fraternity's membership regarding populations represented, age of membership, offices held and years of dedication. The survey indicated that we as a fraternity are very philanthropic, willing to go the extra mile, yet we are a little reluctant to increase the Grand Lodge assessments. We believe the need for such is critical; otherwise "we are going to be eating our seed corn." We believe quality is more important than quantity of membership. Respondents

also indicated a need for increased media exposure with the tools we have available today i.e. the internet, public service announcements. On a final comment, the survey indicated that there is a reluctance to support one-day degrees but respondents realize there is a need for such. The Grand Master was given the full results of the confidential survey and will review them with committees as warranted.

Most of the monies used for the purchase of the new domains, the development of a beta recruitment website, the development of 30 and 60 second public service announcements and the surveys themselves have been paid with out-of-pocket expense by members of this committee. If it is the desire of our fraternity to promote Masonry effectively as the survey suggests, the Public Relations Committee will need to have an increase in budgeted funds for such promotions in future years.

Respectfully submitted,
 Pepper Aasgaard, 1 & 11, Chairman
 Warren Christensen, 44
 Byron L. Hust, 198
 Kent D. Priest, 32
 Benjiman H. Harvey, 119

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Edward W. Nolte, Chairman

The Membership Committee continues to encourage individual Lodges to take advantage of the material developed and distributed at various Grand Lodge and other Masonic forums over the past several years. Programs to promote membership, such as Friendship Dinners and One-Day Degrees, are working in the Omaha and Eastern part of the state and could be applied on an individual Lodge or district basis in other areas. Masonic Unity with the Shrine, Scottish and York Rites, Eastern Star, and Youth Groups helps the entire organization.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has funding for individual Lodges to promote membership. However, membership is measured in four ways—gaining new members, retaining current members, membership activity, and numbers of Lodges.

The first and most objective method of measuring membership is to count the number of men raised by each or all Lodge(s). Increasing membership by raising new members requires turning up the power of the Lodge. Raising new Masons is not just the duty of the Worshipful Master, the Membership Chairman, the Officers, or even the active members. It is the duty of every member. It takes the total involvement and commitment of the entire membership of a Lodge. Dispel old ideas about not asking a man to become a member and seek out good men who would make good Masons. We should not wait for another 9/11, Korean War, or any other national crisis in the hope that men will come to us. We must actively work this issue now, and that means talking to good men about our beloved craft.

The second method of measuring membership is retaining current members. This has two parts, which apply to new and to more senior members. On the new side, some Brothers become disillusioned with Masonry before they become fully involved. Perhaps, they were just curious and we would have lost them anyway, but perhaps we didn't do everything we could to make them welcome in our Lodges. Extend the hand of fellowship, step out of your normal circle of older friends and Brothers for a moment, and welcome a new Brother into that circle. Get him involved in Lodge activity immediately

upon his raising. Also, get his family involved in the greater Masonic family. Remember that an inactive new member, down the road may drop his membership because it is not relevant to him. Make it relevant by getting him involved early. On the more senior side, we lose some more senior members who have faithfully paid their dues for many years and then quit paying them. Perhaps, they don't see the need, a family member is making the decision for them, or they are in need of a hand. We must make an attempt to get them involved and, if they need a hand, ensure they receive it. The sign in Scottsbluff Lodge is correct, "No one can take your place, if you are not here."

The third method of measuring membership is through Lodge activities. Having an active program that goes beyond doing degree work, practicing the ritual, paying the bills, and reading the minutes is essential. There are many activities that can get inactive members to Lodge. Sometimes it can be as simple as a dinner before the meeting. At other times, it can just be a phone call. A Trestleboard notice of a meeting is easier to ignore than a personal phone call. Another activity that works for our Lodge is a Past Master's Night, where Past Masters fill all the seats and raise a new Mason. It is interesting for three reasons. First, the more senior members get involved in the work again. Second, the younger members are encouraged to learn and know the work as well as these seasoned veterans do. And third, and most importantly, everyone shares a dinner between the first and second section that builds a spirit of brotherhood. Other activities could include an Annual Lodge Picnic, a CHIP event, a Ladies at the Table, a closed Table Lodge, a Widows' Night, 50 and 60 Year Awards Banquets, and ceremonies significant to your particular community. One Lodge sponsored a tractor pull. Also popular are events shared by Masons such as softball games, trap shoots, attending a ball game, or viewing a movie such as National Treasure or DaVinci Code. All of these build a spirit of brotherhood and bind the membership to one another.

In closing, we need to do all of the above—increase our membership with new members, especially young members; ensure all our members know the value of their membership and pay their dues; and provide meaningful activities inside and outside the Lodge to build brotherhood. While we are doing this, we need to look for and build leaders for our organization. Every Mason is fond of telling non-Masons about George Washington and the 13 other Presidents who were Masons, about Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, and John Paul Jones; about Douglas MacArthur, Hap Arnold, and Curtis LeMay; about John Wayne, Red Skelton, and Roy Rogers. All of these men were Masons and all of them were leaders. We need to recruit, retain, and activate good men, who will be good leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward W. Nolte, 39, Chairman
Randall E. Ogier, 279
Kenneth A. Bills, 106
Stanley R. Thayer, 50
Steven R. Barchus, 302

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Don C. Bottorf, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matter of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the 2006 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don C. Bottorf, 49, Chairman
Robert J. Parker, 317
Jay H. Speck 6
Charles Hastings, 317

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Donald W. Madsen, Chairman

A request for dispensation for a new lodge was received from Tabula Rasa. A dispensation was issued by the Grand Master dated July 24, 2006, to continue in force until December 31, 2006, at which time the dispensation is to be returned to the Grand Secretary, along with a full report of the proceedings of the lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald W. Madsen, 11, Chairman
Scott Brendel, 146
H. Frank Erickson, 146
Phillip F. Harris, 290

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Lowell C. Erickson, Chairman

The policy renewal date is drawing near on the insurance policy carried by the Nebraska Grand Lodge. Our committee recommended that the quote for umbrella coverage given by the insurance carrier be accepted and be added to the policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell C. Erickson, 251, Chairman
Roger Anderson, 46
Jeffrey J. Noble, 78

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Loyal Winborn, Chairman

The Internet Committee met as a committee twice, and core members met numerous additional times as the work required.

Goals initially set by the committee were:

1. Come up with a new IT partnership for the Grand Lodge website;
2. Provide a clear and consistent website, preserving the best features of the old and adding new features to improve the function and the attractiveness; and
3. Retain the reporting functionality and possibly enhance it.

Our philosophy is that the Internet is a serious medium, and we need to provide the kind of resources to use it to the best possible advantage. The work is best done by

professionals, in a standards-compliant manner so the information can be edited and handled by other consultants/professionals as the need arises.

Without going too deeply into the actual technology, the individual lodge pages will now be presented as links from the Grand Lodge page, with the caveat that the page is not under the direct control of the Grand Lodge, thus removing an onerous burden of oversight/control from the Grand Lodge. Individual lodge web pages that exemplify new and intriguing designs are free to flourish, and should a lodge web page have content or links that are not in keeping with Masonic principles, their link can be rapidly removed until the problem has been resolved.

Although these goals, design principles and philosophies have been productive, we have more work to do this year in enhancing the designer interface, and improving their reaction to various updates and requirements.

