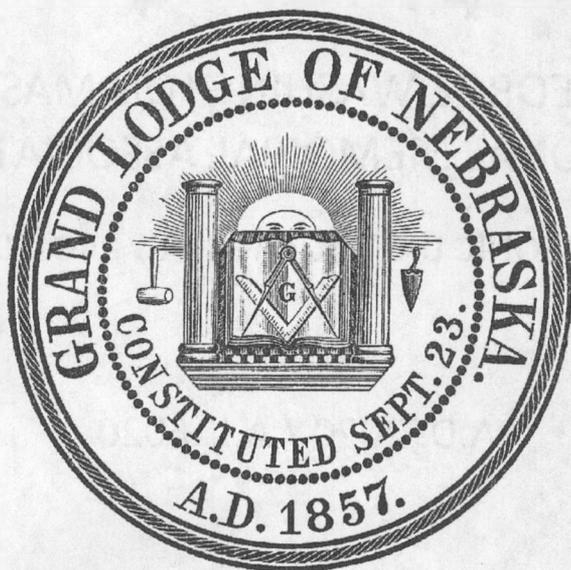


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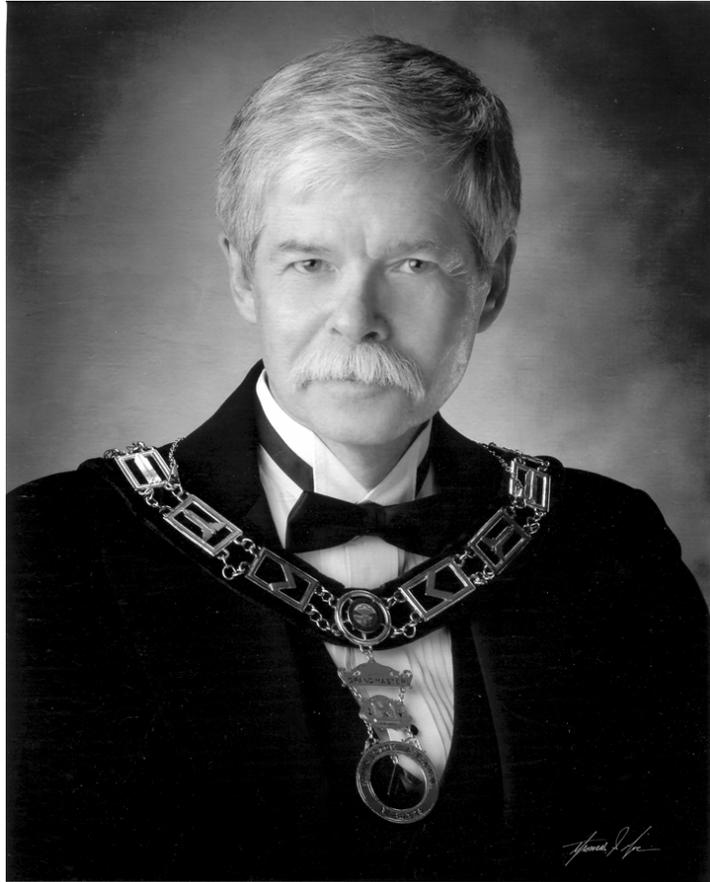
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Dean Skokan

**Grand Master 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 #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 #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. Kreiger, 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.



Reginald S. Kuhn

**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2008-2009**

Masonic History of the 142nd Grand Master

Reginald S. Kuhn

Reginald S. Kuhn was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Solar Lodge No. 134 located at Clarks, Nebraska on October 24, 1983. As he was living in Lincoln, he became a dual member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 of Lincoln, Nebraska in January of 1984. He served as Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in 1988. He is also a charter member of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 which was constituted in 2007.

Reg joined the Lincoln Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in November of 1983. He served as the Wise Master of the Lincoln Chapter of Rose Croix in 1997 and as the Venerable Master of the Lincoln Lodge of Perfection in 2000. In 2001, he was named a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor at the Bicentennial Session of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction held in Charleston, South Carolina.

Reg joined Sesostris Shrine of the Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 1983. He was initiated into Court No. 118 Royal Order of Jesters in 1997.

Reg joined Temple Chapter No. 271, Order of the Eastern Star in 1985 and served as Worthy Patron of the Chapter in 1987. He served as Grand Organist of the Nebraska Grand Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star for the year 1994-1995.

Reg is a member of Capstone Chapter No. 64, Lincoln Council No. 4 and Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4 of the York Rite of Freemasonry, having joined all of these bodies in March of 1996.

He was inducted in the Omaha Chapter No. 19 of the National Sojourners in 2004 and is also a member of Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76.

Reg was appointed Grand Secretary Pro Tem of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by Most Worshipful Brother Jerry L. Rittenburg in August of 1995 and was elected and served as Grand Secretary from 1996 through 2003. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 2004 by Most Worshipful Brother Les Seiler; elected Grand Junior Warden in 2005 under the direction of Most Worshipful Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska; elected Grand Senior Warden in 2006 under the direction of Most Worshipful Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr. and elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2007 under the direction of Most Worshipful Grand Master Dean Skokan. Reg was installed as the 142nd Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska at the Scottish Rite Center in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 10, 2008.

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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 1 and 2, 2008, 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, 2008.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful Dean Skokan
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 1, 2008

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2008.

M.: W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr. presided.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the M.: W.: Grand Master Dean Skokan and his Lady Nancy.

M.: W.: Dean Skokan, took the podium and introduced the Grand Chaplain for the invocation.



V.: W.: Randall L. Hart, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.



Grand Master Skokan asked that all remain standing for the presentation of the colors. The Colors were presented by four members of the armed forces who were all combat veterans in the global war on terror. Brother K. Roger Dill accompanied the Color Guard with a trumpet solo of *God Bless America*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Most Worshipful Skokan gave special thanks to the members of the Color Guard. Those assembled applauded and gave a standing ovation, as the Color Guard retired to a trumpet rendition of *Caissons*.



Grand Master Skokan welcomed everyone to this, the 151st Annual Communication, giving special thanks to the members of the Color Guard, and those who assisted in its assembly, Illustrious Sir Bill Nelson, Past Potentate of Sesostris Shrine and Michael Lagueux, First Sergeant and a member of the Color Guard, as well as the trumpet soloist, K. Roger Dill, member of Victory Lodge No. 310 in Valley, and bagpipe player Rick Emas, member of Hastings Lodge No. 50.

M.:W.: Skokan referenced several changes that would be taking place at this Annual Communication, and prior to the Necrology Report, made mention of the loss of Past Grand Master Harry Spencer, the 99th Grand Master and the Gold Jordan Medal Holder at the time of his death on August 9, 2007. M.:W.: Judge Spencer “was an inspiration to all who knew him and his life a model to all Freemasons. To the very end he was kind and courteous.” Grand Master Skokan also spoke to the loss of Kay Eveland, wife of Past Grand Master Paul Eveland, on September 2, 2007.



Most Worshipful Dean then asked Randall L. Hart, Grand Chaplain to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

Randall L. Hart, Grand Chaplain

I would like to start out this morning thanking all of you for remembering our servicemen and veterans in your prayers, as per Most Worshipful Dean’s request. For the most of us who deliver the Masonic Memorial Service, we have noticed over the past several years how many of our departed Brethren are or were Veterans. Maybe we need a clearer understanding of what they are and what they stand for. Because of our Veterans, we can assemble peaceably, worship where we want, when we want. They are of all races, creeds and religions. They are America! They are Americans willing to do what most of us don’t want to do. We owe them our thanks for everything they have done for us, directly or indirectly. When you meet one, thank him, and above all, never forget what our Veterans have done for us.

I would like to share with you a piece of scripture which I believe outlines Masonry in Nebraska, from 2nd Corinthians.

The point is this: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully, will reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver, and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

Our forefathers in Masonry knew that the destiny of our lodges was to keep God's blessings and His thoughts active in our daily lives with our self, our families and our neighbors.

Some of our Brethren have made their final pilgrimage through the final veil of life, and many of us will miss these men with very deep meaningful memories. They are our Brothers of this Fraternity, some were our grandfathers, uncles, fathers, and for some of us a Brother's brother.

This year the Gold Jordan Medal Holder passed through that veil. He was also the 99th Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska in 1964. Judge Harry Spencer sat on many boards and committees, and was truly an inspiration to many of us in Masonry and to Masonry in its own self.

Many of us were given The Great Light in Masonry on the night we were raised. We were reminded to let our light so shine before others that they may see our good works. Let us remember those now, our departed brothers with this prayer.

Let us Pray:

Our good and gracious Lord, we will remember now those Brethren who have completed their work. May the labor of their hands and the sharing of their skills be pleasing in your sight, and may their reward be a place of perfection in your holy and eternal temple. Finally, we continue to offer our praise and obedience with thankful hearts to your many blessings poured upon us in great and unending abundance.

Amen

Respectfully submitted,
Randall L. Hart
Grand Chaplain

A PowerPoint presentation was then observed that listed the names and lodges of all Brethren who departed in 2007 to the house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, accompanied by Rick Emas performing *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes, ending with *Taps* by trumpet soloist K. Roger Dill.

GRAND ORATION

Kent B. Broyhill, Grand Orator

Grand Master Skokan, First Lady Nancy, brethren and guests.

We have a point of order to take care of before proceeding. This is Grand Master Skokan's birthday. Well actually, it's tomorrow but we all know how Dean hates surprises, so we'll sing to him this morning. Please join me in singing Happy Birthday to our Grand Master.

Thank you.

What a great year this has been!

Grand Master Skokan and the Grand Lodge officers were privileged and honored to host the 150th anniversary of Masonry in Nebraska. I personally considered it a great honor to be in line marching to the capitol last September. I would say that everyone in attendance felt great pride in our fraternity that day.

Many of you know that Grand Master Skokan has many positive attributes. He is very direct, fair, loves a good joke, doesn't like excuses, he thinks outside the box and does what it takes to get the job done.

As a military veteran, Brother Dean is also well aware that any nation that does not recognize and honor its heroes will not long endure, thus he asked all lodges to recognize and pray for our troops, and you witnessed the beautiful necrology presented earlier.

For you Masters, Wardens and future volunteer leaders out there, I suggest you learn from his example.

The fraternity has been making many positive strides in recent years, as we continue beyond our 150th anniversary, as new younger members now join our ranks, Masonry will need our dedicated efforts more than ever. Simply put, we need to make an effort, not an excuse.

The phrases, "We've never done it that way," or "that's not how we used to do it," or any other related verbiage, should be phrases from the past, not the current mantra. Those simple phrases leave many of life's horizons unexplored.

We may not know what our future holds, but we do know who holds it. There will be obstacles to overcome. If you ever find a path without obstacles, chances are it probably won't lead anywhere. I suggest that we be willing to try new adventures in our lodges. We must stop getting in our own way and creating our own obstacles.

One thing is certain...life is filled with uncertainty. The fear of uncertainty can have a crippling effect on our pursuit of the good life.

Wouldn't it be nice to be reading birth announcements during the meetings and not draping the charter every month?

Imagine a lodge that increased attendance by offering childcare with services offered by the youth groups.

Imagine a lodge that utilized its pool tables on a weekly basis for community pool tournaments.

Imagine a lodge that served coffee and donuts every Saturday morning.

Imagine a lodge that opened its doors to the public and offered free hotdogs and ice cream at the end of a hot summer parade.

Imagine a lodge that organized a degree team that traveled the state assisting other lodges and winning team competitions.

Imagine the unofficial criteria for being a team member was that you had to be under 30 years of age.

That can and will happen if we only apply ourselves. Success stories like those are happening more frequently right here in Nebraska.

Later, one on one, I will share with you individually a true story that Tom Duffy, a Montana Grand Lodge officer, shared with me. Better yet, locate Tom or another representative from Montana and ask him about his lodge in Great Falls. We can all learn from his personal experience mentoring new members.

Mentoring and enrollment programs work!

There are three common traps that keep lodges from recognizing and utilizing change.

1. Most members believe that yesterday's solutions will solve today's problems.

Let me repeat that.

Most members believe that yesterday's solutions will solve today's problems.

2. Most lodges assume that present trends will continue.
3. Most lodges neglect or reject the opportunities offered by change.

May I remind you that with very few exceptions, we no longer use rotary phones, attend drive-in movies or know any doctors that make house calls.

On occasion, I've heard discussion on membership decline, a trend I may add that has bottomed out in Nebraska. Sometimes such a discussion is followed up with a statement to the effect that "all organizations are losing members. At least we're no worse than anybody else."

I ask you. Wouldn't that be a great slogan to hang over our doorway?

"We're no worse than anybody else."

Imagine seeing that posted at the entrance to your hospital emergency room or at the boarding gate of the next commercial airline you wanted to fly.

"We're no worse than anybody else." That attitude debilitates members and lodges. Those lodges with the courage and devotion to rise above the current level of mediocrity will enjoy a distinct advantage.

A distinct advantage!

It reminds me of a story I once heard about two backpackers who were being stalked by a grizzly bear. When they discovered the bear, one of them calmly sat down, took off his hiking boots and put on his running shoes.

"What good will that do?" asked the first boy.

"Everybody knows you can't outrun a grizzly bear."

"That's right." replied the second. "But all I have to do is stay in front of you!"

Dedication, commitment and a good pair of running shoes will provide us a distinct advantage. Once we say that we are willing to settle for second place, well that, ladies and gentlemen, is generally what happens to us.

Every lodge has a niche in the community that it can fulfill, just as each member has a niche in that lodge. When you find that niche, increased community relevancy is at our disposal.

At a recent cornerstone in Lincoln, I stated that if a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mousetrap than his neighbor, then the world will beat a path to his door.

When each lodge finds its niche and becomes the best it can be, only then will our respective lodges once again attain the notoriety, respect and competitive edge in our respective communities.

Grand Lodge cannot save your lodge. Educational and band scholarships, CHIP events, and honoring our servicemen are all outstanding programs, but we need more and we need them on a local basis.

Many will say we can't do anymore. We don't have the manpower, the funds and other resources.

I say, where there is commitment and dedication, there is a way. I know that not all of the new ideas and programs that you can dream up will work. What worked in Long Pine, may not work in Kearney. What worked in Bridgeport, maybe isn't right for Wayne or Norfolk.

It's a proven fact that if you keep on doing what you've been doing...you're going to keep on getting what you've been getting. Try something new! Do something!

Just remember, "The tortoise only gains ground when he sticks his head out," or better yet, "Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses."

You will be voting on issues at this communication that have the ability to greatly impact our future, the direction we pursue and the ideals we uphold.

Masonry's future lies within its members. Be willing to try something new!

Do it for the good of Masonry...heart within and God overhead."

Thank you, and may God Bless.



Grand Master Dean reviewed the Masonic Relief fundraising campaign held in the past year in the form of a request for donations along with a packet of mailing labels, with those contributing \$100 or more receiving a pocket watch bearing the 150th Anniversary emblem. Most Worshipful Skokan was proud to announce that, to date, the campaign had generated over \$22,000 in funds for Masonic Relief. He thanked everyone for their support.



Grand Master Skokan made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening on schedule, asking that the Brethren clear the room in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin at 9:30 a.m.

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A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Fremont Lodge No. 15 with Masons present.

The Grand Lodge Officers entered the room in procession and assumed their stations. Deputy Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn accepted the gavel from the Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15 and lead grand honors. He then presented the gavel to Grand Master Dean Skokan.

M.: W.: Grand Master Skokan 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.

V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Randall L. Hart invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 151st Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

Grand Master Skokan informed the Brethren that the gavel used to open Grand Lodge was made from a log of Peter Sarpy's cabin, Fontenelle Trading Post, in Bellevue, Nebraska, where the first Masonic meeting was held in 1855.

At this time, Grand Master Skokan appointed M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 151st 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.



Most Worshipful Skokan asked all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to retire with the Grand Marshal to prepare to be received by the Grand Lodge.



Grand Master Skokan briefly explained the changes that would be taking place at the Grand Lodge session, including the sound effects and musical introductions that would be used to liven up the meeting. Most Worshipful Dean took full responsibility for the effects. Secondly, he explained how the introductions would take place. It was also explained that the lodge would be declared at liberty at different points in the session to allow non-Mason visitors to bring greetings. The ballot for the Election of Officers changed to allow those voting to check a single box to elect the Senior Deacon to Junior Warden and advance the other officers and retain the Grand Secretary. Ballots will be cast Saturday morning and the use of a ballot box will be employed.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Past Grand Masters entered the room and Grand Marshal Joe McBride introduced them individually.

Charles W. Amidon	1986
Paul R. Eveland.....	1988
V. Kaye Ramsey	1996
Kenneth G. Fleming.....	1997
Don E. Rasmussen	1998
Dwight E. Smith	1999
James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000
Philip A. Lorenzen.....	2001
Michael E. Jones.....	2002
Kenneth D. Beebe.....	2003
Les Seiler	2004
Ivan A. Vrtiska.....	2005
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	2006

Grand Master Skokan led the grand honors.

M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe, president of the Past Grand Masters Association, was invited to the podium to make remarks on behalf of the assembled Past Grand Masters. He gave best wishes for an efficient and productive session.

RECOGNITION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Grand Master Skokan recalled what Past Grand Master Beebe told him when he placed him in line, namely, that “it was our ritual that separated us from the animal lodges.

Grand Master Dean then asked the Grand Custodian, Deputy Grand Custodians, and Apprentice Deputy Grand Custodians to stand and be recognized. Most Worshipful Skokan said “It is our ritual and the study of it which leads us to light and distinguishes us as Masons. These are the Brethren responsible for preserving it and teaching us. I am very pleased, therefore, to acknowledge the contribution of our Custodians in helping maintain the ritualistic proficiency of our lodges and thanking them for the excellent job that they perform.” He asked those assembled to join him in recognizing them for their work.



Grand Senior Warden Russell G. Reno was invited to the altar for an announcement. R.:W.: Reno announced that the 153rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska on February 4, 5 and 6, 2010.



Grand Junior Warden John T. Parsons moved for approval to hold the 154th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska on February 3, 4 and 5, 2011. The motion was seconded and carried.



Most Worshipful Skokan asked Robert A. Coleman, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana to come forward and bring greetings.

GREETINGS FROM GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Lodge was declared at liberty and Betty Garwood, Worthy Grand Matron and Dave Thienel, Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the podium by Grand Senior Deacon E. David Watts to bring greetings. Also present with them were Wanda Fisher, Associate Grand Matron, Lowell Erickson, Associate Grand Patron, and Jerry Wilcox, Associate Grand Conductress.

The visitors were escorted out and the Lodge was declared in session.



Most Worshipful Skokan announced that straw votes would be taken in order to gain an understanding of discussions that should be had Saturday morning regarding the Grand Master’s Recommendations. He explained that the Jurisprudence Committee determined that Recommendation No. 4 dealing with proxies was not in proper form to be balloted upon. It would require a Constitutional amendment and could not be done by Grand Master’s Recommendation. Grand Master Skokan briefly reviewed the remaining Recommendations and asked for a show of hands of those in favor and opposed on each.

GREETINGS FROM DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE AND THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

The Lodge was declared at liberty and Les Faulkenberry, Queen of Sat-ra Temple No. 59 and Mary Waite, Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Omaha Assembly No. 91, were escorted into the room and introduced by Grand Senior Deacon E. David Watts to bring greetings.

The visitors were escorted out and the Lodge was declared in session.



Grand Master Skokan asked all visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters from other jurisdictions to retire with the Grand Marshal to form in procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Don Jelinek, Chairman

The members of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee have again this year selected youth group members to receive three \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients were: Cory Cummings from International Order of DeMolay for Boys, Catharine Kruse from Job's Daughters International and Nicki Folsom from The International Order of The Rainbow for Girls. The fourth \$1,000 scholarship, The Grand Master's Award, was awarded to Angela Heesaker from Job's Daughters International.

Members of the Youth Committee have also attended each of the annual communications of the youth groups and continue to be active at the local and states levels of these organizations.

Work continues in preparation for the third triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference (scheduled for October 18th and 19th of 2008). The planning is being done by the Grand Lodge Youth Committee, members of The Order of the Eastern Star and members of all three Youth Groups. This Conference will include presentations by a number of speakers. There will also be a service project and some fun activities, which should be suitable to all ages within our youth groups.

It should be noted, with gratitude, that the Nebraska Youth Foundation has once again agreed to provide funding for the 2008 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Jelinek, 54, Chairman
James Carlton, 325
W. Keith Neisler, 1, 302
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.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

David G. Krogh, Chairman

Worshipful Brother Krogh brought everyone's attention to the printed report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2008 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GRAND MASTERS AND PAST GRAND MASTERS OF VISITING JURISDICTIONS

The visiting Brethren were escorted to the front and introduced by the Grand Marshal.

- Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master..... Grand Lodge of Illinois
- Jimmie L. Grassi, Sr., Grand Master..... Grand Lodge of Kansas
- Denny Robinson, Grand Master..... Grand Lodge of South Dakota
- Ed Samuelson, Grand Master..... Grand Lodge of North Dakota
- David Jefferson, Grand Master Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- Steve Johnson, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Minnesota
- Michael Sutton, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Idaho
- Alan Hurlburt, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Kansas
- Doysa Whitaker, Past Grand Master..... Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- John Reed, Past Grand Master Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- Leslie Spies, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of South Dakota

Most Worshipful Skokan led grand honors and then greeted each individually.



With the Grand Lodge running ahead of schedule, Grand Master Skokan declared that a fifteen minute break would be observed.

GREETINGS FROM THE NEBRASKA YOUTH GROUPS

The Lodge was declared at liberty so that representatives from the three Nebraska youth groups could be escorted into the room and introduced. Grand Senior Warden E. David Watts introduced:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Christine Harriman, Grand Worthy Advisory
Betty Garwood, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska

Nebraska Job’s Daughters
Kylie Catlett, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Kelsey Holmes, Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughters
Paige Hoagland, Miss Nebraska Congeniality
Phil Edwards, Associate Grand Guardian
Cindy Bartlett, Grand Marshall

DeMolay International
Nick Walker, Field Representative

Nebraska DeMolay
Bryan Kehler, State Master Councilor
Kelly Ferguson, State Sweetheart
Ryan Grazier, State Senior Councilor
Travis Bader, State Junior Councilor
Michael W. Stuhr, Executive Officer for Nebraska DeMolay

Grand Master Skokan asked Christine Harriman, Kelsey Holmes and Bryan Kehler to bring greetings from the youth groups.

Betty Garwood stepped to the podium to present Grand Master Dean Skokan with the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

The visitors were escorted out of the room and the lodge was declared in session.



Grand Master Skokan asked David Jefferson, Grand Master, to bring greetings from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska.



Grand Master Skokan asked all other visiting Grand Lodge Officers from other jurisdictions to retire with the Grand Marshal to form in procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Some Masonic leaders might feel that community involvement, social activities, or added programs for personal and family entertainment represent the key to new growth and success for the Masonic Fraternity. Other Masonic leaders might be of a view that ritual is the key to growth and membership success. Witness of the history of the past few decades with its membership decline and a review of approximately 300 years of peaks and valleys in how Freemasons and our fraternity in general has been revered, or has been criticized and blamed for the ills of society, would perhaps seem to support an argument that since recorded Masonic history a clear conclusion has yet to be reached. Most would agree that multiple influences drive our successes or our failures.

Just as long as humanity exists, societal evolution, acceptance of too lenient or too strict demands upon personal behavior, and acceptance of excuses for mediocrity will be with us. Very simply stated, Freemasonry is a men's fraternity with a principle for admission being that of a belief in a supreme being – for most of us clearly stated as a belief in God. It is that belief in God that is the basis for our ritual. Further, it is ritual that separates us from other organizations. While the reputation and success of Freemasonry is the result of many factors, both internal and external, Masonic Ritual remains important. The presentation of our Degrees and our ceremonies and the lessons and messages delivered by the ritual is not the only focus of Freemasonry, but be assured it is a very important component of Freemasonry. Ritual is the bonding agent for many of us and it simply demands of Masons a high standard of self-imposed conduct. The lessons are timeless, demanding, and just as applicable today as when first conceived and recorded.

The charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work is not to find the answers for the overall health of Masonry. Our charge is to see that the ritual is precise, well presented, not perverted or subjected to wholesale change to fit the whims of any self-appointed champion of a new cause. The view of many finds that Ritual is of generally good quality 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. Quality of work is a matter of pride – and it bears repeating that ritual can be a key to membership growth. Poorly presented ritual can on the other hand 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 comfortable 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 Dean Skokan 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.

In 2007, the Committee reviewed the entire ritual and updated the official cipher for reprint – by approval of this report; those updates are confirmed and approved by this Grand Lodge Communication. 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 2007. 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 27	Centennial 326	Omaha	15	15
Apr 14	Lininger 268	Omaha	12	12
May 5	Liberty 300	Lincoln	6	6
May 9	Wood Lake 221	Wood Lake	9	6
July 14	Omaha 288	Omaha	13	13
Sep 8	Rob Morris 46	Kearney	8	2
Oct 27	Liberty 300	Lincoln	14	13
Nov 3	Covert 11	Omaha	13	12
Dec 15	Fremont 15	Fremont	3	1
Total			93	80

One-Day Classes continue to enable Freemasonry in Nebraska to grow more steadily and more conveniently than might 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
 Scott J. Krieger, Sr. 317

M.: W.: B.: Phil Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work as printed, as well as approval of the newly reproduced cipher. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Dwight E. Smith, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation had its annual meeting Thursday, January 31, which was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and some interested Brethren. The Foundation is working toward greater visibility in the state. The financial report for the fiscal year ending May 2007 was adopted. The report showed total income of \$65,599.68, and expenses of \$101,357.49, showing a net loss for the year of \$35,757.81. The net loss was a result of all CHIP funds received by the Foundation to date being turned over to the new Nebraska Freemasons CHIP Foundation. Our balance sheet currently shows total assets, mostly consisting of our building, of \$434,348.35, with no liabilities, and an unrestricted fund balance of \$380,434.79.

The Foundation is proud to sponsor several items of work, including the CHIP program and academic scholarships, as well as the building in Lincoln where the museum, library and the Grand Lodge Office are located.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors elected the following Foundation Officers for the year 2008.

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

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FROM VISITING JURISDICTIONS AND OFFICERS OF APPENDANT BODIES

The visiting Brethren were escorted to the front and introduced by the Grand Marshal.

- Charles G. Johnson, Senior Grand WardenGrand Lodge of Colorado
- John D. Wagoner, Deputy Grand Master..... Grand Lodge of Iowa
- Sterling P. Hornbuckle, Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Kansas
- Roy T. Sullivan, Jr., Grand Senior Warden Grand Lodge of Kansas
- Frederick B. Vihovde, Past Grand Treasurer and Grand Rep. ...Grand Lodge of Minnesota
- Robert A. Coleman, Deputy Grand Master..... Grand Lodge of Montana
- Alvin Wold, Deputy Grand Master.....Grand Lodge of North Dakota
- Virgil Andersen, Deputy Grand Master.....Grand Lodge of South Dakota
- Jack H. Welker, Senior Grand Warden.....Grand Lodge of South Dakota
- Dean Behrens, Junior Grand WardenGrand Lodge of South Dakota
- David True, General Chairman 2009/2010.....Grand Lodge of South Dakota
- Gale H. Kenney, Senior Grand Warden..... Grand Lodge of Washington
- John Farmer, Junior Grand Warden.....Grand Lodge of Wyoming
- Bill Teter, Grand LibrarianGrand Lodge of Wyoming
- Russell Hobson, Grand Historian..... Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- David G. Krogh, Oriental Guide..... Abu Bekr Temple, Iowa
- George Harrison, Secretary/Registrar Scottish Rite Supreme Council of Iowa

Most Worshipful Skokan greeted each individually.



Grand Master Skokan asked Michael Sutton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho to come forward and bring greetings.



M.:W.: Dean asked Tom Hauder, Grand Junior Steward, and a member of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee to approach the podium and briefly discuss the 59th Annual Conference of Masonic Education that will be held in Omaha at the Scottish Rite Building on April 25, 26 & 27, 2008.



Charles Johnson, Senior Grand Warden, was called to the podium to bring remarks from the Grand Lodge of Colorado.



Grand Master Skokan asked Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to bring greetings.



Most Worshipful Dean announced that the Installation of Officers will be held Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 2:30 pm at the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite. He also 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.



At this time, Grand Master Skokan asked the officers present from all Nebraska Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine bodies to retire with the Grand Senior Deacon to form in procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.



While waiting for the appendant body officers to assemble and line up, Most Worshipful Skokan made several announcements relative to the location of the Grand Lodge Office, hospitality rooms, vendors, and instructions for upcoming meetings, workshops and meal functions.

**INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS FROM NEBRASKA YORK RITE,
SCOTTISH RITE AND SHRINE**

The visiting Brethren were escorted to the front and introduced by the Grand Senior Deacon.

Grand York Rite

- Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
 - Marlin Palasek M.: E.: Grand High Priest
 - Steve Barchus Grand Principal Sojourner
 - Ronald Grass Grand King
- Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska
 - Steve Lyne M.: I.: Grand Master
- Sir Galahad Priory #7, Knights of York Cross of Honor
 - Don Monnette Prior

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

- Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr. Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General
- Curt Edic General Secretary, Omaha
- W. Glen Jorgenson General Secretary, Hastings
- Bruce Wood General Secretary, Lincoln

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

- Ralph Joos Potentate, Tangier
- Jeffrey Jackson Chief Rabban, Tangier
- Cary Manson Assistant Rabban, Tangier
- Michael Sorenson High Priest and Prophet, Tangier
- Greg Hadcock Oriental Guide, Tangier
- James Parks, Sr. Treasurer, Tangier
- Chuck Sohm Recorder, Tangier
- John Wonder Past Potentate, Tangier
- Thomas K. Brummett Past Potentate, Tangier
- Mark Kinzie Potentate, Sesostris
- Bill Nelson Past Potentate, Sesostris
- Geoffrey K. Bogle Potentate, Tehama
- Stephen D. O'Brien Past Potentate, Tehama
- W. Glen Jorgenson Recorder, Tehama

Grand Master Skokan greeted each of the officers individually as they returned to their seats.



Most Worshipful Dean asked Charles Sederstrom, Deputy SGIG, to step forward and bring greetings from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska.



R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master asked V.: W.: Randall Hart to offer a table grace for all respective luncheons that were to be held.

The session was then called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m.



Workshop

An Introduction to the Mentoring/Enrollment Program was held, followed by the Traitor Degree from the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, performed by the Sojourners.

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Most Worshipful Dean Skokan
Grand Master

Membership Banquet
Friday, February 1, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The after-dinner speaker was M.:W.: Steven R. Johnson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

After the speaker, Grand Master Dean Skokan asked all Bronze Jordan Medal holders and 50-plus year members to stand and be recognized for their years of service to the fraternity.

Various presentations and Grand Lodge awards were given at the Membership Banquet.

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

Grand Master Skokan asked Ben Harvey of the Fremont Children's Home, Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Dwight Smith, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to come forward to receive a check representing the proceeds of the Sixth Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented with a check in the amount of \$1,308.61.

TWAIN AWARD

The Twain Award, a new award from the Masonic Service Association in 2007, honors lodge achievement in Masonic awareness. Awards are made to the participating lodges that, in the evaluation of the Masonic Information Center Task Force, have successfully addressed the challenges of improving Masonic Awareness within both the lodge and the community and that the brothers have done so with exemplary skill, creativity, and resourcefulness.

Members of North Bend Lodge No. 119 were invited to come forward and accept the award.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Grand Master Skokan asked co-chairmen 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.

Kent asked Dr. Dale Kruse, Superintendent of Beatrice Public Schools to come forward to accept the award in the non-Masonic category.

The recipient of the award for a Mason was Blaine Hornbuckle, a member of Hastings Lodge No. 50.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Skokan explained that, new in 2007, two Rock Maul Awards would be presented: one for a large lodge and one for a small lodge.

The Large Lodge Rock Maul was presented to M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins by the Omaha Area Past Masters of 1966 to be used as a Traveling Trophy. It is sixteen pounds in weight with a bronze head. The Rock Maul has been used for its original purpose in a stone quarry, and has been beautifully refurbished and a square and compass worked into the metal.

The Small Lodge Rock Maul was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by the family of Past Grand Master Harold Hultman. In recognition of the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States, and in honor of Grand Master Hultman, W.:B.: Herman O. Hansen, DGC, gold plated the head of a rock maul, engraved the handle with Masonic working tools, and gifted it to M.:W.: Hultman. This Rock Maul will now be presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Small Lodge deemed to be the Outstanding Lodge that year.

The Rock Maul Awards are to be presented by the Grand Master to a large lodge and a small lodge whose works most agree with the programs of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The lodges selected should, in the opinion of the Grand Master, represent the best all-around Lodges in the jurisdiction of Nebraska.

As guidelines to award the Rock Maul, the following should be used: Officer Leadership, attendance, bulletin or newspaper, ritual, enthusiasm, fellowship, temple appearance and condition, secretary reports, and programs other than regular meetings and ritual

meetings carried out through the year. The Rock Maul will never be presented to the Grand Master's own lodge.

In addition to the overall winning lodges, lodges that finished first and second runners-up also will be recognized.

The Grand Master asked the members present from Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to come forward and receive the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award and the members present from Hooper Lodge No. 72 of Hooper to come forward and receive the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award.

The 2nd Runner-up in the large lodge category was Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and the 1st Runner-up was Mizpah Lodge No. 302 in Omaha.

The 2nd Runner-up in the small lodge category was Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow, and the 1st Runner-up was North Bend Lodge No. 119.

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

In 2006, an 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.

In 2008, for the lodge year 2007, Michelle Fulmer and Carol Schroeder presented the award to Jay H. Speck, secretary of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

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 Dean Skokan presented the award to members of North Bend Lodge No. 119.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Grand Master requested that Ed Nolte, Chairman of the Membership Committee, come forward to present the traveling trophies. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each lodge received a traveling trophy that they can display in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winner in the large lodge division was Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln. The winner in the small lodge division was Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 in Valentine.

GRAND MASTER’S LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Grand Master’s Leadership Award was expanded this year to three awards. The first is the Grand Master’s Leadership Award which aims to encourage Masters to plan and implement activities that will result in a successful year for their lodge and members. Any number of Masters can earn this award.

The following 2007 Masters were asked to come forward to receive their awards:

- John Ramsay, Hooper Lodge No. 72 in Hooper
- Doug Rasmussen, North Bend Lodge No. 119 in North Bend
- Bill Lichtenberger, Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow
- Dean Stockman, Mizpah Lodge No. 302 in Omaha

The Award can be won with Distinction if a Master’s lodge achieves the Grand Master’s membership goal. This year it was 5 percent. Any number of Masters can earn this award, but this year only one will receive it. The recipient’s lodge increased 9.3% with 20 new members.

Grand Master Skokan asked Patrick Barger of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to come forward to receive his award.

From among the recipients, one was selected as the Master of the Year in Nebraska.

Patrick Barger was also announced as Master of the Year.

NEBRASKA PILLAR AWARD

The Nebraska Pillar Award recognizes lodges that perform activities that lead to a successful year. Any lodge can earn this award. Six lodges received a plaque this year and a plate can be added for each subsequent year the award is earned.

Most Worshipful Skokan asked for representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive the awards:

- Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth
- Hooper Lodge No. 72 in Hooper
- North Bend Lodge No. 119 in North Bend
- Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow
- Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln
- Mizpah Lodge No. 302 in Omaha

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

All lodges that achieved a net increase in membership received a certificate for their accomplishments.

- Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville
- Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City
- Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- Peru Lodge No. 14, Peru
- Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington
- Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola
- Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper
- Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Elkhorn

- Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha
- Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine
- Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland
- Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview
- Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, Wood Lake
- North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln
- George W Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha

Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha
Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln

College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln
Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

The Grand Master's Recruitment Award Program recognizes the top petition signers in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. This award is calculated on a point system giving 10 points for every first line signature and 3 points for every second line signature.

- 16 – Gary Unger, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 15 – Bill Parrish, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island
- 14 – Bryan Deming, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 13 – Russell Mason, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 12 – Jay Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- 11 – Gregory Hadcock, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 10 – Scott McDaniel, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney
- 9 – Ralph Riemann, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 8 – Ivan Vrtiska, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 7 – Evert Sturgis, Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege
- 6 – Greg Wells, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
- 5 – Joe Work, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- 4 – Randall Heckert, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 3 – David Krogh, Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City

In addition to the pin, first and second place also received a plaque.

2nd – Pepper Aasgaard, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha

1st – Patrick Barger, Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln
Patrick also received a pocket badge and his picture will be placed on the plaque that is displayed at the Grand Lodge Office.

The banquet concluded at 9:00 p.m.

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Second Session
Saturday, February 2, 2008

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Randall L. Hart invoked the blessing of Deity.

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 151st 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 2, 2008.

Deputy Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn asked the Brethren to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



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

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

David G. Krogh, Chairman

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 21, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Committee members present were David Krogh and Jack Frahm. Also attending were Reg Kuhn, Deputy Grand Master, Russ Reno, Grand Senior Warden, John T. Parsons, Grand Junior Warden, E. David Watts, Grand Senior

Deacon, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager. Committee members Email was used for approval from those members who were not in attendance.

The committee approved the proposed budget for 2008. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, January 31, February 1 - 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Krogh, 5, Chairman
Thomas A. Brazer, 11
David A. Emry, 11
Jack G. Frahm, 204
Paul D. Rutherford, 327

Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$234,515.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$5,700.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$6,897.50
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$225.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$27,590.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,300.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$6,897.50
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$220.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$6,897.50
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$150.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,150.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$6,000.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
4240.000 CHIP Assessment	\$14,391.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$1,931.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$20,340.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$335,104.50
Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$9,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$4,350.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$8,160.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$156.00
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	\$1,560.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$1,980.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$900.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$300.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$1,000.00
4645.000 150 Anniversary Income	\$0.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$10,000.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$200.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$40,791.00
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$61,500.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$8,000.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$750.00
4905.000 Masonic Unity Meetings	\$200.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$70,450.00

Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$5,000.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$461,345.50
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,600.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$8,172.20
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$900.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$4,000.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$7,952.25
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$500.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$850.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$3,500.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$50.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$252.78
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,917.00
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,236.50
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,378.80
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$153.00
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$863.80
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,895.85
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$861.75
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$287.25
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,700.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$40,071.18
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Installation	\$1,500.00
5220.425 Meals	\$3,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$900.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$5,400.00
Travel & Related	
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	\$500.00
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 Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries	\$5,700.00
5240.550 Midwest Conference	\$3,400.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$1,000.00
5240.650 Masonic Renewal Conference	\$750.00
5640.700 Shrine Membership Seminar	\$750.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$1,500.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$1,500.00
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	\$36,725.00
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	\$350.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,600.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$7,000.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$2,300.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$1,500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$6,000.00
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	\$40,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$250.00
5485.000 Professional Fees	\$3,500.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees	\$20.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$4,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$1,500.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$250.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$750.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofc's Directory Printing	\$2,200.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$2,300.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$126,570.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$711.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$24,000.00

5610.000 Surety Bond	\$1,931.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,524.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$20,340.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$1,130.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$53,636.00
Committees and Programs	
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$500.00
5240.450 Conv & Conf	\$1,000.00
5835.550 Masonic Relief Committee	\$0.00
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	\$250.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$69,500.00
XXXX.750 Youth Committee	\$5,000.00
5220.750 Meals	
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
XXXX.800 Membership committee	
5650.800 Other Administrative	\$500.00
5520.800 Awards & Rec	\$50.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$2,000.00
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$300.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$500.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$2,500.00
5650.990 Fraternal Relations Committee	\$0.00
5650.440 CHild Identification Program Committee-Mileage	\$0.00
5650.930 Lodge Facilities Matching Fund	\$4,000.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$750.00
5805.000 Masonic Unity Meetings	\$200.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$92,350.00
Contributions	
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$2,400.00
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$2,000.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$2,000.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$2,000.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	\$750.00
5835.000 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$175.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$9,325.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$76,730.00
6561.100 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
6561.200 Salary-Part-time Staff	\$8,000.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$200.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	\$6,940.85
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$250.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$250.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,302.00
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$0.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$103,072.85
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$7,122.50

5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$28,890.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$7,117.50
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$14,391.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$57,521.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$524,671.03
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	(\$63,326)
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$63,326.00
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$63,326
ADJ. BALANCE PLUS INVEST. INCOME	\$0

After clarifying a few line items on which there were previous questions, W.:B.: Krogh moved for the adoption of the report of the Appropriations Committee. M.:W.: Phil Lorenzen made remarks about the investment income that is utilized to cover operating expenses each year and encouraged the Brethren to consider dues increases in future years to alleviate that necessity. After discussion, the motion was seconded and carried favorably.



M.:W.: Dean Skokan announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steve Green as Chairman.

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

The lodge was declared at liberty to allow the admission of representatives of Nebraska DeMolay to present the awards.

State Master Councilor Bryan Kehler, State Senior Councilor Ryan Grazier and State Junior Councilor Travis Bader entered the room to present the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award. The State Senior Councilor and State Junior Councilor presented the awards.

DeMolay Mason of the Year was presented to William H. Nelson. Bill Nelson has been a Master Mason for 29 years. He is a past master of Bennett Lodge No. 94 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a 33rd degree Mason in the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, and served as the Potentate of Sesostri Shrine in Lincoln in 2007. As Master of Bennett Lodge, he helped to lay the foundation for the success his lodge has enjoyed for the past several years, and as Potentate he worked to promote Masonic unity in Lincoln. Under his leadership, Sesostri has moved to a marvelous new facility which will be the showplace of Masonry in Lincoln for many years to come. His commitment to the whole of Masonry proves that Masonry works best when we work together. His legacy is one of hard work, accomplishment, and fulfillment. He is truly deserving of this Award as DeMolay Mason of the year.

The Sponsoring Body of the Year Award recognizes a group who has gone above and beyond as the Nebraska DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year. The 2007 recipient of this award sponsors the newest DeMolay chapter in Nebraska. This group enthusiastically tackled all of the paperwork and minutia involved in forming a DeMolay chapter. They encouraged Master Masons to serve as advisors and made certain that all of the

preparations were completed before even seeking young men to join the organization. After the chapter was formed, this body continued to support the chapter, not only with financial resources, but also with encouragement and promotion. Thanks in part to the wonderful support provided by this body, their chapter has risen to one of the top chapters in the state in just three short years. The decision over this year's award was very difficult because there were several DeMolay sponsoring bodies doing a great job. Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney.

After the guests departed, the Lodge was once again declared in session.



Grand Master Skokan asked Gale Kenney, Senior Grand Warden, to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Washington. R.:W.: Kenney presented Most Worshipful Skokan with a small bust of George Washington.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 151st 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, 16 Deputy Grand Custodians and 55 non-delegate Masons.

At the time of this Report there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered:

There are 72 Worshipful Masters in person and 22 by proxy, there are 47 Senior Wardens in person and 47 by proxy, there are 33 Junior Wardens in person and 35 by proxy and there are 59 Secretaries in person and 26 by proxy.