The committee is grateful for the excellent work being done by Michelle Fulmer, the office staff, and Brother David Watts, Grand Lodge Officer Liaison.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Tyson Boellstorff, 110, Acting Chairman
Loyal T. Winborn, 11
Alan Anderson, 327
Alvin O. Benemerito, 136
John W. Kelley, Jr., 3
W. Scott Dodge, 297
Dean Papenhagen, 50
M.W. Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Ex-officio

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. As happens every year, occasionally anti-masonic tracts appear, from obscure sources, and with an author or publisher seldom, if ever, identified. These publications most often confuse Masonry with a church or religion, and they then argue that we promote false doctrine.

Although we are happy to provide our opinions on 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 office to see what publications are available or with questions.

This year the committee was asked its opinion of the observance of Christianity both in a tyled lodge and in other lodge activities. Our answer follows:

We recently had a telephone conversation in which you asked for guidelines regarding the appropriateness of engaging in activities supporting Christianity in Blue Lodge functions. Your primary concern was outside a tyled lodge, e.g. general "at refreshment" activities of the lodge. In order to make certain that I would provide a correct answer, I discussed this matter at some length with W.B. Richard Fletcher, the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association. The M.S.A. is the national resource center for continuity and advice for the fifty-one independent Grand Lodges in the U.S.

Any one of the fifty-one Grand Lodges could establish guidelines of its own, but to Richard's knowledge none has. The simple answer is that there are no guidelines, but I hope I can provide some helpful ideas that he and I discussed.

Let me mention a couple of things regarding a tyled lodge. It is proper to give a newly raised Mason a Christian bible as a token of the event, just as it would be proper to give a Koran or Book of Mormon if that were the candidate's Supreme Belief. As is occasionally done, it is not proper to offer a prayer in Blue Lodge that is a definite Christian prayer. The only exception is where our Monitor or Ceremonies books allow use of a Christian prayer. The only case that the committee could find is on page 3 of the current monitor. There, under closing prayers on page 3, the Lord's Prayer is shown as one of the prayers that can be used. You will note that the bible on the altar is only opened in the Old Testament.

As far as outside the tyled lodge, it is perfectly proper to engage in activities in support of Christianity or with a Christian connotation, e.g. an Easter egg hunt. We support Christianity and our churches. There is no reason not to help support church activities while identified as a Masonic Lodge. Also, if a lodge has Jewish or Muslim membership, it is proper for the lodge to work in support of those religions.

We do need to distinguish between supporting and replacing. For example any Easter morning breakfast should be at a time that does not conflict with church attendance, and there should definitely not be anything that resembles a church service as part of such event.

In short, a common sense approach to reaching out to the religious community is to be encouraged. I apologize for not being able to give you concise guidelines to answer your question, but the above information should help in your activity decision making.

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

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Michael E. Jones made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW *Reginald S. Kuhn, Chairman*

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 1-202 will now read in the second 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 serve at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master, receiving the sum of fifteen dollars per day while conducting Schools of Instruction, which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. Any Deputy Grand Custodian who is absent from the annual Custodian school for three consecutive years will automatically lose his commission at

the close of the third consecutive school, unless good cause can be shown to the Grand Master.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 1-303 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-303 – MEETINGS – The committees above named shall meet at least twice annually. Any committee may be convened at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 1-308 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-308 – MASONIC RELIEF – The Committee on Masonic Relief shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. Said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, to plan and execute fundraisers to finance the Relief Committee projects, and to make a full accounting of such fundraisers to the Grand Master. The Committee on Masonic Relief shall have the ability to raise money by special projects such as, but not limited to, raffles, as set forth in Section 3-102, silent auctions or solicitation of lodges and/or members.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 1-318 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-318 – FINANCE – The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, each to serve a period of five (5) years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member annually. In case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. The committee shall meet at least twice annually with the Committee on Appropriations and the Board of Grand Trustees. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge, vouchers of officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts and certify the results thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to a certain expenditure, its appropriateness or its proper category, said matters shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations who, with the advice of the Committee on Jurisprudence, shall determine the appropriateness of said expenditure or the appropriate category into which said expenditure shall be placed. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

Section 1-325 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-325 – APPROPRIATIONS – The Committee on Appropriations shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually, and in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. The committee shall meet at least twice annually with the Committee on Finance and the Board of Grand Trustees. It shall be the duty of the committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided that the committee must submit a proposed budget with appropriations which do not exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, person or committee requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity, provided, however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

Section 1-401 will now have a new paragraph (j):

(j) The Board of Grand Trustees shall meet at least twice annually with the Appropriations Committee and the Finance Committee.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 1-327 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-327 – LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Lodge Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each to serve for a period of five years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of the committee to advise and work with any subordinate lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this committee to process all applications to surrender Charters, however, no Charter may be surrendered until said Lodge has met at least twice within six months at their regular stated communication with the Lodge Advisory Committee, and no Charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this committee.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 7 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 1-406 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2005, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund – <i>January 2007</i>	15.00
commencing January 2008	\$17.00
commencing January 2009	\$18.00

commencing January 2010	\$19.00
commencing January 2011	\$20.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Section 2-601 will now read in the third 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 an initiation fee in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The initiation fee shall increase to Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) on January 1, 2007. In addition, each Lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Eighteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$18.50) as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2005. The per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$2.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, 2008, and one dollar per year for the next three years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, and. 2011 - \$23.50. 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. In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the CHild Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 8 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 2-207 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall meet with the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 9 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 2-402 is amended by adding a new paragraph before the last paragraph. The new paragraph shall read:

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the Lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has

completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in this section, before he may receive his diploma as prescribed above.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 10 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 2-502 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-502 – CHANGE OF LOCATION – Subject to the approval of the Grand Master, a subordinate lodge may move from one building to another in the same town by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposed move has been given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto.

Subject also to the approval of the Grand Master a subordinate lodge may move from a building in one town to a building in another town if approved by a majority vote of the members of such lodge present at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposal to move must be given to all members of the lodge at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote to move is taken.

A subordinate Lodge that has no permanent building location may request permission from the Grand Master for the unlimited ability to move their charter to various locations within the city in which they were chartered, provided they meet the notification requirements of this section. A Lodge desiring unlimited mobility of its charter must request a dispensation from the Grand Master annually.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 12 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 2-1202 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-1202 – NUMBER OF CANDIDATES – No subordinate lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, without the prior written approval of the Grand Master, except when using the approved ritual for up to five candidates at one time. The lectures and charges may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 13 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2007), Section 2-310 will now read in the second paragraph:

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year. The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary postmarked not later than the 31st day of December of each calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, Chairman
Loren S. Lindahl, 59
Thomas S. Stewart, 46

R.:W.: Reg Kuhn moved that the report be approved. The motion was seconded. After brief discussion, the Report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as summarized, by the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins announced that he received the following five resolutions, which according to the bylaws, subject to clearance by the Jurisprudence Committee, will be read and laid over until the session next year.

Resolution No. 1

The per-capita tax proposed for future years can only be for one year at a time.

Resolution No. 2

Voting by the members of the Grand Lodge at its regular convocation must be done on any proposal to increase the per capita tax on our membership by paper ballot only. (Voice votes are not acceptable.)

Resolution No. 3

A brother mason with 50 or more years of service who refuses to pay the local dues by reason of either financial hardship or unwillingness to pay, after notifying his home lodge of such circumstances, may receive relief by such notification. The members of the local lodge will verify the member's request to the Grand Lodge, which, upon the verification of the member's eligibility, will credit one-half of the per capita tax for this member while the member's home lodge will be required to pay the other half.

Resolution No. 4

Add to Section 2-601 – **DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

In addition to the per capita tax, as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2009, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to be used and delegated for Masonic Relief, which is governed under Grand Lodge Bylaws Section 1-308.

The funds from the assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

Resolution No. 5

Amend Section 1-406:

Such that commencing January 1, 2009, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.....	.50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter .....	.50
To the General Fund – January 2009	33.50
To the General Fund – January 2010	43.50
To the General Fund – January 2011	53.50

And accordingly amend Section 2-601 to reflect that per capita tax shall accrue as follows:

2009	\$38.50
2010	\$48.50
2011	\$58.50



V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr. closed the 150th 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 Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

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February 2-3, 2007

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District #5	
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District #13

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Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165,
Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed
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District #15

To Be Appointed
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To Be Appointed
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District #25

Philip E. Darby, Jr., 61, 1801 Plum Creek Ln., Lexington 68850, 308-324-4548 2006
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, 402-967-3361 1979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

Bill Lichtenberger, 207, 42634 Callaway Rd, Callaway 68825-2547, 308-836-4492 2003
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway

District #28

Jack D. Nichols, 265, 702 W. 15th St., Scottsbluff 69361-2906, 308-635-0404 2000
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343-1348, 308-282-0214 1984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-2238 1996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell

District #31

Gordon L. Carley, 75, PO Box 1, Dalton 69131-0001, 308-377-2511 2003
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; James L. Eatmon #294, Kimball

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, 71562 Avenue 343, Max 69037-4411, 308-423-2547 1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade

District #33

Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 3020 S. Willow St., North Platte 69101, 308-532-0270 2005
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace

District #34

Frank Veverka, 15, 1525 E. 5th St., Fremont 68025-5342, 402-721-9529 2005
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner

District #35

James R. Taylor, 327, 11335 Fowler Ave., Omaha 68164-2220, 402-493-2854 2002
Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha #288, Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-489-4317 1999
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, 824 H St., Geneva 68361-2025, 402-759-3869 1992
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, 402-462-8540 2003
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

- Glenn W. Binder, 23 RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420-9712
- Richard L. Mauch, 224 & 136 PO Box 10, Bassett 68714-0010
- Frank R. Harris, 77 PO Box 3, Nelson 68961-0003
- Ben D. Fussell, 79 1318 J St., Geneva 68361-1536
- Ralph McNulty, 61 PO Box 83, Cozad 69130-0083
- A. W. Clark, 33 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68801-2521
- Lynn Doty, 251 PO Box 163, Wausa 68786-0163
- Eugene C. Sibley, 314 5221 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
- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901-2850
- Harold C. Mueksch, 132 404 5th St., Scribner 68057-3057
- Harold W. Noble, 325 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005-4020

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- Patrick S. Andrew, 4 (8) RR 1 Box 72, Brownville 68321-9732, 402-274-3009
- Bruce A. Baker, 317 (18) 2510 S Deer Trail, Hastings 68901-7497, 402-462-8170
- Alvin O. Benemerito, 136 (26) PO Box 38, Long Pine 69217-0038, 402-273-3164
- Monte R. Bloyd, 50 (38) 45632 Kilgore Rd., Gibbon 68840-4005, 402-462-6192
- Gerald J. Caha, 229 (9) PO Box 353, Ceresco 68017-0353, 402-665-2275
- Homer H. Fishwood, 40 (7) PO Box 631, Humboldt 68376-0631, 402-862-2917
- David A. Kipp, 281 (2) 129 N 36th St #1, Omaha 68131-2448, 402-346-0832
- Kevin R. Lindly, 148 (27) PO Box 252, Dunning 68833-0452, 308-538-2277
- Donald E. Loos, 265 (28) PO Box 1499, Scottsbluff 69363-1499, 308-632-6761
- Edward W. Nolte, 39 (35) 4702 Windcrest Dr., Papillion 68133-4767, 402-592-0184
- Brian K. Sandall, 21 (4) 1063 N 17th Ave., Blair 68008-1234, 402-426-4890

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdraw	Termination of Dual	Other Causes		TOTAL
1 - Nebraska	10	0	9	0	203	9	1	5	0	0	0	15	0	7	12	0	0	0	19	199
2 - Western Star	1	0	1	0	172	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	8	1	0	2	0	11	163
3 - Capitol	4	0	4	0	113	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	10	0	0	0	15	102
4 - Nemaha Valley	5	0	2	0	64	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	66
5 - Omadi	5	0	5	0	134	5	6	0	5	0	0	16	3	2	8	0	0	0	13	137
6 - Plattsmouth	8	0	13	0	271	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	275
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	50
10 - Solomon	1	0	1	0	71	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	75
11 - Covert	15	0	15	1	589	14	4	1	3	0	0	22	2	11	32	0	1	0	46	565
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
15 - Fremont	2	0	2	0	260	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	7	16	0	0	0	23	246
19 - Lincoln	3	0	3	0	225	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	8	12	0	0	0	22	208
21 - Washington	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	7	82
23 - Pawnee	1	0	0	0	93	2	0	1	0	17	0	20	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	108
26 - Beatrice	3	0	3	0	210	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	2	8	11	0	1	0	22	193
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38
31 - Tekamah	2	0	1	0	144	1	3	0	2	0	0	6	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	143
32 - Platte Valley	8	0	9	0	245	8	0	2	4	0	0	14	1	8	3	0	0	0	12	247
33 - Ashlar	4	0	4	0	200	5	0	1	3	0	0	9	2	8	14	0	1	0	25	184
34 - Acacia	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	85
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	43
37 - Crete	0	0	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	68
38 - Oliver	0	0	1	0	59	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	58
39 - Papillion	9	0	9	0	334	9	2	0	5	0	0	16	7	9	29	0	1	0	46	304
40 - Humboldt	1	0	1	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	43
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	28
43 - Hebron	1	0	1	0	54	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	51
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	18
46 - Rob Morris	6	0	6	0	237	7	0	1	3	0	0	11	1	5	14	0	1	0	21	227
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	24
50 - Hastings	7	0	6	0	192	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	7	0	0	0	10	187
51 - Fidelity	2	0	2	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	47

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52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	8	33
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	34
54 - Lancaster	8	0	7	0	341	8	4	1	5	0	1	19	2	12	15	0	0	0	29	331	
55 - Mosaic	4	0	3	0	122	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	7	118	
56 - York	3	0	3	0	110	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	4	0	0	0	9	104	
57 - Mt. Moriah	2	0	2	0	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	
59 - Wahoo	2	0	3	0	73	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	4	0	1	0	8	70	
61 - Thistle	8	0	8	0	154	8	1	0	2	0	0	11	0	5	6	0	0	0	11	154	
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46	
64 - Blue Valley	1	0	1	0	58	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	53	
65 - Osceola	3	0	4	0	97	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	9	0	0	0	13	86	
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	
72 - Hooper	1	0	1	0	48	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	49	
73 - Friend	2	0	2	0	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	
75 - Frank Welch	5	0	4	0	139	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	1	6	3	0	0	0	10	134	
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	49	
78 - Albion	0	0	1	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	52	
79 - Geneva	0	0	3	0	120	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	118	
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	39	
82 - St. Paul	0	0	1	0	46	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	43	
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
89 - Cedar River	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	46	
91 - Oakland	1	0	1	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	38	
94 - Bennett	1	1	0	1	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	38	
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	58	
96 - Utica	1	0	2	0	30	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	
97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	62	
102 - Waterloo	6	0	6	0	111	7	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	4	7	0	0	0	11	108	
103 - Ord	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	37	
104 - Wymore	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	60	
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	44	
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	18	0	
110 - Pomegranate	3	0	3	0	103	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	104	
111 - DeWitt	1	0	1	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	