Before announcing the lodges that are not registered, I wish to thank and recognize all that are present. We have 339 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 2, 32, 46, 135, 279, 281, 302, 317 and 332. 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.

At this time there are no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 21, 27, 34, 35, 43, 49, 75, 81, 89, 95, 104, 106, 110, 111, 159, 165, 173, 192, 209, 218, 220, 221, 264, 284, 285, 286, 294 and 314.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from Lodges; 34, 49, 111, 192, 220 and 284; and for three years from 111, 192, and 220.

We are honored to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

We are pleased to have in attendance the following Masonic related organizations; Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, Nebraska DeMolay, and DeMolay International, York Rite of Nebraska, Social Order of the Beauceant, Scottish Rite of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, Tehama, Sesostris and Tangier Shrine Temples, Abu Bekr Shrine Temple of Iowa, Daughters of the Nile, National Sojourners, The Nebraska

Masonic Home, The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: There were 280 present at the Grand Masters Banquet on Thursday evening. There were 457 at the Public Opening on Friday morning, and 385 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 Dean Skokan. 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, Philip Edwards, Robert Mike Hoagland and out of retirement Norris Rusmisell.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle and Carol 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
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
R. Mike Hoagland, 46 & 146
William G. Hurst, 54

The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

Grand Master Skokan thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee for the time they spend at the registration table during Annual Communication and the excellent job they have done in performing those duties.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF THE BALLOT

Grand Master Skokan declared the ballot for the Election of Officers open. Employing a new procedure for the election this year, he gave instructions as to the proper process for balloting. Delegates could choose to either write in the names of the officers for whom they wished to vote, or to check the box advancing all officers. The checkbox would result in a vote to retain the Grand Secretary and advance the current Grand Junior Deacon to Grand Senior Deacon, advance the Grand Senior Deacon to Grand Junior Warden, advance the Grand Junior Warden to Grand Senior Warden, and advance the current Grand Senior Warden to Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect. Grand Master Skokan noted that the new ballot had previously been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. Ballots should be placed in the ballot box within the next hour, at which time the ballot will be declared closed and turned over to the tellers for proper counting.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.: W.: Grand Master Dean Skokan gave his supplemental address:

It is that time in my term when I suspect that most retiring Grand Masters, myself included, look back on what we think of as “our year.” That really is what the written Grand Master’s Address is, of course. It’s sort of a look in the rearview mirror of the fraternity. By the time Michelle, God Bless her, got done

adding and correcting mine, it ran somewhere around 30 pages. That's far from a modern day record. I hope you read it at some point. I'm not going to read it to you here, but it was quite a project and interesting exercise to put that together. I think the big realization that came to me when I was writing it is that it wasn't really my year at all. It was your year. The big things that worked were successful because you turned out for them. You supported them, you paid for free mailing labels and you bought pocket watches, by the hundreds. You offered prayers for our troops at every meeting. More than three hundred of you lined up behind me on September 21st to march up the Capitol steps. When I got to the door that day, and turned to see the line still crossing the street almost a block behind me, I was very, very, proud of our Brotherhood. I am not often at a loss for words, but when that first "So Mote It Be" echoed throughout the Rotunda, I really could hardly talk. I will never forget that day. It was a grand day, Brethren, and you made it so. It was your day.

I would suggest to you, though, that as pleasant as it may be to look back, we have little time for that. I wrote several drafts of this talk, some of them I really liked, but my time to move this fraternity is done. I am very grateful for that. I trust that my shortcomings are more obvious to me than to you, and I hope that you will look back on my efforts with charity, the Freemason's greatest virtue.

This is now Reg's year; it is his turn at the wheel of our brotherhood, and you and I will cheerfully follow his lead. I hope and believe that you will help and support him as you have so generously supported me this past year. This is a long, hard job, but you have chosen well. Reg Kuhn will be an excellent Grand Master.

I'm going to leave you Brethren by pointing out just three of the things that I think I've learned this year, and as good Masons do, I will give them to you in the form of an allegory. The story begins with a little bird hatched late in the season. As the flock began to head south in the fall, he had trouble keeping up and eventually fell behind. He did make it across the Missouri river, but when he reached Hooper he could just go no farther and fell to the ground in a pasture just south of town. He lay there cold, exhausted... and near death when a cow walked by and dumped all over him. He realized, almost immediately, that as disgusting as this was, it was warm. He found the strength to spread his wings, and built himself a shelter, an igloo, out of the manure. As his strength returned he realized that he was warm and happy, and as birds do when they're warm and happy, he began to sing. A mangy old coyote that my dogs had ignored for far too long was walking by the pasture, heard him singing, found the pile, dug him out and ate him.

You know, I've never been very good at allegories. You'll excuse me, I may have numbed you with too many awards and introductions last night so I'll be more direct about what I've learned.

1. Not every one who dumps on you is your enemy.
2. Not everyone who gets you out of crap is your friend.
3. When you're in deep shit, it's best to keep your mouth shut.

At one time, I didn't know how to wear a Masonic ring, which way the points of the compass should go, and one of the things I read was that when you were the

Master, the points of the compass should be away from you, directed towards the Craft, and the points of the square should be pointing towards you to give you wisdom. And for the last year I've worn my ring that way, my father's ring. I'm going to turn it around now and I'm going to go back to my dogs. I think they probably need me more than you do. You've got Reg. But Brethren, I will never forget the great, great honor that was mine, that you gave me, to serve as the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. I thank you all so very much.

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

PREFACE

Preparing the Grand Master's Address is a daunting task. Most of my immediate predecessors seemed to regard it as the worst sort of drudgery. Indeed I would hate to go through a day-by-day review of the past year. It seems I have spent so much time, and accomplished so little.

During the past year, I read PGM Harry Spencer's Address from 1965. His address seemed to be more honest and direct than some others - more substance and less "spin." I greatly admired the Judge, and though I lack his eloquence, I will use his format for this address. It will not be a recitation of the past year, but more a recapitulation of my efforts during this year to move our Fraternity forward and leave the Grand Lodge in sound condition for those who will follow me to the East.

Brethren:

Although others are better able to evaluate my efforts, it seems to have been a good year. When I was placed in this position, I was very mindful of the language in our subordinate lodge installation ritual that the Master is elevated by his brethren, not above them. I have tried, though not always successfully, to be a Brother first, and the Grand Master second. My goal was to be approachable and available, even though such characteristics are not normally part of my nature. It is a constant temptation to exercise the authority that comes with this position without first earning the respect of the Craft that is necessary for the support of the many decisions which are required of the Grand Master. I am most grateful for the support I received from the Craft during this year, particularly when I did not deserve it.

It is probably apparent that I prefer action to inaction. I devoted considerable effort to addressing problems, which in my view, should not be left to my successors to deal with. To those who follow me in this exalted position, I hope that I have at least partially cleared the path to the future of our order and that you will build upon my efforts as well as correcting my many deficiencies. Chief among those is my very limited support to our appendant bodies. I viewed my primary task as supporting and improving Blue Lodge Masonry in Nebraska. In retrospect, I should have found more time to attend and support our appendant bodies. They are a vital part of Freemasonry in Nebraska. The Shrine and the Rites, our youth organizations, the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile are the facets of the Masonic diamond.

There are several changes to our annual communication this year. The public opening will be shortened. There will be fewer individual introductions, less formality and more time for fellowship. Every effort will be made to follow the schedule and be on time. In my visitations to other jurisdictions, I observed several procedures that may streamline some of our usual processes that have slowed us in the past, and will try them here.

Elections of officers will be done with a single ballot, and a ballot box will be used as is the Kansas procedure. At the Minnesota Annual Communication a straw vote was taken on the Grand Masters Recommendations and Resolutions, only those with a close straw vote were discussed, as we will do this year. The banquet on Thursday night will be casual or western dress, as is the usual case at the Grand Lodge of Montana, a bluegrass band will provide entertainment. Friday night's banquet will be formal, most awards will be presented after dinner. All elections and voting on legislative changes will take place Saturday. Also from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota comes the procedure of declaring a lodge "at liberty" which will be used to bring guests into a tyled meeting. Considerable social time is included in the schedule. I urge all of you to take advantage of these opportunities. It seems to me that as our Fraternity changed during the period of growth after the Second World War, the fellowship we enjoyed was, to some extent, replaced with ritual. We do less ritual now, and it is my hope that our fellowship will again become an important part of Freemasonry.

To our distinguished guests, I offer you the warmest welcome. We have been well received and entertained in your jurisdictions. We hope that you enjoy your visit with us, and that your time here will be as interesting, entertaining and as profitable as we have enjoyed in your jurisdictions.

What follows is my report and accounting of my administration of this past year as your Grand Master. This sesquicentennial year has been an active one. Those of you who were able to participate in our anniversary activities made those events very special. I have had the opportunity to attend many lodges and speak to hundreds of Masons across the state. I was honored by your attendance and inspired by your enthusiasm. I am convinced that Masonry has turned the corner in Nebraska, and that our future is at least as bright as our past. I thank you for the opportunity to be a part of that process.

NECROLOGY

The Grand Master of us all has seen fit to call our Most Worshipful Brother, Past Grand Master Harry Spencer before the Great White Throne. We cannot help but mourn his passing.

M.:W.: Harry Spencer was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in Omaha on November 19, 1925. He later demitted to North Star Lodge No. 227 in Lincoln on May 6, 1931, and then took a dual membership with his original lodge at Bee Hive on September 4, 1969.

He served as Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge No. 227 in 1938. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Officer line on June 10, 1959 by M.:W.: Joseph C. Tye, and served as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska in 1964.

M.:W.: Judge Spencer received the Bronze Jordan Medal for North Star Lodge on April 8, 1990, and the Gold Jordan Medal for the state of Nebraska on January 9, 2007.

M.:W.: Spencer was a Master Mason in Good Standing for 81 Years, 8 Months, and 21 Days. He was a member of and held key offices in the following related Masonic appendant bodies: York Rite (High Priest, 1946; Grand High Priest, 1955), Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (Master of Kadosh, 1963; Knight Commander Court of Honor, 1951; Coroneted 33 Degree Honorary, 1963), Sesostris Shrine (Potentate, 1962), Order of the Eastern Star, Myrtle

Chapter (Initiated December 27, 1932; Worthy Patron, 1935), Job's Daughters (Associate Grand Guardian), DeMolay (Chapter Advisor, Legion of Honor and Cross of Honor).

He was laid to rest on August 15, 2007 at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln.

M.:W.: Harry was an inspiration to all who knew him and his life a model to all Freemasons. To the end he was kind and courteous. We will miss this great and good man.

This Grand Lodge was also saddened by the passing of Kay Eveland, wife of Past Grand Master Paul Eveland, on September 2, 2007. She was a person of great kindness, who always had a cheery word for everyone.

In 2007, 353 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home during the year. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Randy Hart will present the necrology report during our Annual Communication which will pay fitting tribute to our deceased brethren.

THE VETERANS APPRECIATION PROGRAM

My first act as Grand Master was to direct that all Masonic assemblies include a prayer for our troops. This has been almost universally done. I am particularly proud of our Lodges in Hastings, Hastings No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317. They sponsored a welcome home picnic for a National Guard unit and provided exceptional support for the families of soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice. Their actions are a model for all of us. There are few things that I have done in Masonry that have given me more pleasure than to hear the prayers for our troops in the lodges I visited. I have often remarked that there is a strong bond between military service and Freemasonry. I am very pleased that Nebraska Lodges have proved the strength of that connection.

THE RELIEF PROGRAM

With considerable apprehension, I approved a mailing label program from Affinity Marketing that was designed to raise much-needed funds for Masonic relief. The Grand Lodge has tried such programs in the past without much success. I was concerned that this effort would break even and had hoped to raise perhaps as much as five thousand dollars to start a meaningful Masonic Relief Fund. Many of you donated funds for this cause, and received the 150th anniversary pocket watch. You have humbled me with your generosity. To date, the Grand Lodge has netted over twenty-three thousand dollars from this program. This money will be used exclusively for Masonic Relief, as promised. The Masonic Relief Committee is drafting guidelines for the use of these funds which will be submitted as a part of their report at our Annual Communication. I anticipate that these funds may be loaned to Lodges to improve their facilities and granted to Brothers, their widows and orphans when relief is called for. My Brothers, you have proven, by your generosity, that Charity is indeed the greatest virtue. My thanks to all of you who participated in this program.

I also extend the gratitude of the Grand Lodge to T. Max Tatum, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, who administered this program for us. He personally dealt with the few problems encountered and was largely responsible for the satisfaction of those who contributed.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

This being the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary year of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, two books were published by the Grand Lodge. The first, authored by Grand Senior Warden Russ Reno, is a well researched recitation of our history as recorded in our proceedings. The second, written by Grand Junior Warden John Parsons provides brief biographical sketches of 150 famous Nebraska Masons. Both books have been well received and are important reference works. The Grand Lodge is indebted to these Brethren.

A Sesquicentennial Anniversary logo was also created and used to mark the 150th Anniversary pocket watch used in the relief campaign, as well as anniversary pins, coins and caps. A small number of the coins were gold plated and presented to several Brethren as tokens of "special esteem and high regard" by the Grand Master.

With the approval and assistance of the advancing line, two major events were planned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. On April 29 the Grand Lodge officers formally received and opened the Initiated Eye exhibit at Joslyn Art Gallery in Omaha. The exhibit celebrates the role of Masonry and Freemasons in the building of our nation and its Capitol in a series of paintings commissioned by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. The exhibit was transported and set up by the Joslyn staff. It was well presented. The opening was attended by over one hundred, and the exhibit was well received during the six-week stay.

On September 21, 2007, the Grand Lodge conducted a memorial service in the Capitol Rotunda. Three hundred fifty Masons in full regalia marched from the Lincoln Scottish Rite to the Capitol for the ceremony. We completely filled the Rotunda. Our ceremony specifically honored the eight Master Masons who are members of the Hall of Fame, and commemorated the one hundred fifty-year history of Masonry in Nebraska. I suspect that all in attendance were moved when the first "So Mote It Be" echoed through the Capitol. The ceremony was very well received by all in attendance. After walking through to view the Hall of Fame busts, we adjourned to the Scottish Rite and enjoyed a fine meal. Our Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge were honored by formal toasts. In accordance with an old tradition, a bottle of good cognac and another of fine brandy were laid aside for the 175th anniversary celebration. We also surprised our friend Jean Holt with gifts on her retirement earlier this year. Jean had worked for the Grand Lodge for ten years. This was a great day for Masonry in Nebraska, and will not be soon forgotten by anyone who attended.

I was personally gratified by the participation in these anniversary events. We showed our Masonry in the best possible light and demonstrated the vitality of our brotherhood to the public at large.

VISITATIONS

It was my privilege to attend the annual communications of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Montana, and Wyoming, as well as the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, the Rocky Mountain Conference of Grand Lodges, the Biennial Session of the Scottish Rite, and the Imperial Shrine during the past year. In every instance, Nancy and I were extended every courtesy and were royally entertained. We have made many friends in our travels during my time in the line and look forward to a continuing relationship with our extended Masonic Family.

Nancy and I particularly enjoyed the Imperial Shrine session and are very grateful for the hospitality extended by Tangier, Sesostris, and Tehama Temples. Similarly, the Biennial Session of the Scottish Rite in Washington was a great event. Grand Masters from across the country were present and welcomed by the Grand Commanders from the northern and Southern Jurisdictions.

During the year, I accepted nearly every invitation received from a subordinate lodge. When I was unable to personally attend, I was most often represented by an officer of the advancing line. If your lodge was not visited this past year, it was largely because we were not invited. I will not prolong this report with a detailed itemization or account of my visitations. They were many. Each of them was enjoyable and memorable. I do however offer the following observations.

The Masonic Family Day sponsored by the Masonic organizations in Omaha is a great event, and should not be missed. There are no speeches, no introductions, just a good fellowship, a ball game or tour of the zoo. Such events should be on everyone's calendar.

I attended several Friendship nights throughout the year and spoke on behalf of Blue Lodge Masonry. This is a program, when properly used, which yields great benefit to all of Masonry. One Lodge, in particular, invited five candidates and received four petitions, more petitions than they had received in the previous five years. All are now Master Masons. Such results are not unusual, and could be replicated across the state.

It was my honor to participate in the Masonic services for our Most Worshipful Brother Harry Spencer. Judge Spencer was a great Mason and man of the highest regard in our fraternity and in the world at large.

The Grand Lodge Officers continued the program of Degree work in the subordinate lodges, and performed the First Section of the Masters Degree on several occasions, most notably at the raising of Brother Patrick Osborne, the stepson of our Grand Tyler, Dennis Rix. We also performed the Eighth Degree for the Scottish Rite Valleys in Omaha, Lincoln and Alliance, and the Fourth Degree for the York Rite College in Omaha.

Several Past Grand Masters and I participated in the one-day class including Congressman Lee Terry who now labors as a Master Mason at Nebraska No.1.

Your Grand Lodge Officers are committed to the presentation of the Eighth Degree for the Scottish Rite. Under the direction of Dave Watts, Grand Senior Deacon, this degree was performed from Omaha to Alliance this year, and many compliments were received with regards to the quality of work. The York Rite Degree team, directed by Grand Junior Warden John Parsons performs the Past Master Degree, with equal proficiency and is also well received.

The Omaha Scottish Rite Spring and Fall Outings at the Papillion Gun Club have grown to be the largest Masonic gatherings in the State. These are really great events. Shoot some trap, pitch horseshoes, or just kick back and enjoy yourself. The food is always good, the beer is always cold and the company is exceptional.

CONSTITUTION OF TABULA RASA LODGE

It was my honor to preside at the Constitution of the first Traditional Observance Lodge Chartered in Nebraska. Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 was granted its charter in a formal observance on March 24, 2007. This was a great event. None of the current officers had seen the ceremony. In fact, the model lodge had not seen use in more than ten years.

While such lodges are not for everyone, they are clearly one path to the future of our fraternity. I wish the brothers of Tabula Rasa every success, and trust that their efforts will serve as a model for many more new lodges in this jurisdiction.

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:

Seward – June 10 – USDA Service Center

Host Lodge: Oliver Lodge No. 38

Master: Randal P. Colberg

Lincoln – July 7 – State Parole Board Building

Host Lodges: Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 & Hickman Lodge No. 256

Master: Thomas L. Hauder & Ric L. Helms

Wahoo – July 29 – Saunders County Medical Center

Host Lodge: Wahoo Lodge No. 59

Master: Gregory L. Nabity

Barneston – August 4 – Lodge Building Dedication

Host Lodge: Barneston Lodge No. 165

Master: John C. McMurray

York – August 5 – Lodge Building Dedication and Cornerstone

Host Lodge: York Lodge No. 56

Master: Fred O. Wyant

Alliance – August 11 – Museum

Host Lodge: Alliance Lodge No. 183

Master: Bradley M. Dutton

Chadron – September 30 – Chadron State College Administration Building

Host Lodge: Samaritan Lodge No. 158

Master: Donald R. Foulk

Lincoln – December 15 – Sesostris Shrine Center

Host Lodge: Hickman Lodge No. 256

Master: Ric L. Helms

Grand Island – January 20 – Westridge Middle School

Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33

Master: David A. Zlomke

LODGE DEDICATIONS

This year the Grand Lodge dedicated new Lodge Halls at Barneston and at York. On August 4, 2007, your officers traveled to Barneston to dedicate the newly renovated building. The Barneston Lodge building was in very poor condition. Thanks largely to the generosity of Past Grand Master Don Swanson, a building was purchased and transformed into a Masonic Lodge. I join with my brothers of Barneston Lodge in expressing gratitude to M.:W.:B.: Swanson for his contribution.

On October 20, 2006, York Lodge was destroyed by a fire which devastated much of the downtown area. The Brothers of York Lodge were among the first to rebuild their facility and now enjoy a fine lodge hall in the city. I was very proud to lay the Cornerstone and dedicate this new facility on August 5, 2007, which will serve this lodge well for many years.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

The Deputy Grand Custodians give of their time, their resources, and their energy to assist our Grand Custodian, Jerry Verbeek. The strength of our ritual depends on these men. I've often said that it is the continuity of our ritual which sets us apart from the "animal lodges." Their work is of the utmost importance to us and they are to be commended for their diligence.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL

A small portion of our dues is contributed to 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. I had the opportunity to visit the Memorial this year, for the first time. Anyone who doubts the value of this small contribution should visit the memorial. We can all be very proud of our support to this wonderful monument.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

The Gold Jordan Medal was presented to Lawrence Johnson on November 14, 2007. Brother Johnson is a seventy-six year member of Robert W. Furnas Lodge in Scottsbluff. At his request, the presentation took place at his home in Lincoln. Several Grand Lodge officers were in attendance with several members of his family. Brother Johnson is strong and his mind is clear. Hopefully, he will carry the Gold Jordan Medal for many years.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

To the many Grand Lodge committee members, I thank you for your willingness to serve and 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.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

The thirteenth annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp was the first without our M.:W.:B.: Jerry Rittenburg, who started this great program. Grand Marshal Joe McBride picked up the reins this year and did a fabulous job. Band Camp 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. A special thank you to the Masonic All-Star Band Committee, Chairman McBride, and all of you who put in long hot days, late nights and many miles to make this a successful endeavor.

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 16,500 individuals. 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.