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112 - Springfield	23	0	23	0	256	23	2	0	11	0	0	36	1	3	19	0	0	0	23	269
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40
119 - North Bend	1	0	1	0	95	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	92
120 - Wayne	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	95
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	48	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	48
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	73	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	73
127 - Minden	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	23
135 - McCook	2	0	1	0	129	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	6	124
136 - Long Pine	3	0	3	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37
146 - Jachin	5	0	4	0	129	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	9	4	0	0	0	13	123
148 - Custer	3	0	3	0	124	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	120
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	34
158 - Samaritan	2	0	4	0	84	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	85
159 - Ogalalla	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	79
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	22
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37
165 - Barneston	5	0	5	0	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	24
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	32
174 - Culbertson	1	0	1	0	29	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	31
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	56
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	32
183 - Alliance	3	0	2	0	160	3	1	0	3	0	0	7	1	5	4	0	0	0	10	157
184 - Bee Hive	7	0	5	0	190	5	0	0	3	0	0	8	1	7	8	0	0	0	16	182
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	51
194 - Highland	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	40
195 - Arcana	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
198 - Purity	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	41
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
201 - Scotts Bluff	0	0	0	0	108	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	5	104
204 - Plainview	1	0	1	0	49	1	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	47

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205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	57
207 - Parian	2	0	2	0	33	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	29
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	25	
210 - East Lincoln	2	0	2	0	313	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	5	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	296	
211 - Cement	5	0	5	0	54	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	55		
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28		
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	34		
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33		
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72		
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43		
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	73		
227 - North Star	3	0	1	0	148	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	7	146			
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	63			
229 - Comet	2	0	2	0	60	2	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	63			
234 - Zion	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	42			
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	24			
239 - Friendship	1	0	1	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	26			
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	17			
248 - Laurel	1	0	1	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38			
250 - G Washington	1	0	1	0	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	65			
251 - Wausa	2	0	2	0	65	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	63			
256 - Hickman	4	0	4	0	198	4	1	0	9	0	0	14	0	1	18	0	0	0	0	19	193			
263 - Mitchell	1	0	1	0	117	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	7	0	1	0	0	9	110			
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	58			
265 - R W Furnas	6	0	6	0	119	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	11	115			
268 - G W Linger	20	0	18	0	188	18	0	3	1	0	0	22	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	202			
274 - Olive Branch	3	0	3	0	63	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	64			
279 - Wallace	2	0	3	0	33	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	36			
281 - Florence	1	0	1	0	144	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	9	138			
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	29			
285 - Camp Clarke	2	0	2	0	77	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79			
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	38				
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	40			

	E.A.		F.C.		MASTER MASONS													On Rolls December 31, 2006		
	Initiated	On Rolls December 31, 2006	Passed	On Rolls December 31, 2006	Membership December 31, 2005	GAIN						LOSS								
						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrawn	Termination of Dual		Other Causes	TOTAL
288 - Omaha	7	0	6	0	94	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	96
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	29
290 - John J. Mercer	10	0	10	0	499	10	1	3	15	0	2	31	1	20	25	0	0	0	46	484
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	45
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	42
294 - James Eatmon	2	0	1	0	81	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	3	12	0	0	0	16	69
297 - Cotner	8	0	7	0	212	8	2	1	0	0	0	11	0	5	3	0	1	0	9	214
300 - Liberty	18	0	18	0	269	18	2	0	0	0	0	20	1	5	3	0	1	0	10	279
302 - Mizpah	12	0	12	0	288	12	3	0	13	0	0	28	1	19	10	0	0	0	30	286
305 - Newman Grove	1	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
310 - Victory	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	58
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
314 - Craftsmen	0	0	0	0	222	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	3	0	9	215
317 - Mid-West	4	0	4	0	257	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	6	2	0	0	0	12	249
320 - College View	3	0	2	0	64	2	3	0	3	0	0	8	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	67
323 - Lebanon	1	0	1	0	112	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	110
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
325 - Bellevue	6	0	7	0	245	7	0	0	2	0	0	9	1	6	8	1	2	0	18	236
326 - Centennial	1	0	1	0	141	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	137
327 - Shiloh	9	3	9	0	169	8	0	1	0	0	0	9	3	2	13	1	0	0	19	159
328 - Miloma	7	0	7	0	173	9	2	0	2	0	0	13	0	3	8	0	0	0	11	175
TOTALS	354	4	350	2	14840	366	53	32	138	17	3	609	58	443	512	3	25	17	1058	14391

**Historical Records
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**Kearney, Nebraska
February 2-3, 2007**

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. O. 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 M. 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 B. 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. Phillips.....	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. Fatcher.....	302
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin.....	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey.....	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart.....	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer.....	184, 227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester.....	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts.....	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen.....	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf.....	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman.....	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	228
105th	1970	John H. Brown.....	1

106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg	210, 64
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
137th	2003	Kenneth D. Beebe	119
138th	2004	Les Seiler	317
139th	2005	Ivan A. Vrtiska	327

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
- Reginald S. Kuhn August 1995 to October 2003
- 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 & 64 1985-1990
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 1990-2000
- Emeritus

GRAND LECTURERS

George Armstrong, 3	1858, 1859, 1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860, 1861, 1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E.C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865, 1866, 1868, 1874 to 1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869 to 1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	1871 (Acting)
George H. Thummel, 33	1872, 1873
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1877 to 1880

The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians
And Date of Appointment

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian" was made in 1869. In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877
L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold

special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistant" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians." In 1925, the designation was "Deputy Custodian." The following brethren appeared in the records as "Assistant Custodians," or, at times, as "Deputy Custodians."

- John J. Mercer, 3..... 1910
- Samuel S. Whiting, 54..... 1910
- Walter W. Wells, 192..... 1910
- Ensign J. Rix, 55..... 1910
- James D. Phillips, 93..... 1910
- Frederick L. Wolff, 135..... 1910
- Ernest H. James, 1..... 1910
- Fred A. Howe, 119..... 1910
- Robert B. Walker, 170..... 1912
- Frank W. Farrand, 36..... 1913
- Ira C. Freet, 56..... 1913
- Benjamin Wood, 210..... 1913
- Edward M. Wellman, 1..... 1913
- Charles A. Eyre, 268..... 1913
- Robert A. Armstrong, 32..... 1913
- Levi Pringle, 276..... 1913
- Earl M. Bolen, 130..... 1914
- Frank L. Haycock, 207..... 1914
- George A. Stevens, 158..... 1914
- Harry M. Jones, 46..... 1916
- Levi D. Phipps, 31..... 1916
- Alfred G. Hunt, 33..... 1916
- Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50..... 1916
- Barclay M. Hickman, 38..... 1916
- Orville A. Andrews, 50..... 1917
- Andrew H. Viele, 55..... 1917
- Maro C. Shipherd, 15..... 1920
- Jesse Lowther, 219..... 1920
- Franklin C. Tym, 25..... 1920
- Lute M. Savage, 3..... 1920
- Frank M. Johnson, 188..... 1920
- Lamont L. Stephens, 106..... 1922
- Frances S. Robey, 19..... 1922
- John B. Lichtenwallner, 275..... 1923
- Harry R. Belville, 146..... 1923
- George R. Patterson, 136..... 1923
- William J. Birkoffer, 249..... 1923
- D. Horace Schall, 307..... 1923
- Stanley P. Bostwick, 3..... 1924
- William D. Edson, 53..... 1926
- Francis B. Rodwell, 224..... 1926
- Edwin H. Gerhart, 305..... 1926
- William McCormack, 268..... 1926
- Harry L. Mantor, 306..... 1927
- John R. Easley, 49..... 1927
- L. Donald Huston, 65..... 1928
- Elmer Surber, 95..... 1928
- John M. Bennett, 19..... 1928

• Earl Barnett, 146.....	1929
• Jonathan Frye, 1.....	1929
• Ernest R. Reynolds, 124.....	1930
• Osborne P. Simon, 174.....	1930
• Doc L. Redfern, 300.....	1930
• Austin F. Whitmire, 306.....	1931
• Henning C. Johnson, 171.....	1930
• Carroll C. Raymer, 164.....	1932
• Ward B. Schrack, 46.....	1933
• Byron S. Peterson, 25.....	1933
• Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	1933
• Ray B. Bottorf, 33.....	1933
• Wallace E. Linn, 1.....	1934
• Jesse P. Entriiken, 295.....	1934
• Harrold D. Weddel, 208.....	1937
• Cecil C. Gates, 227.....	1938
• Fred G. Christensen, 33.....	1938
• Ross Van Sickle, 184.....	1938
• S. William Beck, 43.....	1940
• Stanley B. Fryar, 139.....	1940
• Roy S. Planck, 15.....	1940
• Buren P. Wells, 315.....	1940
• Clarence G. McNamee, 55.....	1941
• F. Ray Dilts, 83.....	1942
• Ernest C. Purdy, 195.....	1942
• Lewis E. Baker, 135.....	1943
• Howard E. Bradstreet, 261.....	1943
• George S. Schwab, 49.....	1946
• Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	1946
• Irving S. Johnson, 148.....	1946
• LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....	1946
• Ernest E. James, 1.....	1946
• Frank A. Anderson, 17.....	1949
• Robert W. Cook, 33.....	1949
• Paul D. Fleming, 293.....	1949
• Charles M. Frederick, 136.....	1949
• Sylvester Shumard, 227.....	1949
• Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	1950
• Morris V. Balcom, 46.....	1950
• William F. Flicklinger, 56.....	1951
• Forest A. Lape, 183.....	1951
• Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....	1954
• Harold M. Wilkerson, 54.....	1954
• Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.....	1955
• Clifford D. Webster, 75.....	1956
• Matthias E. Mauel, 173.....	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301.....	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 128.....	1957
• Asa J. Farnham, 106.....	1958
• Robert B. Conrad, 125.....	1958
• Winston C. Swanson, 120.....	1958
• Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210.....	1959
• Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....	1959
• Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
• Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....	1960

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
• Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
• Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966
• Walter Brown, 1	1967
• John C. Nelson, 250	1967
• Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	1967
• Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
• Howard G. Whitmore, 81	1967
• Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
• Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
• John C. Sierks, 4	1969
• Paul D. Jacobsen, 148	1969
• David O. Kipling, 281	1970
• Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
• D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
• Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
• Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136	1971
• O. Wayne Thompson, 201	1971
• John A. Brandt, 26	1971
• Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
• Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972
• Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1973
• Richard O. Cowles, 174	1975
• Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975
• Ralph E. McNulty, 61	1975
• Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
• Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
• Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
• Roger L. Shillington, 180	1976
• James E. Cornish, 31	1976
• Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
• Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
• Lynn Doty, 251	1977

- Marvin R. Weber, 204 1977
- W. Dale Page, 15 1977
- Harry L. Saum, 308..... 1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 26..... 1979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37..... 1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 40 1979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183 1979
- Arthur J. Ferguson, 221 1979
- Leslie G. Weber, 204..... 1979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 1980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 1981
- David E. Menck, 15 1982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 183 1982
- Justin F. Fauss, 55 1982
- Augustus W. Clark, 33 1982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126..... 1982
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 1984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 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 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
	Suman Vallabhbhai, 314.....	2004
	Daniel L. Scarborough, 79.....	2005
	Frank Veverka, 15.....	2005
	Glenn R. Mulholland, 32.....	2005
	Philip E. Darby, Jr., 61.....	2006
•	Deceased	

DECEASED GRAND MASTERS

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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3 (1st)	1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3 (2nd)	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6 (3rd)	1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4 (4th)	1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5 (5th)	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11 (6th)	1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2 (7th)	1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3 (8th)	1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27 (9th)	1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19 (10th)	1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33 (11th)	1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3 (12th)	1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27 (13th)	1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19 (14th)	1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53 (15th)	1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9 (16th)	1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2 (17th)	1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55 (18th)	1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50 (19th)	1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59 (20th)	1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11 (21st)	1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67 (22nd)	1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56 (23rd)	1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4 (24th)	1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46 (25th)	1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89 (26th)	1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17 (27th)	1892
James P.A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76 (28th)	1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41 (29th)	1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19 (30th)	1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34 (31st)	1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49 (32nd)	1897
Frank H. O. 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 B. 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. Phillips	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
Ernest O. Van Wey	July 16, 2005	32	(97th)	1962
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
Harold Hultman	April 3, 2005	39	(110th)	1975
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323	(111th)	1976
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977
Jack H. Hendrix	Nov. 25, 2006	174	(113th)	1978
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
2005	Liberty Lodge	No. 300	Lincoln
2006	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
2005	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2006	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings

Grand Lodge Of Nebraska GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water
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
2004	Harold J. Daub, Jr.	Nebraska No. 1	Omaha
2004	Richard L. Ely	Guide Rock No. 128	Guide Rock
2005	Roger R. Wehrbein	Plattsmouth No. 6	Plattsmouth
2005	Marvin H. Kraus	Friend No. 73	Friend

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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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber.....	Saline	October 6,1876	June 20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23,1876	June 20,1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge.....	March 19,1878	June 25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend.....	Saline	May 4,1878	June 25,1879

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Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26, 1878	June 25, 1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March 15, 1879	June 23, 1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August 1, 1879	June 23, 1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24, 1879	June 23, 1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March 20, 1880	June 22, 1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April 15, 1880	June 22, 1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April 22, 1880	June 22, 1881
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
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

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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
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
Robert Burns	No. 173	Stratton	Hitchcock.....	November 15,1887	June 21,1888
Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November 16,1887	June 21,1883
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