In order to continue to receive deductible contributions, a 501(c)(3) foundation has been established, and certain legislative changes have been proposed. This does not mean that the Grand Lodge is abandoning the program. It will continue to operate within the Grand Lodge structure, within the Grand Lodge office. The change is necessary to comply with the tax law regarding contributions.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Our Nebraska Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children continues to serve a great number of children and young adults. W.:B.: Ben Harvey, Executive Director, in conjunction with the Board of Directors and a great staff, have provided a family environment for these young men and women which should allow them to become productive individuals in our society. Those of you who have not visited the home should make an effort to do so. It is indeed a wonderful testimony to the value of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home continues to be a wonderful place for those who need some assistance or who can no longer take care of themselves. It is a marvelous facility, providing all levels of care with dignity. Many states are having difficulty maintaining their facilities. Not so in Nebraska. The directors and staff truly care about the well-being of the residents first and foremost. The Home is unique in that it provides a broad range of care to meet the needs of our brothers and their families. It is an institution of which we should be very proud.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Amend Section 2-1205 – **ONE LODGE WORKING FOR ANOTHER** – 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. This amendment would require that the Entered Apprentice Degree be conferred in the Lodge balloting on the petition of the candidate. This would allow the Lodge to utilize those portions of the Mentoring Program relating to the Investigation Committee and Candidate Orientation. The proposed change would also allow the Grand Master to waive this requirement.

Sec. 2-1205 – ONE LODGE WORKING FOR ANOTHER – Any subordinate lodge, at the request of another, may confer ~~any~~ *Fellow Craft or Master Mason degrees* upon a candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees by the lodge requesting it, but the latter retains jurisdiction over the candidate, and he still remains a member thereof. In such case, the degree may be conferred without examination as to proficiency, unless that also be requested.

The Entered Apprentice Degree shall be conferred only in the Lodge balloting on the petition of the candidate, without special dispensation from the Grand Master for cause shown.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** – by adding certain language so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized. This recommendation would add a new paragraph 4 increasing the proficiency requirement which would require memorization and recitation of the Master Mason’s Obligation in the candidate’s home lodge. The process of proving proficiency (Master’s declaration in absence of objection) is not changed.

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:

...(Portion of current code not affected by proposed change omitted)...

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

4. In addition to the above, proficiency in the Master Mason Degree shall require memorization and recitation of the Master Mason’s Obligation in the home Lodge of the Candidate.

No other Proficiency Examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination...(Portion of current code not affected by proposed change omitted)...

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

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend **Section 3-102 – ENUMERATED** – 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. This proposal would repeal subparagraph 3-102 (h) of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge and enact new subparagraphs 3-102 (h) and (i) to remove restrictions as to the dispensation of alcoholic beverages from the Code and allow subordinate lodges to enact rules governing the use of alcohol in lodge buildings.

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

- (a) All acts prohibited by the laws of the land, and involving moral turpitude.

...(Portion of current code not affected by proposed change omitted)...

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

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

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

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

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

(i) The storage or keeping of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where youth meetings or activities are regularly held or conducted.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend **Section 1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE** – by adding certain language so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized. This proposed change would limit the number of proxies that an individual could vote on a question before the Grand Lodge. This proposal does not restrict the number of proxies that could be carried by an individual, for the purpose of determining attendance.

Sec. 1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE – Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. *No member may vote more than two (2) proxies on any matter before the Grand Lodge.* A majority of votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-502 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Delete **Section 1-312 – CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)** and amend **Section 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION** and **Section 1-302 – SEAT**

AND VOICE – that reference the Child Identification Program Committee, by adding and deleting certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-312 – ~~CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) (Not Used)~~ – ~~The CHIP Committee shall consist of seven (7) Masonic members and three (3) members that shall be at large members not required to be Masons (representing the Dental Profession and Law Enforcement Profession and CHIP Coordinator), each to serve for a period of four years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually, with one of the seven required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Senior Deacon shall serve as the liaison officer. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the Child Identification Program (CHIP), financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the CHIP Events.~~

Sec. 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION

Second paragraph:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, *and Youth and Child Identification Program (CHIP)*. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine (9) members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

Sec. 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each Mason who is a member of a standing, regular or special committee of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote. Non-Masons appointed as members of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee ~~and the Child Identification Program (CHIP) Committee~~ shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote by virtue of such appointment.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On March 8, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On March 28, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Thistle Lodge No. 61 in Lexington 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 April 11, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont to make a change allowing one person to hold the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and to combine the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer into one section.

On April 25, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Washington Lodge No. 21 in Blair 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 May 11, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George Washington Lodge No. 250 in Lincoln to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On May 11, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Newman Grove Lodge No. 305 in Newman Grove to increase their annual dues.

On May 16, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 in Stromsburg to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On May 30, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to add a new section detailing how expenditures of a non-emergency nature that come before the lodge shall be treated.

On June 6, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wymore Lodge No. 104 in Wymore to increase their annual dues.

On June 6, 2007, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln.

On August 10, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Friend Lodge No. 73 in Friend to change the day of their regular stated communication from the fourth Tuesday to the fourth Monday of each month.

On August 15, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bartley Lodge No. 228 of Bartley to increase their annual dues.

On August 23, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 in Brownville to allow the lodge to set the amount of membership dues annually, and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On October 4, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha to increase their annual dues.

On October 10, 2007, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha.

On October 19, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha to change the maximum amount of relief funds to be drawn at one time by the Master, to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge, to clean up the article relating to affiliation of a member with another lodge, and to make such other necessary typographical and grammatical corrections.

On October 24, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance to increase their annual dues.

On November 9, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to increase their annual dues and change the amount from the dues paid to the temple building corporation.

On November 9, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to make changes to the order of business of regular communications.

On November 9, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Aurora Lodge No. 68 in Aurora to increase their annual dues.

On December 7, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 to increase their degree fees.

On December 27, 2007, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to increase their degree fees and annual dues.

On January 14, 2008, I issued a letter to Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 letting them know that a previously approved bylaw amendment dated August 23, 2007, is in conflict with Section 2-601 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and asked them to submit a new bylaws amendment request setting a dollar amount for annual dues.

On January 17, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hiram Lodge No. 52 in Arlington to increase their annual dues, and to change the date dues are delinquent to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On January 31, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 in Bridgeport to increase their annual dues.

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:

Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, merged into Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City, effective the 10th day of October, 2007.

Humboldt Lodge No. 40, Humboldt, merged into Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City, effective the 27th day of December, 2007.

It has been apparent for some time that Polk Lodge No. 311 was not a functioning lodge. After inquiry, I determined that the lodge was not able to complete the proper consolidation procedures according to the code. After consultation with the Masters of Polk Lodge No. 311 and Solar Lodge No. 134 in Clarks, conducted by Deputy Grand Master Reg Kuhn, I ordered that Polk Lodge No. 311 be consolidated with Solar Lodge No. 134, contingent upon the approval of the Brethren of Solar Lodge using the normal consolidation procedure. Solar Lodge voted to accept the consolidation at their regular communication in December and the consolidation was signed by me as Grand Master on December 14, 2007. I have attempted to insure that any Brother of the former Polk Lodge who requests to be transferred to a different Lodge will be granted a prompt demit to do so.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 12, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 of Plattsmouth to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree, Fellow

Craft Degree and the Master Mason Degree on more than five candidates at a time on the following respective date: February 15, 2007, February 22, 2007, and a date yet to be determined. 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 February 12, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Bennett Lodge No. 94 to install their 2007 Senior Warden, Treasurer, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 12, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Osceola Lodge No. 65 to install their 2007 Treasurer and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 12, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blue River Lodge No. 30 to install their 2007 Junior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On February 12, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Bellevue Lodge No. 325 to install their 2007 Junior Warden out of time.

On February 16, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Hickman Lodge No. 256 to install their 2007 Junior Deacon and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 17, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jordan Lodge No. 27 to install their 2007 Junior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On February 22, 2007, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Sesostis Shrine Center in Lincoln to obtain a list of addresses from various zip codes for the purpose of a membership mailing.

On March 1, 2007, 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 5, 2007. 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 March 1, 2007, 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 14, 2007. 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 8, 2007, I disapproved a request from McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to display charters from lodges that have consolidated into McCook Lodge.

On March 8, 2007, I approved a request from McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to obtain a list of members who live in various zip codes for the purpose of contacting brothers who do not belong to McCook Lodge, but live in the area.

On March 12, 2007, I approved a request from the George Washington Masonic Memorial to obtain contact information for Nebraska lodges for the purpose of informational mailings.

On March 21, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Springfield Lodge No. 112 to install their 2007 Junior Warden out of time.

On March 21, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Evening Star Lodge No. 49 to install their 2007 officers out of time.

On March 22, 2007, 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 March 28, 2007, I requested the states of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming to allow Nebraska to become affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Conference of Grand Lodges on an informal basis.

On March 29, 2007, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On April 11, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 of Wood Lake to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on May 9 & 10, 2007. 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.

Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Wood Lake area.

On April 12, 2007, I approved a request from Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff to obtain a list of members from Scottsbluff, Mitchell, Morrill and Kimball lodges for the purpose of an informational mailing about the Shrine Circus.

On April 25, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to move their charter on June 12, 2007 to an isolated canyon at Brother Walter Johnson's ranch, for the purpose of holding their regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On April 25, 2007, I granted permission to York Lodge No. 56 in York to hold their regular communications and all other necessary and desired lodge activities in an undedicated lodge room located at 1713 N. Lincoln Avenue until such time as the lodge building dedication ceremony is held.

On May 18, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 to move their charter on May 18, 2007 to an outdoor setting, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On May 29, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on September 8, 2007. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Kearney area.

On June 6, 2007, pursuant to Article X, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I suspended the Master of Liberty Lodge No. 300 for good reasons shown.

On June 6, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Scribner Lodge No. 132 to move their charter for their July, August and September regular communications to Hooper Lodge No. 72 in Hooper, for the purpose of holding the meetings in an air-conditioned building.

On June 20, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to move their charter on September 27, 2007 to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of conferring the Fellow Craft degree, to allow the lodge to use the main entrance in giving the Stairway Lecture, consisting of three, five and seven steps.

On June 20, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Omaha Lodge No. 288 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 14, 2007. 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.

Omaha Lodge No. 288 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 July 3, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to move their charter beginning August 2, 2007 to the building owned by Friendship Lodge No. 239 in Chapman, due to the sale of the Grand Island lodge building, for the purpose of holding regular communications until such time as a permanent location can be established.

On July 10, 2007, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 12, 2007, I disapproved a request from George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to scan and distribute to members copies of various Grand Lodge informational publications, such as floorwork manuals, ceremonies manual, and the table lodge ceremony.

On July 31, 2007, I issued a Masonic Summons to all brethren of Nebraska subordinate lodges announcing the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and Masonic Memorial held at the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda on September 21, 2007.

On August 14, 2007, 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 August 23, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 to move their charter on October 1, 2007 to a location one-half mile south of NW 12th Street and West Davey Road, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree, weather permitting.

On September 6, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 to move their charter on October 2, 2007 to Brother Rex Solomon's farm one mile north of McCook, for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge meeting.

On September 7, 2007, 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 November 3, 2007. 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.

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 September 14, 2007, 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 20, 2007, 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 20, 2007, I personally reprimanded a Past Grand Master for having Masonic communications with a profane.

On October 4, 2007, 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 October 27, 2007. 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 November 6, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Fremont Lodge No. 15 of Fremont to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 10, 2007. 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.

Fremont Lodge No. 15 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Fremont area.

On November 28, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on December 15, 2007. 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.

Cotner Lodge No. 297 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 November 28, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Jordan Lodge No. 27 of West Point to elect their 2008 officers out of time.

On November 28, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 to move their charter on December 4, 2007, to North Star Lodge No. 227, 2610 N. 48th Street in Lincoln, due to the lodge building being used by Eastern Star that evening, for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on a candidate leaving the following day for military duty in the Middle East.

On November 29, 2007, 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 of Bartley to elect their 2008 officers out of time.

On December 3, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to elect their 2008 officers out of time.

On December 4, 2007, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Springfield Lodge No. 112 of Springfield to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on January 26, 2008. 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.

Springfield Lodge No. 112 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Springfield area.

On December 5, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Omadi Lodge No. 5 to install their 2008 officers out of time.

On December 6, 2007, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Oliver Lodge No. 38 of Seward to elect their 2008 Junior Warden out of time.

On December 12, 2007, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to move their charter on January 19, 2008 to Papillion Lodge No. 39, located at 101 W. Centennial Road in Papillion, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On January 3, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Crete Lodge No. 37 of Crete to elect their 2008 Treasurer out of time.

On January 3, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Plainview Lodge No. 204 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 10, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Osceola Lodge No. 65 of Osceola to elect their 2008 Secretary out of time.

On January 16, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Bellevue Lodge No. 325 to install their 2008 Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 16, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Sesostis Shrine Center in Lincoln to obtain a list of contact information for Masons from various zip codes for the purpose of a membership mailing.

On January 17, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blue River Lodge No. 30 to install their 2008 Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Chaplain and Tyler out of time.

On January 22, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Kyle Peterson Dakota City to obtain a list of contact information for Masons from various zip codes for the purpose of a membership mailing for the Sioux City York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies.

On January 25, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Bennett Lodge No. 94 to install their 2008 Junior Warden, Senior Steward and Chaplain out of time.

REINSTATEMENTS

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

February 22, 2007	Clarence B. Nisley	Florence No. 281
April 18, 2007	Kenneth R. Marra	Wayne No. 120
April 18, 2007	Calvin C. Ohrt	Solomon No. 10
April 25, 2007	Garold E. Parker	Lancaster No. 54
May 3, 2007	Robert Byrkit	Nelson No. 77
May 11, 2007	Roland Schroeder	Lancaster No. 54
May 30, 2007	Edwin F. Pelecky	Covert No. 11
June 27, 2007	William C. Anderson	Robert Burns No. 173
July 25, 2007	Robert Nichols	Nemaha Valley No. 4
August 15, 2007	Orvis M. Meston	East Lincoln No. 210
August 23, 2007	Larry J. McDonald	Shiloh No. 327
August 23, 2007	David Stephens	Shiloh No. 327
August 23, 2007	Jack W. Rase	Springfield No. 112
September 6, 2007	Stephen R. Stromberg	Craftsmen No. 314
September 6, 2007	Albert W. Johnson	Camp Clarke No. 285

September 13, 2007 Edward E. Spencer John J. Mercer No. 290
 September 20, 2007 George Witt Lancaster No. 54
 October 10, 2007..... Michael R. Halbert Lincoln No. 19
 October 10, 2007..... Carl G. Lewis Mid-West No. 317
 October 24, 2007..... Martin S. Bruhl..... Lancaster No. 54
 November 29, 2007..... Duane P. Housh..... Covert No. 11
 November 29, 2007..... Brian M. Kuhl..... Bloomfield No. 218
 January 23, 2008 John Herbert Sanders..... Papillion Lodge No. 39

RESOLUTIONS

Submitted at the 150th Annual Communication in February 2007:

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 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 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** such that:

Section 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2009, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50	
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2008	17.00	

commencing January 2009	18.00	33.50
commencing January 2010	19.00	43.50
commencing January 2011	20.00	53.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

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

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-103 of the Bylaws, a new chairman was appointed to the Trial Commission 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 the appointed Trial Commissions for their service to the Fraternity in this matter.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

May 3, 2007	Charles D. Brown Newton Lodge No. 59, Iowa
September 27, 2007	Brian Hitchcock Triangle Lodge No. 643, Iowa
November 6, 2007	Jeremy Mathrole St. John’s Lodge No. 1, South Dakota

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

Through the year, my opinion of the condition of the craft has changed several times, generally depending on the Lodges I visited. Some are in grave trouble, others are vital and active. On the whole, I offer my opinion that we have a sound foundation on which to build, however, we must begin to direct Grand Lodge resources and efforts into Lodges that are moving forward. I am convinced of two things. First, the Grand Lodge cannot build your lodge for you. There are many things we can do to help, but that first spark, that willingness to build a lodge, must come from within. Second, that spark exists within every lodge. Every Lodge has a brother who, with some support, is willing to make a go of it. They may not come to meetings, they may be reluctant to assume a leadership role in the lodge, but they are there. Lodges must find them, encourage them and support them. It is, in my opinion, the quality of leadership that separates the strong lodges. Lodges must seek out members who are leaders in the community and urge them to actively work in the lodge. There are lodges in communities where the community itself is in dire straights. Some of those lodges are very weak. That presents a situation where a lodge can become the focal point of a community. That has happened in more than one Nebraska community. There was a movie a few years ago in which a farmer heard a voice telling him, “If you build it, they will come.” I submit that there is truth there. If you can strengthen your lodge, even in a weak community, they will come, and your lodge will prosper. I have seen it happen, and believe that you, Brethren, can make

it happen. You are Masons. You build things. That is what Masons do. Our time is short though, my brothers, if we do not start building, particularly in our small town lodges, this opportunity will pass, and we will lose many lodges.

Stronger lodges, and there are many of them, should reach out to lodges in trouble. Invite their members to events and functions, help them organize their own events, share your success with them. I have often said that there is no magic in Masonry, and no one path to the future we all want for our brotherhood. Each Lodge must find its own future, and make it as bright as our past.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I have learned much this year. As I look into the future of Masonry, I realize that our destiny is in our own hands, and that we are capable of great things. If I could teach one lesson to the Craft, it would be that there is great pride inherent in Freemasonry. To be a Mason sets us apart from our species. We represent the best of mankind. The finest men I know are Masons. It does not matter how many lodges or members we have, but it is the character of our members and the quality of our Lodges that will carry us into the future. I believe that if we make it our highest priority to maintain our character and build upon the quality of our Lodges, we will lead our communities, our State and our Country to a better place. That is the future of Freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Skokan
Grand Master

The Grand Master made a motion to accept the printed Address of the Grand Master, together with the supplemental address, and in its entirety, be referred to the appropriate committees for their consideration and action, and published in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The motion was seconded, and, with no discussion, carried.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Michael J. Webb , Chairman

The Awards Committee considered several recommendations for awards over the past year and approved the awarding of six (6) Masonic Individual Achievement Awards and two (2) Recognition Awards for Non-Masons. Our committee congratulates these worthy recipients, and encourages more submissions by all lodges in 2008.

The committee met in mid-January to review the applications for the major awards. We were pleased, overall, at the quality of submissions, but remain concerned with the small number we had to consider.

The Gold Pan award had seven submissions, down from twelve in 2006. There was only a single submission each for the Masonic and Non-Masonic CHIP award, down significantly from 2006 when there were seven submissions. The Rock Maul award had twenty-nine submissions, down from thirty-seven in 2006. There were twelve submissions for the Pillar award, and nine for the Grand Master's Leadership award. Both were the first year for these awards.

The Committee strongly urges all lodges to aggressively compete for all the awards as a means of developing an interest in your lodges and communities.

The Committee would like to thank Grand Master Dean Skokan and his Grand Lodge Officers for their concern and support, as well as Michelle and the Grand Lodge Office staff for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Webb, 46, Chairman
Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79
Michael D. Lagueux, 54
Kevin R. Lindly, 148

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

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.: Grand Master Skokan asked R.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

Yesterday we had the privilege of hearing two very marvelous addresses, one by our own Grand Orator and then last night by M.:W.: Steve Johnson from Minnesota, and I am not one blessed with the art of speech making, so this morning I am coming to you with an angst and anticipation, but I am very glad to be here this morning.

Our Fraternity teaches us that Masonic life is a journey and I have been the most fortunate of Brothers in my own Masonic travels. When I began this journey almost 25 years ago, the thought that a quiet, reserved Brother such as myself would be granted this opportunity to serve would have never entered my mind. The honor which you have conferred on me is humbling and I pledge to each of you that with the help of the Grand Architect of the Universe and each of you that I will, to the best of my ability, endeavor to serve this Grand Lodge as best I know how. Most of you know that I am an attorney by profession and, like Dean, I have worked on this draft several times. It started out about thirty minutes, because I can't help myself, but Most Worshipful, we will be on schedule.

This morning I want to share with you some of the opportunities which I believe lay before us as a Grand Lodge and also several initiatives which I hope each lodge will participate in during this coming Masonic year. But first I'd like to offer a few words of appreciation. While we have just proper given homage to our Grand Master, and there will be a more formal recognition a little bit later this morning, I want to thank you Grand Master Dean for all of your efforts this past year. I know that any of you who were privileged to see the exhibit at Joslyn in Omaha or who participated in the Lincoln celebration join with me in thanking Dean for events which commemorated our heritage in a significant and dignified manner. Like Dean, I still get chills down the back of my neck when I remember standing at the door of the Capitol Building, turning around and looking at that awesome line of Masons making their way up the Capitol steps. But I also want to personally share with you, Brothers, that during these past twelve months, I don't recall ever having a telephone conversation with Dean in which he didn't ask me, "Is there anything I can do for you?" Dean, I know in the next twelve months I am going to miss that offer of help and I want you to know that that gesture, along with countless others that I observed during the year, exemplifies the Brotherly love and devotion which you possess for this Craft. So Brothers, again, I'd like you to help me express appreciation to Dean for a job well done.

My Brothers, as I noted to you a moment before, the Masonic life is a journey and our ritual is filled with many allegories to that journey. There's the journey which each one of us made in the first section of the three degrees. There is the regular ascent of the flight of winding stairs that each one of us made into the Middle Chamber, and of course, there is the ultimate journey in the second section of the Master Mason degree. This past year, our Grand Lodge celebrated a significant milestone in its own journey, our 150th Anniversary. It was fitting that we do so because our Fraternity has always recognized the importance of learning lessons from the past, but just as Masonry celebrates the past, it also understands that it is only by looking forward that a lodge or an individual Mason can grow in their understanding of themselves and of their relationships to God, their family, their Brothers and to the world. So, as we end the celebrations of this past year and begin a new Masonic year, we must continue our work with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and purpose. My Brothers, I am excited to be serving with you as we begin to write the story of the next 50 years of Nebraska Freemasonry and, more particularly, of what it means to be a Mason at this time and place. In many ways, our trestle board is clean and refurbished by the joy and good will of the last year and, thus, we have one of those unique times in our history when we can begin again to draw those stories and plans which best exemplify those values, those ideals and those actions which make us Freemasons. But not only do we have the opportunity, we have the obligation to begin to live those stories, so that in the year 2057, when this Grand Lodge celebrates its bicentennial, a future Brother, I hope very much like our Right Worshipful Brother Russ Reno, will recount the history of our present labors with a sense of pride.

I am excited by this task, but it is not one without challenge. It seems sometimes we have difficulty in articulating what we should draw upon our trestle boards, both as Masons and as Lodges, and in fact, I fear sometimes to outsiders the Fraternity seems unsure or, worse, unable to express those core ideals which are the essence of our Fraternity. We heard a little bit about this yesterday in the workshop. How many times do Masons and Lodges hesitate when asked questions such as, "What do Masons do?" or "Why are you a Mason?" or "What does the Lodge do?" This summer when I was attending the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, I was reacquainted with a story which I believe illustrates one of the significant reasons why we seem, at times, unable to draw designs upon our trestle boards, and for our visiting Brothers from Wyoming, I also did research and I want to give credit to your Past Grand Master Don Porter who reintroduced me to the wisdom of this tale.

I'm speaking of the story by Lewis Carroll that most of us probably read in our childhood, *Alice in Wonderland*, which you'll remember is a story about a journey. If you recall the story, Alice is playing and startled when a muttering rabbit scurries by. Alice's curiosity gets the best of her and she follows the rabbit down a hole into land where she encounters all sorts of strange and wonderful adventures and characters. With your indulgence this morning, I am going to read you a brief segment from her journey: "Alice looked all round her at the flowers and the blades of grass, but she did not see anything that looked like the right thing to eat or drink under the circumstances. There was a large mushroom growing near her about the same height as herself and when she looked under it and on both sides of it, and behind it, it occurred to her that she might as well look and see what was on top of it. She stretched herself up on tiptoe and peeped over the edge of the mushroom, and her eyes immediately met those of a large caterpillar who was sitting on top of the mushroom with its arms folded, quietly smoking a large water pipe...I thought of your Grand Master...and taking not the smallest notice of her or anything else. The caterpillar and Alice looked at each other for some time in silence. At last, the caterpillar took the water pipe out of his mouth and addressed her.

“Who are you?” said the caterpillar. This was not an encouraging opening for a conversation.

Alice replied rather shyly, “I, I hardly know sir, just at present, at least I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have changed several times since then.”

“What do you mean?” said the caterpillar, “Explain yourself.”

“I can’t explain myself, sir, I’m afraid, because I’m not myself, you see.”

“I don’t see,” said the caterpillar, “Who are you?”

This morning I’m going to suggest that one of the reasons we are sometimes unable to draw designs upon our trestle boards is that, like Alice, we sometimes don’t know who we are. And as a result, sometimes, my Brothers, not often, but sometimes I worry what the story of the next 50 years of this Fraternity will be. My charge to the Craft for the coming year is for this Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodges and each of us, as Masons, to ponder, debate and wrestle with the question of who we are, and my sole assignment to each lodge this year is for it to develop a mission statement which will best answer the question when put to the lodge “Who are you?” This is not an easy assignment. It will require a lodge to seriously consider those core values which are most important to it and then put those values into words. To assist in that process, each lodge will be receiving resources which I hope will be helpful in its consideration of this charge. But I am confident, given the wide variety in personalities in lodges in this state that next year when we come together there will be a rich diversity of answers to the question of who we are, and when we meet together next year, across the street, it is my anticipation that we will display some of those answers about the lodge room.

But there are other factors which may contribute to our hesitancy to freely draw upon our trestle boards. As we heard last night, often we are too focused inward and one of the main points of our focus is the maintenance of our buildings. To help address that concern in a very small way, in the budget you just passed, \$4,000 has been allocated to grants to local lodges for improvements to lodge facilities. However, there is a catch. You know, there’s always a catch. To be eligible to submit a grant application, each lodge will need to raise, through community fundraising activities, at least \$750 of new funds to support either a Masonic youth program, such as CHIP, our youth groups or the band camp, or a local youth organization in the lodge’s community. There will be four \$1,000 grants awarded at next year’s annual communication.

I also challenge each lodge this year to ensure that its ritual is done in the best possible manner. There is much outstanding ritual done. However, I observe that, overall, the quality of ritual has declined since I became a Mason in 1983. And there are a myriad of explanations for this decline. But rather than spending lots of time finding fault, I urge all of us to redouble our efforts to maintain and improve the quality of our ritual. Please note, I do not believe the ritual is the Holy Grail of our Fraternity. Rather, it is the bonds of fraternal brotherhood and the lessons taught by the ritual which are of utmost importance. But I suggest that our ritual does provide us useful insights and tools to assist us in answering the complex question which I have put before us today.

While I’m asking the lodges to ponder the questions of who they are, the Grand Lodge will be responding to similar questions as to its own functions. With the retirement of Jean Holt, the Grand Lodge office functions have been reorganized and now we operate with two staff members. Both Michelle Fulmer and Carol Schroeder are integral parts of

the Grand Lodge family and I want to thank them for their openness to consider new ways to provide the quality of service we have all come to enjoy as part of the Grand Lodge family. The Grand Lodge will continue to explore new ways of doing business to ensure we are an organization which is both relevant and nimble in these times of rapid technological change, and as a side, my Brethren, I had the privilege of lunch yesterday sitting with a new young member from one of our lodges and he reported to me that he became introduced to the Fraternity and the principles of Freemasonry through the Internet and I believe we need to be cognizant of that as we continue to move forward in reaching out to the men of this generation.

The Grand Lodge Advancing Line also recognizes that the current Grand Lodge committee structure is cumbersome, is hard to coordinate and frankly, leaves most committee members unable to answer the question, "What does your Grand Lodge Committee do?" At our next Annual Communication, I will offer a recommendation to restructure the Grand Lodge Committees, and I hope that the structure can make a more effective use of Grand Lodge resources and the expertise of our members.

Finally, as the Grand Lodge looks to the future, it must be willing to consider the purposeful chartering of new lodges. The formation of Tabula Rasa Lodge in Lincoln last year is but one example of new ways in which Brothers can participate in the Masonic experience. But I am also reminded time and time again that several of the fastest growing communities in our state do not have a Masonic presence. I urge this Grand Lodge to have the courage to ask the questions of whether it's time that they did. So, as we begin the next 50 years of Nebraska Masonry, I am confident and, in fact my Brother, I know in the core of my being that we are up to the task of telling and living our story. However, this story will not be told or lived without hard work and a willingness to consider new responses to new challenges. I am convinced that the tenets and precepts of our Fraternity are as relevant today as they were 150 years ago when our pioneer forefathers constituted this lodge in this very vast and open space, and that there is a generation of men looking for what we offer. We simply need to be more aware of the needs of men in our culture and become better at navigating the environment in which they and we live. This will require us to find relevant and, I emphasize, new ways to communicate our timeless message, but I know that we can do so.

I again want to thank each one of you for the confidence that you have placed in me. I am ready for this journey and I hope that each one of you is ready to join me. Thank you.

Fraternally yours,
Reginald S. Kuhn
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. The gavel or wood maul was commissioned as the James L. "Sonny" Eatmon Traveling Gavel on February 3, 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.

The gavel was presented to Deputy Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn and Lincoln Lodge No. 19. R.:W.: Kuhn requested that the members of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 come forward to receive the gavel with him.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: Les Seiler, Chairman

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2008, by M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler, with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Dwight E. Smith and Don E. Rasmussen. Also present were M.:W.: Dean F. Skokan, Grand Master, and fourteen (14) Grand Lodge Officers. No Past Grand Masters were present.

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 Lodge Bylaw revisions, and determine within 45 days of delivery whether the Resolutions are in proper form. There were five (5) resolutions submitted at the 150th Annual Communication held on February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2007.

At the 2007 Annual Meeting, the membership presented Resolutions 1 through 5. A letter dated December 4, 2007, was sent to the presenter of Resolutions 1 through 3, informing him that these resolutions were not in proper form. Resolution 3 was amended. Resolutions 1 and 2 were not amended and resubmitted before January 4, 2008, and consequently, could not be voted on. Resolutions 3 through 5 are in proper form to be voted on.

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 10, 2008, and submitted to the Grand Master an Agenda and Report.

With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, we found that Recommendations One, Two, Three and Five are in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session. Recommendation Four violates Article II of the Constitution.

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.

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

It is moved, seconded and passed that the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Lodge Officers present compliment and thank Most Worshipful Brother Don E. Rasmussen for his service to the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Lodge.

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 M.:W.: Dean Skokan on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended him and his officers for their year of service to the Fraternity, except for his violation of the tradition of introducing his wife or paying the price (purchase of a new dress), which was not very Grand-Master-like, however, he made amends with diamonds. Reg Kuhn presently has a legitimate excuse from this tradition.

The Committee on Jurisprudence stands willing, ready and able to aid and assist your Grand Master and all of the elected Grand Lodge Officers to advise and assist them in any way we can with reference to the laws of our Grand Lodge's grand jurisdiction 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.



Most Worshipful Dean Skokan requested that Jimmie L. Grassi, Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas approach the East to bring greetings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

I wish to express to you my thanks for again allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Secretary. It is such a great part of my life to belong to this great fraternity of ours and to be able to serve the Grand Lodge as an officer makes it an even greater experience.

Shortly following the installation in February last year, I attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in Portland, Oregon and in August, the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Also, throughout the year, I participated in several cornerstone laying ceremonies across the state. Of special significance last year was participation in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at the State Capitol and Scottish Rite in Lincoln. It was a significant time and day in the history of Freemasonry in Nebraska and was enjoyed by a large number of brethren from all over the State.

At the Secretaries Workshop at the Annual Communication, we like to recognize those secretaries who complete and file their Lodge reports within a specified time period. Those Secretaries who qualified for this in 2006 and were recognized at the Workshop in 2007 are as follows:

Jack Duffield, Nebraska No. 1	Dick Hemmingsen, Plainview No. 204
Denny Smith, Fremont No. 15	Viron Baxter, Palisade No. 216
Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley No. 32	Lowell Erickson, Wausa No. 251
Nick Longly, Rob Morris No. 46	Dick Cooper, Mitchell No. 263
Frank Harris, Nelson No. 77	Maynard Tatelman, Omaha No. 288
Loren McNeil, Utica No. 96	Ralph Riemann, Cotner No. 297
Dick Ely, Guide Rock No. 128	Bruce Watkins, Liberty No. 300
Marshall Grand, McCook No. 135	Art Dye, Mid-West No. 317
Brad Waite, Bee Hive No. 184	Phil Edwards, Centennial No. 326
Byron Hust, Purity No. 198	

The past two years, we have also had a "Secretary of the Year" award as chosen by the ladies in the Grand Lodge office. In 2005 Worshipful Brother Art Dye from Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings, was the recipient and for 2006, Worshipful Brother Marshall Grant from McCook Lodge No. 135 received the award. Congratulations to both of you for the great job you do for your Lodges and the Grand Lodge. It is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of the ladies in the Grand Lodge office, I wish to thank Michelle and Carol for all the work they do for us. They make our jobs a lot easier and please extend to them a word of thanks when you see them. On a sad note, our other lady who used to be with us in the Grand Lodge office, Jean Holt, got ill last year and was no longer able to continue in her work. She has since moved to Portland, Oregon to be near her family. We appreciate all she did for us and she is greatly missed. We wish the very best for her in the future.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	<u>2006 Final</u>	<u>2007 Preliminary</u>
Number of Lodges	154.....	150
Initiated	354.....	314
Passed	350.....	303
Raised	366.....	299
Affiliated	53.....	59
Dual Memberships	32.....	53
Reinstatements	138.....	140
Consolidations	17.....	146
Other	3.....	1
Total Gains	609.....	698
Deaths	443.....	384
Demits	58.....	71
Suspensions	512.....	454
Withdrawals	3.....	1
Consolidations	17.....	146
Termination of Dual	25.....	16
Other	0.....	1
Total Losses	1,058.....	1,074

Net Membership Changes	(449).....	(376)
Total Membership	14,391.....	14,015

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

202	50 year pins presented
132	60 year pins presented
5	70 year pins presented

Thank you again for the honor and privilege to serve as Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Watkins
Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Grand Secretary, along with the adoption of the 2007 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

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

Isn't it amazing how fast 365 days can go. . . 2007 was another rewarding and busy year here at The Nebraska Masonic Home. The Nebraska Masonic Home employees welcome in a new year confident that they will continue to proudly carry on The Masonic Home's traditions of providing the highest quality of care in the industry to all Masons and their eligible female relatives.

As many of you know it has been over three years since we were given the directive from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to become compliant with the rules and regulations of licensure in the state of Nebraska. I am proud to say all of the employees and residents have adapted very well.

As a result of the very necessary change made October 2006 to enhance the eligibility criteria for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home we have had a very positive response. The change has generated many inquiry calls which have resulted in two admissions at this time. Hopefully we will continue to see our census benefit from these admission criteria changes.

Our average resident census for 2007 was 83. We currently have 40 pay basis residents and 39 regular-way residents. The average level of care for the Nursing Facility residents in 2007 was:

10	residents at Level 1
16	residents at Level 2
19	residents at Level 3
1	resident at Level 4

The average level of care for the Assisted Living Facility residents in 2007 was:

- 19 residents at Level 1
- 19 residents at Level 2
- 7 residents at Level 3
- 3 resident at Level 4

The census as of December 31, 2007 was 79 and was comprised of 59 women and 20 men of which there were 6 couples.

Historically, The Masonic Home has cared for more female relatives of Masons than we care for Masons themselves. This past year that statistic still held true. With the change in admission criteria that took place October 2006 one of the changes added granddaughters and grandmothers to the females that are eligible for admission to our facility. This list already includes wife, widow, mother, sisters, and daughters.

The Masonic Home continues to feel grateful that the Masonic family is so loyal to our residents. Several groups make regular annual visits to hold one of their regular monthly meetings here. It is such a privilege to serve these groups a meal and provide them a meeting area to hold their business sessions. Thank you to all Masonic Lodges, Shrines, Eastern Star Chapters, Job's Bethels, Rainbow Assemblies, and many individuals who have taken the time to do something special for The Home or individual residents. These kindnesses brighten their day and are greatly appreciated by the residents and employees.

August 9 was a sad day for many at The Masonic Home as well as for the Masons of Nebraska. Harry Spencer passed away very peacefully with many family members by his side. Having Harry Spencer residing at The Masonic Home for the last seven years of his life was an honor and a privilege. Harry was greatly respected by everyone as a result of his fine personal, Masonic and legal career. Harry Spencer's long and active career as a Board of Trustees' member, as well as, President of the Board for a combined 62 years will be a legacy that none other will share. Harry Spencer was a mentor and friend to everyone whose life he touched.

I know everyone will cherish their own special memories of this fine gentleman, family man, Mason, attorney, judge, and friend and these special memories and thoughts will be treasured by each individual. We are all better people for having had the privilege of Judge Harry Spencer in our lives. So much of The Masonic Home is what it is today because of Harry Spencer's devotion and commitment.

The two annual traditional picnics held at The Home took place again this year. On June 5 Narcissus Kensington provided a delicious picnic for our residents and staff. On July 8 Home Chapter No. 189 OES served our residents a fried chicken picnic. Both picnics provide dozens of other food options as well as desserts. Grand Chapter of Nebraska OES officers and their companions are special guests in attendance at the Home Chapter picnic. We are honored to have this tradition continue. Our residents and employees are so proud to share our beautiful Masonic Home with our guests so they can see firsthand what a worthwhile cause they are so faithfully supporting.

On November 16 Loy Teeter and her niece Carol Ann Campbell graciously greeted each resident and delivered a bag of chocolate gifted to each resident on behalf of the Boon Memorial Food Truck. On November 29 the actual Boon Memorial Food Truck delivery took place. A special thank you to Richard Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 for another successful year as coordinator for this project.

The generosity of the lodges and chapter who donate to this annual fundraiser make this long-standing annual project a huge success. On behalf of the residents, staff, and Board of Trustees we greatly appreciate this generous delivery each year in November.

The Tangier Shrine Chanters opened our Christmas season at The Masonic Home on December 4 with a beautiful concert of holiday music in our chapel. It was enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to the Masters and Wardens Club of the Omaha-Metro area for their holiday generosity to our residents. We truly appreciate the hard work by Dan Wellendorf, Chairman of the annual holiday project. As a result of this project each regular-way resident receives a gift that the resident has personally selected. Every resident also receives a live poinsettia to decorate his/her rooms. The contributions of Masons throughout the area show our residents how much they are thinking of them during the holiday season.

On behalf of the residents, employees, and Board of Trustees I offer a sincere thank you to Grand Master Dean Skokan and all the Grand Lodge officers as well as the Grand Lodge office staff for another year of support. To Worthy Grand Matron Betty Garwood and Worthy Grand Patron David Thienel and the Eastern Star Grand family a special thank you is extended to all of you. The Masonic Home cherishes the relationship we have with both Grand families. The generosity and kindnesses you demonstrate to our residents are truly appreciated. We look forward to another year of continued support and friendship.

A special thank you to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation staff, Anita Crisp, Executive Director; and Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant. Your commitment to and hard work for The Nebraska Masonic Home is truly appreciated.

My personal thank you is extended to the administrative staff, department supervisors, and all Masonic Home employees for their loyal commitment and continued devotion to ensuring that our residents receive the excellent care they deserve. We strive to maintain our excellent reputation in the healthcare industry by working as a team with one purpose in mind – providing a loving and dignified environment for each resident that has trusted us with their care.

My very sincere appreciation goes out to the Masonic Home's 15 member Board of Trustees. I commend all of you for your endless dedication and commitment to The Home and our residents. I truly believe your expertise, hard work and continued support has made The Masonic Home what it is today. Thank you. Your ongoing and sincere efforts are greatly 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

Most Worshipful Skokan asked Ben Harvey, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to bring greetings from the Home.

One of the most pleasant duties I have is to present this annual report of the operation and activities of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Nebraska. Ben

Harvey, Executive Director, and his efficient staff continue to operate the Home smoothly and effectively. The normal census is 30 plus those attending college. The supervisory personnel and house parents do their respective jobs well as they work with teenage residents, who keep them on their toes.

We have been working with students, who benefit from tutoring, in their respective cottages under less than desirable conditions for several years, but with proper accommodations would come even better results. Our new "Kingsley Watts Education Center" is up and running with the tutoring program moved into place. Four evenings a week, a certified teacher and four education major college students tutor the children in specific subjects determined by the needs of the student or in areas where the children ask for assistance. We offer an art program that is active on Saturdays during the school year and on four afternoons a week during the summer months. The art instructor is a full-time teacher with the Fremont Public Schools. The children work in various media and enjoy the freedom of expression. The computer program is taught on Saturdays by a computer teacher also from the FPS system. The children work with computer programs such as word processing, spreadsheets and graphics. The wireless system also allows children access to the internet, which they are allowed to use under direct supervision. The basement of the education center is unfinished, but with the donation of several pieces of weight lifting equipment, we are able to make use of the space as an exercise area. The education center is also used by other groups from the community by pre-arrangement. Such groups include Nebraska Grand Lodge, Shrine, and several civic organizations. Careful planning for other possible uses in the future will make this wonderful facility even more valuable. We wish all of the children to have the opportunity to attend college or trade school, and be better prepared for their future and a good life.

You will be pleased to know that, through a working arrangement with the Fremont Area Medical Center, we were able to complete our concrete, lighted, large gathering parking area with no cost to the Home, made possible with a 25-year lease agreement with FAMC for a portion of the area for their overflow parking on Home property. They pay all construction, operating and maintenance costs.

I am speaking for the very proud and hard working members of the board, who happily perform their duties on your behalf, in commending you as members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. The children of our wonderful Home have been 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

REPORT OF THE CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ivan A. Vrtiska, Co-Chairman
Kent B. Broyhill, Co-Chairman

Most Worshipful Skokan asked Kent Broyhill to come forward to present the report from the CHIP Committee.

After the third full year of existence, any sponsoring lodge or member who has worked a CHIP event knows just how much the CHIP program has helped lodges become relevant to their communities. CHIP has provided Nebraska Masons with one more reason and method to be active in their community. Since its inception the program has provided ID

kits to approximately 17,000 kids in Nebraska through a total of 119 Events. During 2007, 36 Events were held and 3292 youth received ID kits, as well as 11 adults, for a total of 3303 identified. Nebraska Masons can be proud of that accomplishment.

In addition to the Events, this past year your CHIP committee has hosted a national “Worker Bee” conference at the Omaha Scottish Rite; we received a statement of support from Nebraska Attorney General, Jon Bruning; received The Governor’s Points of Light Award for our successful program efforts; worked on public relations programs including PSA’s, TV, radio, print, and websites; discussed CHIP events with Masonic youth groups; developed community signage; translated all the CHIP forms into Spanish; developed a new Power Point presentation; developed a state PTA presentation; composed a “What If “ handout for CHIP events; updated the CHIP event manual; purchased new equipment; met with the State Troopers Association of Nebraska and gained their full support; placed new height charts into service; held a CHIP event at the Masonic Home and ID’d their Alzheimer clients.