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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
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson.....	Dixon	January 21,1893	June 15,1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22,1892	June 21,1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington.....	March 1,1893	June 21,1894
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17,1893	June 21,1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln	Lancaster.....	July 28,1894	June 13,1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23,1894	June 13,1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant	July 19,1895	June 10,1896
Golden Rule	No. 236	Allen.....	Dixon	August 3,1895	June 10,1896
Friendship	No. 239	Chapman	Merrick.....	October 7,1895	June 10,1896
George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig	Burt.....	August 1,1895	June 17,1897
Laurel	No. 248	Laurel.....	Cedar	February 12,1900	June 7,1900
George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln	Lancaster.....	June 20,1900	June 6,1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa.....	Knox	November 18,1900	June 6,1901
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln	Lancaster.....	December 7,1903	June 9,1904

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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
George W. Lininger	No.	268	Omaha	Douglas	February	26,1908	June 10,1908
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	Thedford.....	Thomas	September	29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No.	285	Bridgeport	Morrill.....	October	16,1913	June 9,1914
Oshkosh	No.	286	Oshkosh.....	Garden	November	25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No.	287	Palmyra.....	Otoe	December	15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No.	288	Omaha	Douglas	March	24,1914	June 8,1915
Lotus	No.	289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo	June	11,1914	June 8,1915
John J. Mercer	No.	290	Omaha	Douglas	November	21,1914	June 8,1915
Diamond	No.	291	Orchard.....	Antelope	November	23,1914	June 8,1915
Monument	No.	293	Arapahoe	Furnas	December	18,1914	June 8,1915
Kimball	No.	294	Kimball	Kimball.....	June	10,1915	June 7,1916
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

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

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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	Ohioa with Jewell No. 149
Tobias, April 22, 1947	
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38
Seward, June 13, 1947	
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81
Rising City, February 9, 1963	
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78
Albion, January 1, 1965	
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79
Geneva, September 9, 1966	
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93
Beaver City, March 8, 1966	
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, September 23, 1966	
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126
Stromsburg, December 9, 1967	
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 12, 1967	
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, January 13, 1968	
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, February 9, 1968	
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271
Morrill, April 10, 1969	
Compass & Square No. 212	Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969	
Hope No. 29	Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969	

Elm Creek No. 133	Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267 Overton, March 17, 1970
Naphthali No. 206	Diller with Fairbury No. 35 Fairbury, March 23, 1970
Alexandria No. 74	Alexandria with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, September 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156	Ewing with Diamond No. 291 Orchard, December 4, 1970
Grace No. 226	Wilcox with Jachin No. 146 Holdrege, May 11, 1971
Wolbach No. 292	Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, December 23, 1971
Tyrian No. 243	Oak with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, June 9, 1972
Mystic Tie No. 166	Tilden with Trowel No. 71 Neligh, June 12, 1972
Roman Eagle No. 203	Pender with Bancroft No. 145 Bancroft, April 20, 1973
Amethyst No. 190	Stapleton with Cable No. 225 Arnold, April 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179	Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96 Utica, April 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84	Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139 Clay Center, January 24, 1974
Ramah No. 275	Bertrand with Elwood No. 167 Elwood, February 14, 1974
Sterling No. 70	Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
Mt. Hermon No. 231	Cook with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
Winnebago No. 309	Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274 Walthill, December 3, 1974
Temple No. 175	Filley with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
Beemer No. 253	Beemer with Wisner No. 114 Wisner, June 17, 1975
Signet No. 193	Leigh with Northern Light No. 41 Stanton, February 20, 1976
Plumline 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	
Curtis No. 168	Curtis 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
Mason City No. 170	Mason City with Porter No. 106 Loup City, July 16, 2004
Relief No. 219	Coleridge with Wausa No. 251 Wausa, October 29, 2004
Oasis No. 271	Morrill with Mitchell No. 263 Mitchell, December 1, 2004
Crescent No. 143	Primrose with Albion No. 78 Albion, September 27, 2005
Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock with Pawnee No. 23 Pawnee City, June 26, 2006

**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
Swisher Lodge No. U.:D.:	Kabul, Afghanistan - Instituted September 12, 2005

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

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Nebraska #1	Gregory Wells	W. Keith Neisler	Dathe Benissan-Messan*	Alan N. Duysen
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Harvard #44	-	Warren Christensen	-	-
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Hastings #50	Stanley R. Thayer	Dermont W. Malouf, II	Casey H. Nuss	W. Glen Jorgenson
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Lancaster #54	David R. Bloomquist	F. Joe Huskey*	-	William H. Cummins
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Thistle #61	Randy T. Rieke*	Daniel J. Screws	James N. Screws, Jr.*	-
Keystone #62	Mylus Robison	-	Tarl W. Carpenter	-
Blue Valley #64	-	-	-	Leonard L. Freeouf
Osceola #65	Mervin Ransom, Jr.	-	-	-
Aurora #68	Ronald F. Perry	-	-	John D. Ferguson
Hooper #72	John M. Ramsay	-	-	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	-
Frank Welch #75	Robert H. England*	-	-	C. Scott McDaniel*
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Albion #78	Jeffrey J. Noble	E. Lee Howell*	-	John S. Williams
Geneva #79	Jeffrey L. Bennett	Jeffrey L. Andrews	Steven L. Ewalt	-
Composite #81	Allen D. Laird	Mark A. Dahl*	Richard J. Topil*	Gregory A. Whitmore
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Ord #103	-	-	-	-
Wymore #104	David L. Thoman*	Richard E. Monfelt*	Lynn D. Morris*	B. Dean Marples
Porter #106	-	-	Lyle O. Lovitt	Lanny R. Kizer
Pomegranate #110	D. Tyson Boellstorff	-	-	-
DeWitt #111	-	-	-	-
Springfield #112	James D. Hirl	Dale C. Pennington	Joe J. Beister*	Donald P. Ellenberger
Wisner #114	-	-	-	Clint W. Frerichs

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Superior #121	-	Patrick C. Dunn	Michael M. Dunn	A. Gary Keeling
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Guide Rock #128	Frank G. Horne*	John R. Ely	-	-
Scribner #132	Harold C. Mueksch	Paul R. Morris*	Donald L. Hart*	Donald G. Havekost
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	-	-	-
McCook #135	Leland V. Petsch	-	Philip P. Lyons	Marshall D. Grant
Long Pine #136	Philip A. Brown	Jackson M. Roark	-	Gary R. Wolfe
Jachin #146	-	H. Frank Erickson	Alan J. Svoboda*	Bruce G. Raddatz
Custer #148	Bill Lichtenberger	Monte S. Gies*	-	Kevin R. Lindly
Lily #154	-	-	-	-
Samaritan #158	Donald R. Foulk*	Dale W. Anderson	-	Jay A. Bradt*
Ogallala #159	Philip J. Armstrong	David P. Sheldon*	Richard H. Roberts*	Richard L. Lindauer*
Trestle Board #162	Daniel Boellstorff*	John D. Boellstorff*	J. Ival Schmucker*	Ted R. Groves
Atkinson #164	Donald H. DeGroff*	Dale L. Mellor*	-	James A. Widtfeldt
Barneston #165	John C. McMurray	Allyn S. Weyer	-	Arlyn H. Weyer*
Elwood #167	-	-	-	Geoffrey K. Bogle
Robert Burns #173	Christopher A. Reid*	-	Richard M. Kollmorgen*	-
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	-
Justice #180	Thomas M. Jones*	-	-	-
Alliance #183	Bradley M. Dutton	S. Todd Harris	Joel W. Zilmer	-
Bee Hive #184	Robert L. Waite*	Jason M. Waite*	-	Bradley A. Waite
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	-
Highland #194	-	-	-	-
Arcana #195	James O. Smith*	-	-	Dale E. Berndt*
Purity #198	Keith A. Wood	Donivan W. Norman*	John D. Osler*	Byron L. Hust
Blazing Star #200	-	-	-	Paul Anderson*
Scottsbluff #201	Dennis Kramer*	Byron L. Lane*	Richard W. Taaedter, Sr.	Edwin L. Mayo*
Plainview #204	Alan L. Tharnish*	Wayne A. Andreasen	-	-
Golden Fleece #205	-	-	Malvin A. Minshall	Dwight E. Smith
Parian #207	-	-	-	Howard K. Chessmore
Canopy #209	-	-	-	Raymond K. Althouse