During the past year we purchased 10 new electronic ID stations and are in the process of retiring the original systems as the equipment and materials fall victim to technological advancement. Our systems however have not been without operational challenges, which have been resolved. Thank You to the Lodges who experienced these challenges, your patience and assistance is appreciated. We also experienced three of our computer kits being stolen. We are thankful for insurance and the fine work of our Nebraska Law Enforcement Officers in locating the units.

Our “To Do” list for 2008 is just as lengthy and will be highlighted with the development of a pre-event DVD manual which will be required viewing for all sponsoring lodges, the establishment of statewide equipment distribution and return points and the possible creation of a 501(c)3 foundation.

CHIP has been a win/win program since the beginning. We are pleased to be part of the Grand Lodge Programs and to be assisting the Nebraska Masonic Family in becoming more visible in their communities, while providing an invaluable service to the parents and families of Nebraska. We also appreciate the opportunity to work with the Nebraska Masonic Foundation in increasing their value to the Masonic Family and to NECHIP. The committee meets monthly without exception and is one of the most active Grand Lodge committees in existence. Members of our committee contribute unlimited time and resources, as they practice the principles of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Co-Chairman
Kent B. Broyhill, 5, Co-Chairman
Jerry L. Bishop, 302
Richard L. Corwine, 39
James B. Hyland, 297
E. Newton Kelley, 3
Maynard Tatelman, 288
Barb Bruning, State CHIP Coordinator
Ad Hoc:

Roxanne Denny
Byron L. Hust, 198
Kyle J. Peterson, 274, 5
Robert E. Wilbur, 323
Edsel W. Grove, 194
Stephen C. Kennedy, 4
Ted B. Thelander, 317
Roger L. Shillington, 180

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.” Although we constantly strive for perfection in our degree work and public ceremonies, we are not always able to perform as well as expected. We are, I believe making progress in these important areas of our work, and as long as we continue to strive for perfection, the quality of our work will improve. I commend all the brethren who continue to labor in our lodges to make our work and ceremonies acceptable to our craft and the public.

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, 53 lodges of the 154 lodges in Nebraska, are currently certified. I expect 8 more to complete certification before the end of this Masonic Year. 11 lodges have not been certified for a period in excess of 2 years and are not now considered certified. To date 23 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)	McCook Lodge No. 135 (62)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (77)	Custer Lodge No. 148 (64)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (73)	Alliance Lodge No. 183 (63)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (74)	Arcana Lodge No. 195 (71)
Crete Lodge No. 37 (75)	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (74)
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 (62)	North Star Lodge No. 227 (75)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (84)	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (69)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (86)	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (76)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (83)	Cotner Lodge No. 297 (67)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (83)	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (84)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (79)	Mid-West Lodge No. 317 (60)
Euclid Lodge No. 97 (76)	

Maynard Smith, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, was initially certified in the 3 degrees of Masonry in 2007, and Thomas Schmidt, Omaha Lodge No. 288, was certified in the EA Degree in 2007. I commend them for their work.

Robert R. Attebery, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, and M.:W.:B.: James F. Brown Jr., Past Grand Master, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, completed 20 years of proficiency this year.

M.:W.:B.: John M. McHenry, Past Grand Master, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, completed 30 years of proficiency.

M.:W.:B.: Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, completed 35 years of proficiency.

John C. Sierks, Deputy Grand Custodian, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, completed 40 years of proficiency.

Lawrence R. Bradbury, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, completed 45 years of proficiency.

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more: 73 years—Ralph Olson, Comet Lodge No. 229; 59 years—Ben D. Fussell, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Geneva Lodge No. 79, and Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 57 years—James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30 and East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and Lloyd I. Edwards, Deputy Grand Custodian, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110; 55 years—Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 and Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; 53 years—M.:W.:B.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, Past Grand Master, 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; 52 years—Arthur S. Dye, DGC, Mid-West Lodge No. 317; Richard B. Hobson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54; M.:W.:B.: Donald R. Swanson, Past Grand Master, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Norman L. Sorenson, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, and Albert W. Watsek, Humboldt Lodge No. 40; 51 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, and Raymond A. Holm, Tekamah Lodge No. 31; 50 years—James E. Cornish, DGC, 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. I regret to inform you that W.:B.: Gordon L. Carley, District 31, laid down his working tools on 7 December 2007. W.:B.: Harold Mueksch, DGC Emeritus, who served District No. 15 during 2007, informed me that he cannot continue serving in that capacity. I thank him for his active service, return him to Emeritus Status, and thank him for his continued support. 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
 Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, Capitol Lodge No. 3—District No. 2
 Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325—District No. 3
 James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31—District No. 4
 Ronald D. Grass, Tekamah Lodge No. 31—District No. 5
 Thomas R. Reed, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 and Omadi Lodge No. 5—District No. 6
 Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Pawnee Lodge No. 23—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 and Jachin Lodge No. 146—District No. 13
 Harold Mueksch, DGC Emeritus, Scribner Lodge No. 132—District No. 15
 Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317—District No. 17
 Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317—District No. 18
 Carl C. Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54—District No. 19
 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

W.:B.: Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, continues to serve the fraternity in District No. 2. I thank him for his 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 W. Linnemeyer
Richard L. Mauch	Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus
Frank R. Harris	Vincent Rosenberger
Ben D. Fussell	Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master
Ralph McNulty	Michael G. Birstihl
A. W. Clark	Scott J. Krieger Sr., Past Grand Master
Lynn Doty	Harold C. Mueksch
Eugene C. Sibley	Harold W. Noble

The annual custodian’s school was held in Hastings on September 7, 2007. My thanks to M.:W.:B.: Philip A. Lorenzen, Chair of the Committee on Nebraska work, M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., and Steven A. Green, members of the Committee on Nebraska Work for their support and contributions during this past Masonic Year. Also, 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 Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.:B.: Reginald S. Kuhn, M.:W.:B.: Philip A. Lorenzen, Chair of the Committee on Work, M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., and V.:W.:B.: Randy Hart, Grand Chaplain, attend and participate in the work. Eighteen Deputy Grand Custodians, two 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 Hastings Masonic Center available for our school and for assisting in the various details required to operate the school.

The following Deputy Grand Custodians attended the School: Arthur S. Dye, John C. Sierks, Augustine Scolaro, Wayne Beatty, Leslie A. Evert, Roy L. Smith, Ronald D. Grass, Halsey D. Phillips, Richard H. Cooper, Roger A. Deininger, Bruce A. Watkins, Carl C. Plants, James R. Taylor, Dean Papenhagen, Frank Veverka, R. William Lichtenberger, Glenn R. Mulholland, and Philip E. Darby Jr.

The following Apprentice Custodians attended the school: Kevin Lindly and Keith Neisler.

The following Deputy Grand Custodians did not attend the school: Lloyd Edwards, Roger Shillington, James Cornish, Arthur Ferguson, Albert Wise, Delmar Jones, Thomas Reed, and Jack Nichols. The following were excused from attending: Lloyd Vrtiska, Steven Green, Ashley Story, Gordon Carley, and Suman Vallabhbhai.

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 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.

A special thanks to W.:B.: Steven Green for his assistance in proofing the Cipher for republication.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Dean F. Skokan, for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15
Grand Custodian

Grand Custodian Verbeek moved for the acceptance of the printed report with the inclusion of any additional information that may have been received since its printing. The report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CLOSING OF THE BALLOT

At this time, Most Worshipful Skokan asked those present if all have voted who are entitled to do so. The ballot was declared closed. The Grand Master called Steve Green, Deputy Grand Custodian and Chief Teller, to the East to receive the key to the ballot box and ordered that the ballots be counted and a report be made.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

The Grand Lodge of Macedonia, Grand Lodge of Slovenia, Grand Lodge of Ukraine, Grand Lodge of Mauritius and Grand Lodge of Croatia requested recognition and have met the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America; therefore, are recommended for full recognition.

The Grand Lodge of Cyprus and Grand Lodge of the State of Guanajuato (Mexico) also requested recognition in 2007. We are presently investigating to see 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 two 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).

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, Chairman, 11
Robert A. Jones, 83
Cullen F. Pilker, 39
Ex-Officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

Worshipful Brother Zwart moved for the adoption of the Fraternal Relations Report, as printed. The motion was seconded and the report was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.



Grand Master Skokan asked Virgil Andersen, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, to come forward to bring greetings.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Joe D. McBride, Chairman

The 2007 Masonic All-Star Marching Band is in the record books and I believe that most will agree that it was truly an outstanding experience for students, chaperones, sponsors and those who simply watched and listened.

The number of applicants this year was 263 with a final attendance of 256. It is the opinion of most of the committee that between 200 and 270 students is optimal. This takes into account the facilities that are available, the sponsorships and the chaperones to keep an eye on things.

One of the highlights of this year's performance was the tribute to our departed brother, Most Worshipful Jerry Rittenburg during the half-time performance. The band marched and played a heartfelt rendition of "76 Trombones," accompanied by a projection of M.:W.: Jerry on the Jumbo screens inside Memorial Stadium. As most of you know, M.:W.: Jerry was the father of this Marching Band and a long time chairman of this committee. His love of this undertaking is what has made it the event that it is today. Brother Jerry, you are truly missed.

A new addition to our promotional material was magnetic signs which adorned the buses used to transport the band to the parade and elsewhere about Lincoln on Saturday. They were designed and produced by Josh Blum a long time band camp participant and drum major.

Entertainment during the off times was updated in a couple of different ways. On Friday evening, a talent show was held among the campers who wished to participate. Some of the skills of this talented bunch of individuals were truly great. A little trouble with the sound system made the evening a challenge but overall most of the comments were good. Saturday following the Shrine parade, the students were transported to Sun Valley Lanes for a sack lunch, air conditioning and a few lines of bowling. This event truly was a huge success in terms of entertainment, morale and just good old fashioned fun. A couple of the campers even brought their own bowling balls.

A number of thank yous are in order – not the least of which goes out to the chaperones. These are a great bunch of hard working volunteers who remain highly visible at all times making sure that the students are where they need to be, when they need to be there, and doing what they are supposed to be doing. Extra chaperones are needed every year so please consider joining in the fun next year. It is a great way to take Masonry out of the lodge building.

A special thank you is needed for Dave Watts for the use of the Watts Electric trailer that is used to transport instruments. Dave's dedication to this event is just like his dedication to all things Masonic. Well done Brother Dave. Another large contribution is made by Jack Lorenzen in the donation of a large quantity of bottled water. As many of you know, the heat is a strong factor that affects the marching band. Jack's contribution allows us to keep these kids hydrated without breaking the marching band piggy bank.

Some other thank yous that need to be given are to the sponsoring bodies that gave of their resources to send these students to the Masonic All-Star Marching Band. Without your support, this event would not be able to happen. Special thanks also need to be given to the members of this committee and especially to the staff of the Grand Lodge office. Their dedication, planning and hard work make this event run very smoothly.

New carrying bags were used this year for each of the students. These proved to be a good investment that worked very well in keeping their belongings together for the camp.

An e-mail survey was sent out to many of the students and chaperones following the band camp this year. We have received many good comments and some very useful suggestions by doing this. Many of these suggestions will be put to work next year.

I would again like to thank all who make this Masonic All-Star Marching Band a great success. Thank you to the Grand Master for your faith in letting me serve the Masons of Nebraska in this manner. It is a very rewarding experience to work with this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe McBride, 224, Chairman
Mike Jones, 51 & 173
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 198
Wayne Vian, 33
Jan Thoman, OES
Joe Chapman, 21, Ad Hoc
K. Roger Dill, 310, Ad Hoc
Don Havekost, 132, Ad Hoc
Robert Attebery, 102, Ad Hoc

W.:B.: Joe McBride moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



Most Worshipful Dean Skokan invited Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to bring greetings.



John Farmer, Junior Grand Warden, was called by Grand Master Dean to come forward to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

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.: Russell G. Reno
Grand Senior Warden	R.: W.: John T. Parsons
Grand Junior Warden	R.: W.: E. David Watts
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.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Grand Master Skokan then asked Deputy Grand Master Kuhn to take the podium and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master’s Recommendations. R.: W.: Kuhn gave the general instructions, including the procedure for speaking for or against a Recommendation, using a different microphone for each instance, limiting comments per Recommendation to four Brethren for and four Brethren against, with a maximum of two minutes each. Deputy Grand Master Kuhn 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 2-1205 – ONE LODGE WORKING FOR ANOTHER** – 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. This amendment would require that the Entered Apprentice Degree be conferred in the Lodge balloting on the petition of the candidate. This would allow the Lodge to utilize those portions of the Mentoring Program relating to the Investigation Committee and Candidate Orientation. The proposed change would also allow the Grand Master to waive this requirement.

Sec. 2-1205 – ONE LODGE WORKING FOR ANOTHER – Any subordinate lodge, at the request of another, may confer ~~any~~ *Fellow Craft or Master Mason degrees* upon a candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees by the lodge requesting it, but the latter retains jurisdiction over the candidate, and he still remains a member thereof. In such case, the degree may be conferred without examination as to proficiency, unless that also be requested.

The Entered Apprentice Degree shall be conferred only in the Lodge balloting on the petition of the candidate, without special dispensation from the Grand Master for cause shown.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. Grand Master Skokan gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, by a show of hands, the motion failed to obtain a favorable two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** – by adding certain language so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized. This recommendation would add a new paragraph 4 increasing the proficiency requirement which would require memorization and recitation of the Master Mason's Obligation in the candidate's home lodge. The process of proving proficiency (Master's declaration in absence of objection) is not changed.

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:

...(Portion of current code not affected by proposed change omitted)...

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

4. *In addition to the above, proficiency in the Master Mason Degree shall require memorization and recitation of the Master Mason's Obligation in the home Lodge of the Candidate.*

No other Proficiency Examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination...(Portion of current code not affected by proposed change omitted)...

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. 2 was made and seconded. Grand Master Skokan gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, by a show of hands, the motion failed to obtain a favorable two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 3

Amend **Section 3-102 – ENUMERATED** – 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. This proposal would repeal subparagraph 3-102 (h) of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and enact new subparagraphs 3-102 (h) and (i) to remove restrictions as to the dispensation of alcoholic beverages from the Code and allow subordinate lodges to enact rules governing the use of alcohol in lodge buildings.

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

(a) All acts prohibited by the laws of the land, and involving moral turpitude.

...(Portion of current code not affected by proposed change omitted)...

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

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

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

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

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

(i) The storage or keeping of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where youth meetings or activities are regularly held or conducted.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 was made and seconded. Grand Master Skokan gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, the vote by a show of hands was determined to be inconclusive. The motion carried with a favorable two-thirds majority vote by written ballot.

Grand Master Skokan took the podium once again to explain the disposition of Recommendation No. 4 and to allow Deputy Grand Master Kuhn to explain Recommendation No. 5.

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

Delete **Section 1-312 – CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)** and amend **Section 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION** and **Section 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE** – that reference the Child Identification Program Committee, by adding and deleting certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

~~**Sec. 1-312 – CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) (Not Used)** – The CHIP Committee shall consist of seven (7) Masonic members and three (3) members that shall be at large members not required to be Masons (representing the Dental Profession and Law Enforcement Profession and CHIP Coordinator), each to serve for a period of four years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually, with one of the seven required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Senior Deacon shall serve as the liaison officer. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the CHild Identification Program (CHIP), financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the CHIP Events.~~

Sec. 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION

Second paragraph:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, *and Youth* ~~and CHild Identification Program (CHIP)~~. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine (9) members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

Sec. 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each Mason who is a member of a standing, regular or special committee of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote. Non-Masons appointed as members of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee ~~and the CHild Identification Program (CHIP) Committee~~ shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote by virtue of such appointment.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 5 was made and seconded. Deputy Grand Master Kuhn gave the rationale for the Recommendation, explaining that a new 501c(3) foundation is being created for CHIP, and that the Grand Lodge will continue to support CHIP under the new structure. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that Resolution No. 1, as presented at the 150th Annual Communication, was not in proper form to be balloted upon. The presenter chose not to resubmit Resolution No. 1 in proper form.

Resolution No. 2

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that Resolution No. 2, as presented at the 150th Annual Communication, was not in proper form to be balloted upon. The presenter chose not to resubmit Resolution No. 2 in proper form.

Resolution No. 3

Resolution No. 3 was presented at the 150th Annual Communication by Brother Webb McNally. As presented, the Jurisprudence Committee determined that the Resolution was not in proper form to be balloted upon. Brother McNally resubmitted the Resolution in the following form, which was accepted by the Jurisprudence Committee:

Amend **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** – by adding the following paragraph between the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the current section:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS –

New paragraph four:

If a member of a subordinate lodge is a member in good standing for 50 or more years and submits a request to his lodge for the cessation of his dues then if approved by his subordinate lodge and certified by the Grand Lodge as to his 50 years in good standing, then the subordinate lodge may grant the member’s request and the per capita tax, as currently provided, would be shared equally between the Grand Lodge and the 50-year plus member’s subordinate lodge.

Grand Master Skokan called for Brother Webb McNally to present Resolution No. 3. The code of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska requires Resolutions to be presented by the proposer. Brother McNally was absent when the Resolution was brought before the floor. It was the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee that the Resolution may be presented by any of the signers of the Resolution. There being none present, the Resolution was considered withdrawn and was not voted upon.

Resolution No. 4

Resolution No. 4 was presented at the 150th Annual Communication by Brother John Maxell. Grand Master Skokan asked Brother Maxell to give the rationale for the Resolution.

Add the following paragraph 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.

A motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 4 was made and seconded. After discussion, the vote by a show of hands failed to achieve a favorable two-thirds majority vote.

Resolution No. 5

Resolution No. 4 was presented at the 150th Annual Communication by Brother Paul Rutherford. Grand Master Skokan asked Brother Rutherford to give the rationale for the Resolution.

Amend **Section 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** such that:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2009, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial	.50	
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2008	17.00	
commencing January 2009	18.00	33.50
commencing January 2010	19.00	43.50
commencing January 2011	20.00	53.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

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

A motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 5 was made and seconded. After discussion, the vote by a show of hands failed to achieve a favorable two-thirds majority vote.



Grand Master Skokan asked George Harrison, Secretary of the Sioux City Valley Scottish Rite, to approach the podium to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Iowa Scottish Rite.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.: W.: Dean Skokan 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:

- Masonic Relief
- Masonic Education
- George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee
- Finance Committee
- Grand Lodge Office
- Lodge Advisory
- 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 MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

John T. Maxell, Chairman

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men; but particularly, on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view. On this basis, we form our friendships and establish our connections. We as Masons are taught this in the Entered Apprentice Degree, that one of three great tenants of Masonry is Relief.

That is why the Grand Master of Masonry for the State of Nebraska M.:W.: Dean Skokan made relief one of his priorities for the year. M.:W.: Dean desired to have a fund established for Relief so that monies could be made available for those brethren and Lodges that are in need. The committee and the Grand Master made an aggressive campaign to raise funds for Masonic Relief. Thanks to all the Brothers across the state of Nebraska the Masonic watch fundraiser was a large success. We are happy to report that the fund should remain healthy for the next few years. The hope of the committee is to continue to raise money so that no brother in need should ever be turned away due to the lack of funds.

The committee received and approved one appeal for relief from Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege for a fundraiser dinner for one of its Brothers in need.

Respectfully submitted,
John T. Maxell, 327, Chairman
George S. Akerson, 314
Ron W. Osborne, 256
David Otte, 119
Jerry L. Sievers, 256

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee consists of Larry Jacobsen, John Parsons (Grand Lodge Officer liaison), Max Miller, Tom Hauder, Ron Stites, Bob Whipple, Don Gasparetti, Mike Webb, Keith Neisler, Dan Nonneman, Eduardo Casas, Dale Anderson, and Dennis Brydl. These Brethren give their time, energy and talents to bring more light to the members of the Nebraska Grand Lodge. All members of the committee see as their duty, to give all Masons in Nebraska the knowledge to defend, promote and to educate non-Masons, family, friends and even fellow Masons.

Each year, the Masonic Education Breakfast attracts Nebraska Masons with the promise of a quality education program. The committee continues to be impressed by the number of Nebraska Masons attending and the positive remarks they have received. 2008 will

mark the 8th year the Masonic Breakfast will be held. The combined efforts of the entire Education Committee have produced educational presentations of significant value to our membership.. As an offshoot of the breakfast, the Masonic Education Symposiums do not draw the numbers, but continue to draw the quality Masons who do want “More Light in Masonry.” These symposiums are presented at 4 locations (Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings and rotated in the Western part of Nebraska), two times a year. The committee continues to seek Masons in the Western part of Nebraska to assist in bringing the presentations to more locations. 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.

Each year, at the Masonic Education Breakfast at Grand Lodge, the committee names books that are recommended reading for all Masons. Hopefully, these books don’t end up on dusty shelves. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2008. These books will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast. The names of the new books and all reading lists will be available at the Masonic Education Breakfast. Macoy Masonic Supply Company continues to support the committee by supplying books and having them available at the annual communication each year.

“To Light” is a permanent fixture in the Nebraska Mason. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. Using the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered. Articles are being provided by the MSRICF and the Saints John Lodge of Education.

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 2008 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education. The 2008 conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska for the first time in 12 years. Our committee’s goal is to revitalize this conference into the premier Masonic Education Conference in the nation. Guest speakers will be Brent Morris and Robert Davis, plus 12 additional education programs during the two-day event. Cost to attend will be \$50 and is open to anyone. With all this activity on the part of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee, the largest share of Masonic Education should continue to be in the subordinate lodge. Whether the tool is a lodge newsletter, reading the “To Light Moment,” or a program during (before or after) the regular lodge business meeting, YOU need to carry Masonic Education to the members of your lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dennis H. Brydl, 314, 287 & 332, Chairman
 Thomas L. Hauder, 210 & 332
 Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327
 Max H. Miller, 79
 W. Keith Neisler, 1
 Danny J. Nonneman, 317
 Dale W. Anderson, 158, Ad Hoc
 Eduardo Casas, 317, Ad Hoc
 Donald C. Gasparetti, 54, 314 & 332, Ad Hoc
 Ronald D. Stites, 268, Ad Hoc
 Robert D. Whipple, 281, Ad Hoc

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

The officers and directors of the Association simplified its name by removing the word "National" from day-to-day use while keeping it as part of the legal corporation name. It was felt that everyone knows that the Association is national in scope and is supported by all of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

At the annual meeting of the Association, President Michael D. Brumbeck announced the "100 Percent take part by the 100th anniversary" campaign. This would be an opportunity for all Grand Lodges which have not already done so to increase their annual contribution to the Memorial to \$1 per year per capita. The centennial of the Memorial is in 2010. The Assembly Hall has been renamed Grand Masonic Hall and the Grand Lodges which contribute \$1 per-capita will have a large brass Grand Lodge Seal on the wall.

This year marked the beginning of the Grand Lodge Month Program, for a second time. All member Grand Lodges are allotted a month to celebrate that Grand Lodge at the Memorial. The flag of that State flies over the Memorial that month and display space is provided in the building. The last time around, Nebraska's exhibit was outstanding.

Have you noticed that George Washington's portrait has disappeared from our public schools? Seventy years ago, they were in classrooms and hallways in every Public School in the land. America then remembered its Founding Fathers. It remembered its history. Seemingly, these things have been forgotten in recent years. A joint project by the Memorial and Mount Vernon will change that. To commemorate Washington's 275th birthday, they have provided a portrait and made arrangements for their hanging in schools. The portrait was done by Rembrandt Peale in 1795 and shows him in Continental uniform. Framed 24 by 36 inch prints will be available to sponsors. The price includes shipping and handling and delivery to the school from Mount Vernon. Providing 1 portrait would cost the sponsor \$275, five for \$1000 and 25 portraits for \$5000. What a wonderful program for Lodges and other bodies. This is a great patriotic endeavor. Sponsorships from individuals and businesses are tax deductible.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial is the only national Masonic center in the United States. It gives great service to Lodges, Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies and deserves support from all Masons.

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ken Rouch, Chairman

The Committee on Finance met during the past year to conduct its assigned duties as proscribed 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 the following:

1. Compared canceled checks to the check register, including an examination of endorsements, to assure proper accounting for payments.

2. Examined supporting documents, including invoices, expense records and other evidence of obligation, to ensure proper payment was made.
3. Reviewed accounts to which items were charged selecting all items in excess of \$500 and randomly reviewing other disbursements of lesser dollar amounts.
4. Reviewed monthly bank statement reconciliations to verify their accuracy.
5. Reviewed income items, including lodge assessments, and traced to bank statements.
6. Reviewed the following funds: General, Scholarship, Perpetual, Perpetual Membership and Relief.
7. Reviewed and discussed monthly financial statements.
8. Counted Petty Cash.

Following the close of each calendar year, the books and records of the Grand Lodge are audited by an independent certified public accountant.

Actual revenue and expenditures for 2007, compared to budget, are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	\$478,669.31	\$437,404.00
Interest Income	68,496.00	95,222.80
Total Revenue	547,165.31	532,626.80
Expenses	506,382.74	532,626.80
Difference	40,782.57	0.00

The difference between budget versus actual gave us a positive of \$40,782.57, an amount that did not need to be withdrawn from the investments to cover expenses. 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 during 2007.

The Committee on Finance found satisfactory documentation for expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to conduct its work in a complete and timely manner. This is possible due to the excellent management of Michelle Fulmer and her 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 due diligence while serving the Grand Lodge in this important work.

Fraternally submitted,
 Ken Rouch, 300 & 46, Chairman
 Ben F. Hughes, 38 96 & 332
 Rick E. Nelson, 317
 Steve B. Wetzels, 227
 Stanford P. Darling, 15

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 one occasion and at other times through the use of email. The results of the actions taken by this committee follow:

- Mileage Reimbursement Amount – As a result of rising oil prices, the committee raised the 2008 mileage reimbursement rate from its current rate of 25 cents per mile to 30 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 telephone system was removed from the fixed asset list of the Grand Lodge and the new telephone system was added to this list. A projector and conference speaker phone were also added to the list of fixed assets. A notation was made that the assets of the CHIP program will be removed from the assets of the Grand Lodge as soon as the CHIP Foundation is created.
- Committee Budget – The 2008 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 was reviewed. UNICO was retained as the insurance provider for the Grand Lodge. Dental coverage was switched to Metlife since it was the only company, from which bids were received, that would cover a group with two employees.
- Long Distance Carrier – Windstream was selected as the long distance carrier for the Grand Lodge. This switch from AT&T to Windstream should result in a savings of \$180 per month.
- Copy Machine – Bids for a new copy machine were received from SolutionOne, Bishop Business Equipment, and the Konica/Minolta distributor. The committee reviewed the bids and selected the proposal from Bishops for a new color copy machine.
- Retirement Account Conflict – A conflict exists between the current retirement account for employees and the Grand Lodge Office Policies. The current retirement account is a SEP IRA where the Grand Lodge can contribute up to 6% of an employee's annual salary, but it must be the same amount for each employee. The Grand Lodge Office Policies state that the Grand Lodge will contribute 3% of each employee's salary and then match an additional amount that is deferred by an employee to the account up to 3%. The rules of the current retirement account do not allow for employee deferrals, so the two are in conflict. After discussion, the Grand Lodge Office Policies was changed to state that the Grand Lodge will contribute 3% of a full-time employee's annual salary.
- CHIP Program – As soon as the CHIP Foundation has been created, steps will be taken to move all monies and assets associated with CHIP from the Grand Lodge to the new foundation. Since CHIP uses resources of the Grand Lodge, it was determined that a management fee would be determined for the CHIP foundation based on square footage of the office utilized by the program plus overhead, and a prorated portion of Michelle's time. This fee has not been determined as of year end. It was also suggested that the Grand Lodge charge CHIP 5 cents per black and white copy, and 10 cents for color copies.

- Grand Lodge Office Employees – Jeannie Holt served as Office Assistant at the Grand Lodge Office for over ten years. Jeannie retired in 2007 and, rather than replace her position, the duties Jeannie performed were absorbed by Michelle and Carol. The Grand Lodge Office committee is thankful to Jeannie for the many years she dedicated to assisting Masonry and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were also determined and communicated to the employees.

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 Vallabhbai, 314
Bruce A. Watkins, 300, Ex-officio

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel J. Wellendorf, Chairman

The Lodge Advisory Committee utilizes the recommendations of the Grand Lodge Officer visitation reports as a guide to identify lodges in need of assistance. The committee can be used as a resource for lodges.

The committee received no appeals for assistance during the past Masonic year.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Wellendorf, 112 & 268
Roger A. Hansen, 46
Rob Kinsey, 297
Vernon L. Platt, 177
Roger A. Deininger, 317

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Curtis Edic, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee worked to promote Masonry in this 150th Anniversary year of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. The Grand Lodge Office Staff helped the Committee by sending 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. These important communications were done in a timely manner and the Committee appreciates the work of the Grand Lodge Office Staff.

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary, Most Worshipful Grand Master Dean Skokan, procured “The Initiated Eye” art exhibit which was displayed at Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska. The exhibit consisted of 21 portraits of different locations in

Washington DC overlaid with Masonic Symbols to give the idea that the city layout could have been designed by Masons. The Committee prepared and distributed advertising for the opening of the month long exhibit in late April. The Opening was well attended with an excellent message given by the Grand Master.

Several promotions were done during the year to celebrate the Anniversary including the giving of specially designed coins and lapel pins. The Grand Master commissioned a pocket watch for a fundraiser with the same design. The funds collected from the sale of this time piece was given to a newly created Masonic relief fund.

During the year CHIP (Child Identification Program) Events were held throughout the state with great success. Promotion of CHIP was provided during the year but at each event we have to thank at least one or two dedicated Master Masons who personally promoted the Event in their area to the public for donations and helping identify the children in their area. Also we must thank the CHIP Committee for their dedication to see that each Event was successful. Thank you to all who helped.

The final 150th Celebration Event was held in September when approximately 300 Master Masons marched two-by-two from the Scottish Rite Temple in white gloves and aprons to the Nebraska State Capitol to celebrate 150 years of Masonry in Nebraska. Speeches were given and the program ended back at the Scottish Rite Temple with a banquet and a message from the Grand Master. This was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Edic, 1 & 268, Chairman
Pepper Aasgaard, 1 & 11
Warren Christensen, 44
Byron L. Hust, 198
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Worthy Grand Matron, OES, Ex-officio

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Edward W. Nolte, Chairman

Every year we, as Nebraska Masons, emphasize the importance of membership via Grand Lodge communications, the Nebraska Mason, bulletins, trestleboards, and other means. The Grand Master speaks of the need to raise new Brothers. The Membership Committee addresses ideas that could increase our total numbers. Many, if not all, Masters have membership as one of their goals for the year. And yet, every year when the total membership results are reported, our numbers continue a steady decline. Why?

Is it lack of leadership? No, we have strong leaders. Is it lack of dedication by those charged to lead our fraternity? No, our Grand Lodge Brethren, Membership Committee, and subordinate Lodge officers are certainly dedicated. Maybe, it is lack of education or training—could that be it? No, our leaders are well educated, trained, and up to the task. Maybe, it is the environment? No, we have great environmental circumstances—150th Year of Masonry in Nebraska, Cornerstone layings, Lodge activities, Masonic movies in theaters, a war on terror, a resurgence of values—and yet, our membership continues its steady decline. True, some Lodges, roughly 20%, are growing at least slightly, but most, are not. Why this negative trend and more importantly what can we do about it?

To solve this problem, we need to take a serious look at our Masonic fraternity and ourselves. Masonry and individual Masons operate in a voluntary environment. Unlike a corporate or military organization, no one can tell you what to do, and no one can order you to do anything you do not want to do. In any organization, military or Masonic, great

leaders require disciplined followers to achieve success. Can you imagine a military organization with a “don’t want to, can’t make me, won’t do it” attitude. Unfortunately, to a certain degree this is exactly what we have in Masonry – not every Brother is fully engaged in solving the membership problem. No, I am not talking about the 20 Brethren who receive Membership Awards at Grand Lodge each year, but rather the other 14,000 Brethren who did not sign a petition this year. You—that’s right, YOU—are THE solution and the ONLY solution to this problem we face.

Here is the good news! While every Mason is a volunteer, each of you reading this report, by definition, is a lover of the Masonic fraternity wherever dispersed over the face of the earth, and for that reason alone, we must enlist each of you in the drive to increase membership. In this Membership Crusade, you will not be asked to take a vow of poverty, you will not be required to go to the Holy Land, nor will you be asked to sacrifice your life as a Knight Templar. You are merely asked to carry the message of Masonry to those in your community, to your circle of friends and associates, and to your eligible family members, who would be good candidates for the degrees of Masonry.

Let me give you just one example to illustrate this point. Each year at Grand Lodge, a small group of Brethren receive a well-deserved award for actively and aggressively recruiting new members. These Brethren are top-line signers on a significant number of petitions. We recognize them because 1) membership is important, and 2) we hope, through these awards, to provide incentive for them to continue and you to get more involved. In addition to this important program, what if we charged each Brother to sign one petition for membership. Then, instead of recognizing 20 Brethren for bringing in 100-150 Masons, our fraternity would double in size because each of our 14,000 Nebraska Masons signed a petition to add that many new members. Now, that is an increase that is worthy of merit!

Not possible you say! It is possible if everyone takes responsibility for just one petition. That is the power that YOU bring to this organization! Therefore, the Membership Committee challenges each and every Nebraska Mason to sign just one petition in 2008 to make a good man a better man—just one! Can we count on you to do your part?

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nolte, 39, Chairman
Randall Ogier, 279
Kenneth Bills, 106
Stanley Thayer, 50
Steven 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 2007 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

Scott C. Brendel, Chairman

A charter was issued for Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 at the 150th Annual Communication on February 3, 2007. There have been no new dispensations issued by the Grand Master of Nebraska for new subordinate lodges or their work, records and bylaws while under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott G. Brendel, 146, Chairman
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. The committee's recommendation on the umbrella coverage was accepted and added to the policy last year.

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

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

D. Tyson Boellstorff, Chairman

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

Goals initially set by the committee were:

1. Continue with the development of the Grand Lodge Website.
2. Other duties and tasks as they come up.

One area that we have discussed is the local network in the office. Currently, the internal network is not accessible over the internet. A VPN (Virtual Private Network) solution would be a good investment. A VPN makes the internal Grand Lodge network available wherever the Grand Lodge officers and personnel happen to be. It makes a number of very useful things possible:

- Improved network security.
- Email and other applications can be accessible over the internet
- Grand Lodge Officers have better tools to help them coordinate their efforts
- Calendar entries can be automatically pushed onto the Grand Lodge web page.
- Grand Lodge programs might be made available over the internet to Lodge secretaries in order to improve our communication.
- Custom programming and support can be performed without having to physically be present. (lowers costs)

We will continue to investigate this, and determine the best possible tools for our needs. The committee is grateful for the excellent work being done by Michelle Fulmer, the office staff, and Brother David Watts.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Tyson Boellstorff, 110, Chairman
Alan Anderson, 327
W. Scott Dodge, 297 & 210
John W. Kelley, Jr., 3
Dean Papenhagen, 50
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 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.

In the year 2007, the committee has fielded no questions related to our assigned area. We hope this indicates that peace and harmony prevail in the area of Freemasonry and Religion.

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



Deputy Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn introduced and recognized the 2008-2009 Grand Lodge Officers, and moved for the confirmation of the aforementioned officers for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded, and carried by a show of hands.

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

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

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.: W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins announced that he received the following two resolutions, which according to the bylaws, subject to clearance by the Jurisprudence Committee, will be read and laid over until the session next year. The resolutions are resubmissions of Resolution No. 3, which was not voted upon at this Annual Communication, and Resolution No. 5 which was voted upon at this Annual Communication, but failed to receive the necessary votes.

Resolution No. 1

Amend **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** – by adding the following paragraph between the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the current section:

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New paragraph four:

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Resolution No. 2

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

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Reginald S. Kuhn, Chairman

As a result of the approval of **Recommendation No. 3** of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2008), Section 3-102 paragraphs (h) and (i) will be deleted and new paragraphs (h) and (i) will be inserted that state:

Sec. 3-102 – ENUMERATED –

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

(i) The storage or keeping of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where youth meetings or activities are regularly held or conducted.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2008), Section 1-312 – CHIP IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) will be deleted, and Sections 1-301 and 1-302 will be amended by deleting the mention of the Child Identification Program (CHIP) and will be read as follows:

Sec. 1-312 – (Not Used)

Sec. 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION

Second paragraph:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, and Youth. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine (9) members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

Sec. 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each Mason who is a member of a standing, regular or special committee of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote. Non-Masons appointed as members of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote by virtue of such appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
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R.:W.: Reg Kuhn moved that the report be approved. The motion was seconded. With no discussion, the Report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as summarized, by the Masons assembled.



V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Randall L. Hart led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Dean Skokan closed the 151st 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 Fremont Lodge No. 15.

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Kearney, Nebraska
February 1-2, 2008

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**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
AND THEIR DISTRICTS**

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #1

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

District #2

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th St. N., Bellevue 68005-4303, 402-733-6249 Emeritus
Capitol #3, Omaha; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha;
Mizpah #302, Omaha

District #3

Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496 1993
Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh
#327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha

District #4

James E. Cornish, 31, 520 County Road 24, Tekamah 68061-5056, 402-374-1135 1976
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222,
Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

District #5

Ronald D. Grass, 31, 420 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689 1990
Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Northern Light #41, Stanton; Wisner #114,
Wisner; Magnolia #220, Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill

District #6

Thomas R. Reed, 274 & 5, 969 170th St., Dakota City 68731-3085, 402-987-3230 1996
Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Golden Rule #236, Allen; Laurel #248, Laurel

District #7

Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 108, RR 1 Box 99, Table Rock 68447-9756, 402-839-2955 1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40, Humboldt

District #8

John C. Sierks, 4, 64708 730 Rd., Brownville 68321-6007, 402-825-6061 1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003-1021, 402-944-7014 1960
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110, Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco;
Victory #310, Valley

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #10

Steven A. Green, 54, 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502-3515, 402-477-9055 1988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; Lancaster #54, Lincoln; East Lincoln #210,
Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln

District #11

Suman Vallabhbai, 314, 5221 English Dr., Lincoln 68516-3243, 402-420-7616 2004
Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George
Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

Ashley H. Story, 314, 72516 U Rd., Wilcox 68982-9541, 308-567-2405 2002
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165,
Barneston

District #14

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

District #15

Harold Mueksch, 132, 404 5th St., Scribner 68057-3057, 402-664-3438 2007
Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove

District #16

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

District #17

Roger A. Deininger, 317, 1319 W. 11th, Hastings 68901-3702, 402-462-8146 1998
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239,
Chapman

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson Ave., Hastings 68901-3727, 402-463-2015 1964
Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud; St. Paul #82, St. Paul;
Guide Rock #128, Guide Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Lotus #289, Ravenna; Mid-West #317,
Hastings

District #19

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-3701, 402-477-9464 2001
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising City; Lebanon #323,
Columbus

District #20

To Be Appointed
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89,
Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Cairo #324, Cairo

District #21

Wayne E. Beatty, 126, 12429 P Rd., Stromsburg 68666-5060, 402-764-3950 1984
York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg; Polk #311, Polk

District #24

Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-237-9234 1992
Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61, Lexington; Jachin #146, Holdrege; Elwood #167, Elwood

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #25

Philip E. Darby, Jr., 61, 1801 Plum Creek Ln., Lexington 68850, 308-324-4548..... 2006
McCook #135, McCook; 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

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

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; Seneca #284, Thedford

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

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- A. W. Clark, 33..... 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68801-2521
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- Eugene C. Sibley, 314..... 5221 S. 67th St., Lincoln 68516-2319
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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes			
1 - Nebraska	15	2	15	3	199	12	0	4	2	0	0	18	0	5	11	0	1	0	17	200
2 - Western Star	4	0	5	1	163	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	159
3 - Capitol	4	0	4	0	102	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	7	6	0	0	0	13	94
4 - Nemaha Valley	1	0	4	0	66	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	70
5 - Omadi	6	3	5	1	137	4	2	2	0	0	0	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	142
6 - Plattsmouth	13	4	10	2	275	10	1	0	1	0	0	12	0	7	3	0	0	0	10	277
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	48
10 - Solomon	1	0	1	1	75	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	75
11 - Covert	18	0	18	1	565	18	4	1	3	0	0	26	3	13	20	0	0	0	36	555
14 - Peru	1	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	32
15 - Fremont	4	0	4	2	246	3	2	1	8	0	0	14	1	5	13	0	0	0	19	241
19 - Lincoln	3	2	2	0	208	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	7	0	0	0	0	8	204
21 - Washington	2	0	2	0	82	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	80
23 - Pawnee	1	1	0	0	108	1	1	0	0	41	0	43	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	148
26 - Beatrice	3	0	3	0	193	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	4	9	0	0	0	15	182
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	17
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37
31 - Tekamah	1	0	2	0	143	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	2	2	7	0	0	0	11	136
32 - Platte Valley	2	0	2	1	247	2	2	1	4	0	0	9	0	11	8	0	2	0	21	235
33 - Ashlar	10	2	8	1	184	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	4	10	0	3	0	19	172
34 - Acacia	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	7	0	0	0	11	75
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	59
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	38
37 - Crete	3	0	2	0	68	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	67
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	58
39 - Papillion	8	0	7	2	304	7	0	0	9	0	0	16	18	12	40	0	0	0	70	250
40 - Humboldt	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	41	43	0
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27
43 - Hebron	1	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	44
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	15
46 - Rob Morris	6	1	6	0	227	6	3	1	4	0	0	14	3	4	15	0	0	0	22	219
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	22
50 - Hastings	2	0	4	0	187	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	12	0	0	0	18	173
51 - Fidelity	1	0	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	44

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52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
54 - Lancaster	1	1	2	0	331	2	0	0	12	0	0	14	1	17	17	0	0	0	0	35	310	
55 - Mosaic	0	1	0	1	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	116		
56 - York	2	0	2	1	104	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	8	98		
57 - Mt Moriah	2	0	2	2	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	47		
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	70	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	4	5	0	0	0	10	63		
61 - Thistle	2	0	2	0	154	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	153		
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	5	43		
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	50		
65 - Osceola	0	2	0	1	86	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	87			
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39			
72 - Hooper	1	0	1	0	49	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	50		
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46		
75 - Frank Welch	7	2	6	0	134	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	4	14	0	1	0	19	125		
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	49		
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	49		
79 - Geneva	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	112		
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39		
82 - St Paul	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	40		
83 - Corinthian	2	1	1	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	29		
89 - Cedar River	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	1	0	12	34		
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	38	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40		
94 - Bennett	0	1	0	1	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	33		
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	54		
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	30		
97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	61		
102 - Waterloo	2	0	2	1	108	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	110		
103 - Ord	1	1	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	31		
104 - Wymore	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	55		
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	26	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70		
110 - Pomegranate	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	101		
111 - DeWitt	1	0	1	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	22		
112 - Springfield	29	1	28	0	269	28	7	4	9	0	0	48	1	6	27	0	0	0	34	283		