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
East Lincoln #210	Arthur Kolb	Winfield L. Barber*	-	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	-	-	Michael P. Biere	Dewey R. Heminger
Bloomfield #218	Ervin D. Nickels*	Alfred C. Koops*	-	Harry E. Sage*
Magnolia #220	-	-	-	-
Wood Lake #221	Dustin E. Wheeler*	Mark J. Mundorf*	Adam C. Fischer*	Rodney J. Palmer*
Landmark #222	-	Randy L. Hart	-	-
Silver Cord #224	Wilber C. Saner	Michael E. Hitchcock	Rick E. Carr	Evan C. Evans*
North Star #227	Richard P. Sulley	Keith D. Brocksmith	Karel D. Capek	Steve B. Wetzel
Bartley #228	Marvin Colson	-	-	-
Comet #229	-	-	-	-
Zion #234	John D. Streiff	Clifford R. Macomber*	Steven A. Fouse*	R. Leroy Evans*
Golden Rule #236	-	-	-	-
Friendship #239	Trent A. Tyler	Raymond W. Williams*	-	James E. Cepelcha*
Geo. Armstrong #241	-	-	-	-
Laurel #248	-	-	-	Glen M. Olson*
G. Washington #250	-	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell E. Erickson
Hickman #256	-	David E. Livingston	Robert W. Moninger*	Darrel L. VerMaas*
Mitchell #263	Ames Hartung, III*	Dale E. Buckley*	C. Clarke Beede*	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	Jerrell F. Gerdes	-	-	Steve D. Siel
Robt. Furnas #265	David E. Loos*	Ted B. Miller, III*	Arthur Stricker	Donald E. Loos
G.W. Lininger #268	Michael J. Mulligan*	Christopher M. Carter	Alan R. Smith	Anthony T. Johnson
Olive Branch #274	Richard G. Leitschuck*	Kyle J. Peterson	Ronald L. Brunton*	-
Wallace #279	Otis A. Pierce	Paul R. Ogier	Kenneth E. Ogier*	Eric J. Chrisman
Florence #281	Jeffrey A. Merriman	Micah I. Evans	Randall A. McFarland	David A. Kipp
Seneca #284	-	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	-	-	James C. Lapaseotes	-
Oshkosh #286	Dale A. Jenkins*	-	Harold L. Allen*	Merton L. Rose
Union #287	Galen L. Crawford*	-	-	-
Omaha #288	Trevor N. Gerson	Christopher Harrington	Thomas J. Schmidt*	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	-	-	-
John J. Mercer #290	-	William E. Martin	-	-
Diamond #291	-	-	-	-
Monument #293	Melvin W. Johnston	-	-	-
James Eatmon #294	-	Gary Randles	Ralph E. Kimzey*	John B. Ferguson

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Cotner #297	Patrick D. Barger	Mark K. Clinton	W. Gerald Taff	Ralph J. Riemann
Liberty #300	James R. Pischel	Justin L. Wendt	Thomas D. Morrissey	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	Dean R. Stockman	Ronald W. McKerlie	-	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	-	-	-	Tedd A. Kaufman
Victory #310	Gregory C. Kava	Gail W. Bevington*	-	K. Roger Dill
Polk #311	-	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	-	-	-	James P. Heinke*
Mid-West #317	Richard M. Goehring, III	Robert E. Summers*	Danny J. Nonneman	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	-	-	-	-
Lebanon #323	Mark E. Sindt	-	-	-
Cairo #324	-	-	-	-
Bellevue #325	William R. Dodge*	Carl D. Schuett*	-	Charles E. Sohm
Centennial #326	Carl J. Diamond	Michael G. Horton	Robert M. Loper	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	Andrew L. Winslow*	Kevin Orr	Alan Anderson	Dennis R. Myers
Miloma #328	Brian L. Miller	Paul Bohannon, Jr.	David J. Gibbs, Jr.	-

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Emile Ouosso	10/27/2005	Africa, Cameroon	Wade R. Kendle, 300	10/31/2005
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Africa, Congo	Gary D. Finn, 21	3/15/2002
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Africa, Guinnee	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Alabama	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19, 134	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Alaska	Robert A. Carhart, 120	1/26/2006
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Argentina	Dennis Brydl, 287, 314,	12/12/2000
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/1974	Arizona	Robert C. Thackery, 320	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Arkansas	Russell G. Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
G. T. Brice		Australia, New S. Wales		
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Queensland	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	9/8/1960
Peter Alexander Pothecary	5/27/1994	Australia, South Aust.	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/1979
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia, Victoria	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Australia, Western Aust.	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Austria	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Belgium	Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285	
		Bolivia	Sydney Clausen, 52	3/12/2002
		Brazil, Acre		
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman		
		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	3/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brasilia		
Aderlouf F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Ceumar Luiz Sepulcri	8/4/2005	Brazil, Espirito Santo	Armando Benitez, 11, 290	8/23/2005
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	
Geraldo Carlos de Oliveira	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Groseo		
Jose Cesarrio 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, 126	4/18/1994
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Scott G. Brendel, 146	3/7/2002
		Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte		
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		
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. Ferreira de Santana	6/22/1992	Brazil, Tocantins	Gordn 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
Richard A. Money	3/27/2006	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	7/10/2000	Canada, New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/1995
Kevin M. Kelly		Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador	Jay H. Speck, 6	9/17/1999
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	8/7/1969
Rafael F. Moreno		Colombia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	
Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/1980	Colorado	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	1/24/2006
Douglas A. Gray	1/15/1994	Connecticut	Byron L. Lane, 201, 265	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	10/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry F. Bepalec, 37	8/17/1999

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Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987
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		
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, 38, 96	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	3/8/1982
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
		Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Hungary		
Dr. Robert Shiller	6/22/1992	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
Steinare J. Ludvigsson	1/31/1994	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
Kenneth Smith		India	William G. Hurst, 54	9/17/1977
Gaur Singhania	12/28/2000	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
Jerry Scott James	12/4/1974	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	Ireland		
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/1986	Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
Yasuhiko Ide		Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kentucky	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39, 32	6/12/1987
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/1984
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/1989	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/1989
Rene Gregorius	8/17/1971	Madagascar		
Andre Ollbrich	4/26/2006	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	11/12/1996
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50, 211	1/8/2001
William H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/1997	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Mexico, Benito Juarez		
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Del D. Hamilton, 256	12/4/1995
		Mexico, Sinoloa		
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	3/31/2000	Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Missouri		
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/1988	Montana	Dean Skokan, 15	
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Netherlands		
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
Albert Hoffman	5/16/2005	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
John W. Emmerson	4/6/2000	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, 38, 96	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, 204	
Victor Vidal Mantilla	12/20/2002	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 136, 224	6/4/1971
Antonia Espinosa		Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
Vasco Trancoso	10/31/2005	Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56, 79	
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico		

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Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Rhode Island	Tren Miller, 289	3/11/2003
		Romania	Max H. Miller, 79	2/7/2003
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Russia	John M. Weidner, Sr., 75	1/15/1992
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	Scotland	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/31/1989
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Africa	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Carolina	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	1/30/2006
Howard M. Stoler	3/6/2001	South Dakota	Dale W. Anderson, 158	3/11/2002
Jan Mansfield	2/27/2002	Spain	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Sweden	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Switzerland		
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Tennessee	Philip A. Lorenzen, 1, 10, 327	5/20/1992
Attila Atli	12/29/1971	Texas	Howard G. Whitmore, 81	5/30/2003
		Turkey	Roy L. Kiser, 78	8/5/1992
Tom Eastwood	1/10/1990	Uruguay	Dwight E. Smith, 205	4/18/1994
		Utah	Paul A. Canady, 51	6/12/1987
Wendall H. Chaffee	5/16/1962	Venezuela	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/1985
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/1997	Vermont	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/4/1991
Kenneth K. Kershner	12/3/1993	Virginia	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	6/10/1983
Pascal Kinda	10/6/1999	Washington	Richard H. Roberts, 159	1/1/2002
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	West Africa, Burkina Faso	Robert A. Jones, 83	2/7/2003
Anicet Benissan	1/1/2007	West Africa, Senegal	Pepper Aasgaard, 1, 11	1/1/2007
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/1961	West Africa, Togo	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/1989
Lawrence L. Myers	1/5/1992	West Virginia		
		Wisconsin	David L. Lang, 23	1/12/2004
		Yugoslavia		

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2006

Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		4,510	4,510
Bonds			
<u>Government Securities:</u>			
FNMA Benchmark Notes, 4.125%, 5-15-2014	50,000	46,125	47,407
FHLMC NTS Step CPN, 6.00%, 8-22-2016	100,000	100,000	99,867
FHLMC MTN, 4.375%, 7-27-2017	50,000	48,500	48,568
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	100,000	97,545	96,974
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.25%, 8-1-2018	50,000	48,975	49,105
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 8-1-2018	50,000	49,175	48,934
FNMA Step CPN, 5.00%, 6-17-2019	50,000	49,750	49,562
FNMA Step CPN, 5.25%, 8-12-2019	<u>50,000</u>	<u>48,930</u>	<u>49,015</u>
Total government securities	<u>500,000</u>	<u>489,000</u>	<u>489,432</u>
<u>Public Utility Bonds:</u>			
Union Electric Co., 6.75%, 5-1-2008	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,054</u>	<u>50,671</u>
<u>Transportation, Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds:</u>			
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	50,000	46,451	50,554
Albertson's, Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	50,000	57,646	53,093
Abbott Laboratories, 3.75%, 3-15-2011	50,000	47,042	47,223
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	72,723
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	50,145
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,098</u>	<u>47,239</u>
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	<u>325,000</u>	<u>325,020</u>	<u>320,977</u>
Total Bonds	<u>875,000</u>	<u>863,074</u>	<u>861,080</u>

Common Stocks

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
600	Abbott Labs	23,974	29,226
950	Allied Capital Corp.	24,659	31,046
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	28,870
8	Berkshire Hathaway In. C1 B	24,417	29,328
700	BJ Services Co.	25,605	20,524
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	26,840
825	Cato Corp.	12,031	18,901
312	CBS Corp.	11,861	9,728
1,400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	12,923	38,276
1,000	Cholestech Corp.	6,938	18,430
432	Conocophillips	11,108	31,082
1,100	Corning Inc.	41,536	20,581
225	Currencyshares Euro Trust	29,081	29,770
350	Dominion Resources Inc.	26,521	29,344
975	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	11,454	20,231
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	30,016
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	23,184
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	25,715
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	30,210
500	Newmont Mng. Corp.	14,505	22,575
525	Omnicare Inc.	20,538	20,281
1,000	Peabody Energy Corp.	11,130	40,410
800	Performance Food Group	16,851	22,112
1,000	Pfizer Inc.	31,736	25,900
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	27,895
1,000	Progressive Corp.	24,518	24,220
100	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	21,700
312	Viacom Inc.	18,071	12,801
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	26,961
700	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,129	23,037

Total Common Stocks564,016 759,194**TOTAL FUND****1,427,090** 1,620,274

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2006

	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		87,779	87,779
Bonds			
Government Securities:			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-2007	25,000	25,001	25,140
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.0%, 8-15-2009	50,000	47,930	51,510
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	29,718
FNMA MTN Step CPN, 4.00%, 5-20-2009	25,000	24,713	24,836
FNMA Step CPN, 3.125%, 8-26-2009	25,000	24,550	24,860
FNMA Step CPN, 3.00%, 10-21-2009	30,000	29,137	29,587
FNMA Step CPN, 5.125%, 9-24-2013	50,000	49,000	49,594
FNMA Inv Step CPN, 4.00%, 12-9-2014	25,000	23,773	24,492
FHLMTN Step CPN, 4.5%, 7-22-2016	25,000	24,331	24,625
FHLMTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	50,000	48,773	48,487
FHLMTN Ser 3, 4.25%, 8-1-2018	50,000	48,975	49,104
Total Government Securities	<u>380,000</u>	<u>374,300</u>	<u>381,953</u>
Corporate Bonds:			
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-2008	25,000	26,434	25,372
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	25,000	24,230	25,277
Merril Lynch & Co., 6%, 2-17-2009	25,000	24,393	25,407
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	25,000	28,823	26,547
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	24,241
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	25,072
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	47,239
General Elec Cap Corp., 4.00%, 5-15-2015	25,000	24,562	24,499
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	26,817
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>250,000</u>	<u>252,319</u>	<u>250,471</u>
Total Bonds	<u>630,000</u>	<u>626,619</u>	<u>632,424</u>

Common Stocks

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
600	Abbott Labs	23,962	29,226
950	Allied Capital Corp.	24,726	31,046
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	28,870
8	Berkshire Hathaway In. C1 B	24,417	29,328
750	BJ Services Co.	27,434	21,990
400	BP PLC Spns Adr	22,244	26,840
675	Cato Corp.	9,844	15,464
325	CBS Corp.	11,341	10,134
1,400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	11,892	38,276
1,000	Cholestech Corp.	6,650	18,430
396	Conocophillips	10,183	28,492
1,100	Corning Inc.	35,417	20,581
200	Currencyshares Euro Trust	25,850	26,462
325	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	27,248
1,050	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	12,335	21,788
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	30,016
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	23,184
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	25,714
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	30,210
600	Newmont Mng Corp.	17,406	27,090
475	Omnicare Inc.	18,582	18,349
1,000	Peabody Energy Corp.	11,129	40,410
850	Performance Food Group Co.	18,543	23,494
1,050	Pfizer Inc.	32,724	27,195
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	23,910
1,000	Progressive Corp.	24,518	24,220
100	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	21,700
325	Viacom Inc.	17,278	13,335
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	26,961
725	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,856	23,860

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