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114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	40
119 - North Bend	3	0	3	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	93
120 - Wayne	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	95
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	46
126 - Stromsburg	0	2	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	70
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	39	0	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	0	19
134 - Solar	0	0	0	1	23	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
135 - McCook	0	1	0	1	124	0	0	1	1	57	0	59	5	10	6	0	0	0	0	21	162
136 - Long Pine	3	0	3	2	37	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	38
146 - Jachin	4	3	4	0	123	4	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	9	121
148 - Custer	1	0	1	0	120	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	118
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	32
158 - Samaritan	3	3	1	1	85	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	83
159 - Ogalalla	0	1	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	78
162 - Trestle Board	1	0	1	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	21
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	31	0
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	49
180 - Justice	0	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	30
183 - Alliance	1	1	1	0	157	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	156
184 - Bee Hive	7	2	7	0	182	7	0	0	2	0	0	9	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	9	182
192 - Minnekadusa	5	0	6	0	51	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	55
194 - Highland	1	0	2	1	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
195 - Arcana	2	0	2	3	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	51
198 - Purity	0	0	0	0	41	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	44
200 - Blazing Star	1	0	1	0	26	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
201 - Scotts Bluff	3	0	3	0	104	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	12	0	0	0	0	15	92
204 - Plainview	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
205 - Golden Fleece	1	0	1	0	57	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	53
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	25

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL					
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	23
210 - East Lincoln	0	0	0	1	296	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	6	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	270
211 - Cement	1	0	1	0	55	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	28	0	0	
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	31	
221 - Wood Lake	3	0	3	0	72	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	69	
227 - North Star	4	2	5	0	146	5	2	0	3	0	0	10	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	148	
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	57	
229 - Comet	2	0	2	0	63	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	64	
234 - Zion	2	2	0	0	42	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	41	
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	
239 - Friendship	1	0	1	0	26	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	22	
241 - G Armstrong	1	0	1	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	
250 - G Washington	0	1	0	0	65	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	62	
251 - Wausa	1	0	1	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	57	
256 - Hickman	10	1	10	0	193	10	1	0	4	0	0	15	0	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	193	
263 - Mitchell	3	1	2	0	110	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	102	
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	55	
265 - R W Furnas	3	0	3	0	115	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	108	
268 - G W Lininger	10	3	9	0	202	9	6	1	0	0	0	16	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	215	
274 - Olive Branch	1	0	1	0	64	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	64	
279 - Wallace	1	1	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	
281 - Florence	5	1	4	0	138	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	138	
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	
285 - Camp Clarke	1	0	1	0	79	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	77	
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	35	
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
288 - Omaha	4	1	5	1	96	4	0	1	2	0	0	7	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	98	
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	26	29	0	0	0	0	

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290 - John J Mercer	8	2	7	0	484	7	1	1	15	0	0	24	1	13	24	0	1	0	39	469
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	42
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	41
294 - James Eatmon	0	0	0	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	9	60
297 - Cotner	19	0	21	0	214	21	2	1	1	0	1	26	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	234
300 - Liberty	7	0	6	1	279	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	284
302 - Mizpah	6	4	6	0	286	6	0	2	0	0	0	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	10	284
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
310 - Victory	4	2	2	2	58	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	55
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	0
314 - Craftsmen	2	1	1	2	215	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	213
317 - Mid-West	5	1	4	0	249	4	1	1	1	0	0	7	2	5	4	0	0	0	11	245
320 - College View	2	1	2	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
323 - Lebanon	1	0	1	0	110	1	1	1	7	0	0	10	0	2	9	0	0	0	11	109
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
325 - Bellevue	8	1	7	0	236	7	3	0	7	0	0	17	2	4	15	1	0	0	22	231
326 - Centennial	0	0	0	0	137	0	3	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	135
327 - Shiloh	14	2	14	0	159	15	0	0	2	0	0	17	1	4	5	0	0	0	10	166
328 - Miloma	2	2	2	0	175	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	1	6	9	0	0	0	16	165
332 - Tabula Rasa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
TOTALS	330	70	314	38	14391	307	60	56	143	146	1	713	76	418	455	1	18	147	1115	13989

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Kearney, Nebraska
February 1-2, 2008

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. Fitcher	302
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	228
105th	1970	John H. Brown	1

106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes.....	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter.....	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon.....	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson.....	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman.....	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines.....	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum.....	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix.....	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.....	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins.....	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman.....	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce.....	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump.....	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf.....	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon.....	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Luenenborg.....	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland.....	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye.....	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry.....	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss.....	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon.....	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman.....	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon.....	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg.....	210, 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
140th	2006	Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	317, 332, 33

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
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• L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
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• 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
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• 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

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•	T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
•	Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
•	Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
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	Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
•	Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
•	Gordon Chard, 240	1962
•	Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
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	Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
•	W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
	Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
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•	Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965
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•	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
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•	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
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•	Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
	Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136	1971
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•	R. Winton Wilson, 199.....	1985
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•	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
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	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
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	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
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DECEASED GRAND MASTERS

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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53	(15th) 1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th) 1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th) 1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th) 1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th) 1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th) 1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st) 1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd) 1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd) 1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th) 1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46	(25th) 1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th) 1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th) 1892
James P.A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th) 1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th) 1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th) 1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st) 1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd) 1897
Frank H. 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. Fitcher	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
Harry A. Spencer, Sr.	Aug. 9, 2007	184, 227	(99th)	1964
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
Jerry L. Rittenburg	Jan. 26, 2007	64, 210	(129th)	1995

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
Large	2007	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2007	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper

**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
2007	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

**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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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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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

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Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge.....	March 19,1878	June 25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May 4,1878	June 25,1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26,1878	June 25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls.....	March 15,1879	June 23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1,1879	June 23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24,1879	June 23,1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20,1880	June 22,1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard.....	April 15,1880	June 22,1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22,1880	June 22,1881
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19,1882	June 20,1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February 7,1882	June 19,1883
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 5,1882	June 19,1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt.....	June 28,1882	June 19,1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward.....	July 14,1882	June 19,1883
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass.....	July 21,1882	June 19,1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn.....	Douglas	September 7,1882	June 19,1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord.....	Valley	September 14,1882	June 19,1883
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November 10,1882	June 19,1883
Porter	No. 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9,1882	June 19,1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24,1883	June 19,1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13,1883	June 19,1883
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt.....	Saline	February 28,1883	June 19,1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30,1883	June 19,1883

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Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior	Nuckolls.....	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner	Dodge.....	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks	Merrick	August 8,1884	June 24,1885
McCook	No. 135	McCook.....	Red Willow	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine.....	Brown	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
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
Ogalalla	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
Hay Springs	No. 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan.....	February 20,1888	June 21,1888
Justice	No. 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8,1888	June 20,1889
Alliance	No. 183	Alliance	Box Butte.....	January 18,1889	June 20,1889
Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha	Douglas	January 22,1889	June 20,1889
Minnekadusa	No. 192	Valentine.....	Cherry	August 15,1889	June 20,1890

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Highland	No. 194 Cortland	Gage	September 21,1889	June 20,1890
Arcana	No. 195 Gordon	Sheridan	October 17,1889	June 20,1890
Purity	No. 198 Imperial	Chase	December 24,1889	June 20,1890
Blazing Star	No. 200 Burwell	Garfield	August 5,1890	June 18,1891
Scotts Bluff	No. 201 Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8,1890	June 18,1891
Plainview	No. 204 Plainview	Pierce	September 1,1890	June 18,1891
Golden Fleece	No. 205 Chappell	Deuel	September 2,1890	June 18,1891
Parian	No. 207 Callaway	Custer	January 31,1891	June 18,1891
Canopy	No. 209 Elmwood	Cass	September 4,1891	June 16,1892
East Lincoln	No. 210 Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5,1891	June 16,1892
Cement	No. 211 Wood River	Hall	November 27,1891	June 16,1892
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

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George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 20,1900	June 6,1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa	Knox	November 18,1900	June 6,1901
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln	Lancaster	December 7,1903	June 9,1904
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff	July 5,1906	June 5,1907
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin.....	Franklin	June 11,1907	June 10,1908
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21,1907	June 10,1908
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

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Polk	No. 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4,1921	June 8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March 22,1922	June 5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8,1925	June 10,1925
College View	No. 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1,1927	June 6,1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14,1928	June 5,1929
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo	Hall.....	January 16,1936	June 1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5,1955	June 8,1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26,1955	June 6,1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3,1965	June 10,1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19,1972	June 28,1972
Saints John Education	No. 331			December 27, 2000	February 2, 2002
Tabula Rasa	No. 332	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 24, 2006	February 3, 2007

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271 Morrill, April 10, 1969
Compass & Square No. 212	Sumner with Thistle No. 61 Lexington, April 20, 1969
Hope No. 29	Nemaha with Nemaha Valley 1 Brownville, September 9, 1969

Elm Creek No. 133	Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970	
Naphthali No. 206	Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970	
Alexandria No. 74	Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970	
Pythagoras No. 156	Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970	
Grace No. 226	Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971	
Wolbach No. 292	Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971	
Tyrian No. 243	Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972	
Mystic Tie No. 166	Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972	
Roman Eagle No. 203	Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973	
Amethyst No. 190	Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973	
Prudence No. 179	Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973	
Fairfield No. 84	Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974	
Ramah No. 275	Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974	
Sterling No. 70	Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974	
Mt. Hermon No. 231	Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974	
Winnebago No. 309	Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 3, 1974	
Temple No. 175	Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975	
Beemer No. 253	Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975	
Signet No. 193	Leigh with Northern Light No. 41
Stanton, February 20, 1976	
Plumblin No. 214	Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976	
Cubit No. 237	Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977	
Bancroft No. 145	Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978	
Litchfield No. 278	Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979	
Hartington No. 155	Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979	
Creighton No. 100	Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980	
Star No. 88	Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981	
Gladstone No. 176	Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981	

Eminence No. 223	Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981	
Antelope No. 276	Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982	
Bladen No. 319	Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982	
Oak Leaf No. 312	Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983	
Crofton No. 273	Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984	
Harlan No. 116	Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984	
Hardy No. 117	Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984	
Merna No. 171	Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984	
Lee P. Gillette No. 272	Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985	
Occidental No. 215	Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985	
Siloam No. 147	Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985	
Ponca No. 101	Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986	
Boaz No. 185	Danbury with McCook No. 135
McCook, September 16, 1986	
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
Culbertson No. 174	Culbertson with McCook No. 135 McCook, January 19, 2007
Palisade No. 216	Palisade with McCook No. 135 McCook, January 19, 2007
Lotus No. 289	Ravenna with Porter No. 106 Loup City, October 10, 2007
Polk No. 311	Polk with Solar No. 134 Clarks, December 14, 2007
Humboldt No. 40	Humboldt with Pawnee No. 23 Pawnee City, December 27, 2007

**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

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska #1	W. Keith Neisler	Dathe Benissan-Messan*	John L. Brommer	Gregory A. Wells
Western Star #2	Charles E. McElfresh	Edward L. Reed	Thomas W. Hemmer	David A. Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Randall C. Busse	Michael Parkinson	Christopher V. Edwards	Raymond L. Bally*
Nemaha Valley #4		Michael Andrew*	James Rendleman*	
Omadi #5	Kent B. Broyhill	Wayne Benson	Michael E. Newcomb*	Chris T. Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	L Joe Work	Josh Foster	Shawn Carmichael*	Jay H Speck
Falls City #9	Darrel J. Koso		Robert L. Ferguson	
Solomon #10		Stuart W Sprick*	Sean Bohannon*	Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Dan J Davis*	Cory M Lesley*	Thomas K Brummett	Donald L Gockley
Peru #14	William H Kieler*	Steven P Norris*	David L Pease*	Ted R Groves
Fremont #15	John F Adkerson	Bryan Regier*	David E Bute*	Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	Virgil A Meints	Kenneth W Koop Jr	Don K Arp*	Charles A Burk
Washington #21	-	-	-	-
Pawnee #23	Don R Monnette	Edward D Raper	Daniel C Boellstorff*	Gary Bedea*
Beatrice #26	William B Coker	-	Ryan P Norris	Lance R Brinkman
Jordan #27	-	-	-	-
Blue River #30	Gary L Brhel	James D Boshart*	Dennis Reichenberg	Richard T Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Randy L Olson*	Dave Marion*	Kent W Rogert*	
Platte Valley #32	Allen A Marth	Jason Greenwood	Zachary T Thompson	Glenn R Mulholland
Ashlar #33	Max A Cates	-	-	William D Parrish
Acacia #34	-	-	-	-
Fairbury #35	-	-	-	-
Lone Tree #36	Jean F Steckmyer	-	Howard C Lenhart*	-
Crete #37	-	James A Clark	Jerry F Bespelec	
Oliver #38	Randal P Colberg	Nathan S Rolofson	-	J Philip Wehrman
Papillion #39	Noland J McIntosh	Melvin N Morton	James C Lee	Paul J Schroeder*
Northern Light #41	Gerald L Kuhn	Gary D Benson*	-	Robert E.Schellpeper
Hebron #43-	-	-	-	-
Harvard #44	-	Warren Christensen	-	-
Rob Morris #46	Ronald A Nielsen	Barry L Sutton	Gerald A Caldwell	Nick V Longly
Evening Star #49	-	-	-	-
Hastings #50	Dermont W Malouf II	Casey H Nuss	David P Martin*	W Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51	Rex M Rehmer*	-	-	-
Hiram #52	Carlos W Yandell*	-	James A Wiseman*	Sydney R Clausen*
Charity #53	-	Marlin K Hoffman	-	Stanley R Offner

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Lancaster #54	F Joe Huskey	Mervyn McDonough	-	William H Cummins
Mosaic #55	W Kirk Strauser	-	-	Webb L McNally*
York #56	Kevin E Leapley	-	-	-
Mt. Moriah #57	Lyle R Gartner*	-	-	-
Wahoo #59	Burton A Knudsen	-	-	Jared A Ketner*
Thistle #61	Daniel J Screws	James N Screws Jr	-	-
Keystone #62	-	Tarl W Carpenter	-	-
Blue Valley #64	Galen R Beck*	Stephen L Ourecky	-	-
Osceola #65	Lucas J Carlson	-	-	Mervin Ransom
Aurora #68	-	Ward B Andrews	-	-
Hooper #72	Donald P Hascall	-	-	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	Marvin H Kraus*
Frank Welch #75	-	-	-	-
Nelson #77	-	-	Allan Sole	-
Albion #78	Jeffrey J Noble	E Lee Howell	-	John S Williams
Geneva #79	Jeffrey L Andrews	-	Fran L Crowe	-
Composite #81	-	-	-	-
St. Paul #82	James L Voigt*	Robert O Roth	Gary Rasmussen*	Wesley E. Stevens
Corinthian #83	Terry L Henschke	Alvin G Sundell	Bradley A Jones*	Robert A Jones*
Cedar River #89	-	-	-	-
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	Don A. Johnson*	Norman E. Case*	Peter B. Kruse*
Bennett #94	Rick Harris	Darrin Fulford	-	Stuart B Erickson Sr*
Garfield #95	-	-	-	-
Utica #96	Ben F Hughes	Roger A Wilton*	Charles A Westwood	-
Euclid #97	-	Kevin R Kelly	-	Matthew L Mogensen*
Waterloo #102	-	Gene A Geise	Bradley D Petersen	-
Ord #103	Charles P Zangger	-	-	Dan P Hersh
Wymore #104	-	-	-	-
Porter #106	-	-	-	-
Pomegranate #110	-	-	-	-
DeWitt #111	-	-	-	-
Springfield #112	Dale C Pennington	Gregory P Haddock*	Joe J Beister	Donald P Ellenberger
Wisner #114	-	-	-	Clint W Frerichs
North Bend #119	Douglas S Rasmussen	Kragh D Johnson*	Gary M Sutton	David G Otte*
Wayne #120	-	Frank G. Teach Jr.*	-	Gail Axen
Superior #121	-	Michael M Dunn	George E Piper*	-
Stromsburg #126	Wayne E Beatty	-	-	-

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Guide Rock #128	-	-	-	Rodney P Ely
Scribner #132	Harold C Mueksch	-	-	Donald G Havekost
Solar #134	Philip E Foulk	-	-	-
McCook #135	Steve G Lyne	Philip P Lyons	Greg A Wolford	Marshall D Grant
Long Pine #136	Philip A Brown*	Travis W Gilliland*	-	Gary R Wolfe
Jachin #146	H Frank Erickson	Alan J Svoboda*	John D Konzack*	Bruce G Raddatz
Custer #148	Monte S Gies*	-	Chet E Wales*	Kevin R Lindly
Lily #154	Tregan P Albers	-	Perry O Rhoades*	-
Samaritan #158	Harry Waggener	-	-	-
Ogalalla #159	-	-	-	-
Trestle Board #162	David Gravatt*	Daniel C Boellstorff*	J Ival Schmucker*	Ted R Groves
Atkinson #164	-	-	Charles Shane*	James A. Widtfeldt
Barneston #165	-	-	-	-
Elwood #167	-	-	-	Geoffrey K Bogle
Robert Burns #173	-	-	-	-
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	Vernon L Platt
Justice #180	Thomas M Jones*	-	-	-
Alliance #183	S Todd Harris	Joel W Zilmer	-	Eugene Gatti*
Bee Hive #184	Jason M Waite	Patrick J Seddon*	-	Bradley A Waite
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	-
Highland #194	-	Kevin G Buhr	Edsel Grove	-
Arcana #195	-	William G Gibbons*	-	-
Purity #198	Keith A Wood	Donivan W Norman*	John D Osler*	Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200	-	-	-	Paul Anderson*
Scotts Bluff #201	Richard W Taaedter Sr	-	Edwin L Mayo*	Sam Nagasawa*
Plainview #204	Wayne A Andreasen	Robert Baird*	Gale R Retzlaff	Dick L Hemmingsen*
Golden Fleece #205	-	Malvin M. Minshall	Douglas A Criswell*	Dwight E Smith
Parian #207	-	-	-	Howard K Chessmore
Canopy #209	-	-	-	-
East Lincoln #210	Robert J Pratt	Winfield L Barber*	Monte D Dietrick	W Scott Dodge
Cement #211	William C Carson	Michael P Biere	-	Dewey R Heminger
Bloomfield #218	-	-	-	-
Magnolia #220	-	-	-	-
Wood Lake #221	-	-	-	-
Landmark #222	Kenneth R Jackson*	Randy L Hart	-	-

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Silver Cord #224	Wilber C Saner	-	Rick E Carr*	Evan C Evans*
North Star #227	Keith D Brocksmith	Karel D Capek	Mark W Poston	Steve B Wetzel*
Bartley #228	Marvin K Colson	Brad A Holtze	Leon Wright*	Gary A Newcomb*
Comet #229	Gene F Peterson	Gerald R Brodd*	-	James F Hunter*
Zion #234	Steve A Fouse*	John D Streiff	Josh Streiff*	-
Golden Rule #236	-	Jerry Schroeder*	-	-
Friendship #239	-	Max A Cates	-	-
George Armstrong #241	T Richard Eriksen	-	-	-
Laurel #248	Thomas M Fredricksen*	Milo Patefield*	Herbert E Bose	Glen M Olson*
G. Washington #250	George Harrison	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell C Erickson
Hickman #256	David E. Livingston	Robert W Moninger	Richard Eggerling*	Olin Boone
Mitchell #263	Dale E Buckley*	C Clarke Beede*	David M Thomas*	Richard H Cooper
Franklin #264	-	-	-	-
Robert W Furnas #265	David E Loos*	Ted B Miller III*	Arthur Stricker*	Donald E Loos
George W Lininger #268	Christopher M Carter	Alan R Smith	Stephen R Smith*	Anthony T Johnson
Olive Branch #274	Kyle J Peterson	Ronald L Brunton*	James E Horak*	John S Kruse*
Wallace #279	Randall E Ogier	Paul R Ogier	Kenneth E Ogier	Eric J Chrisman
Florence #281	Micah I Evans	Randall A McFarland	Daniel L Mize	David A Kipp
Seneca #284	-	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	-	-	-	-
Oshkosh #286	-	-	-	-
Union #287	Dewaine L Knutson*	-	-	-
Omaha #288	Christopher Harrington*	-	Aron Neesman	David L Peterson
John J Mercer #290	William E Martin	-	-	Armando R Benitez*
Diamond #291	Duard O Dempster*	Kenneth D Bennett*	-	Galan D Gibbs*
Monument #293	Melvin W Johnston	-	-	-
James L. Eatmon #294	-	-	-	-
Cotner #297	W Gerald Taff	Mark K Clinton*	Tyler Weers	Ralph J Riemann
Liberty #300	Juston L Wendt	Thomas D Morrissey	Harold K Nelson*	Bruce A Watkins
Mizpah #302	Ronald W McKerlie	Eric N Emas	Gary L Prokop	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove #305	Timothy G Barnes	-	-	-
Victory #310	Dean S Slader	Gregory C Kava	Carroll G Peacock*	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	-	-	-	-
Mid-West #317	Robert E Summers	Danny J Nonneman	Scott J Krieger Sr	Arthur S Dye
College View #320	-	Nathan S Peterson*	Paul J Hadley*	Douglas B Johnson
Lebanon #323	Robert E Wilbur	Lynn M Higgins*	Daryl L Smith*	John H Lippert

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Cairo #324	James R. Ford*	-	-	-
Bellevue #325	-	-	John R Grant	Charles E Sohm
Centennial #326	Michael G Horton*	Robert M Loper*	Joel F Shaw*	Philip O Edwards
Shiloh #327	Kevin H Orr	Alan Anderson*	Matthew Vandergriff	Kenneth Walker
Miloma #328	Paul Bohannon Jr	David J Gibbs Jr	-	-
Tabula Rasa #332	Thomas L Hauder	James F Brown Jr	Ben F Hughes	Dennis H Brydl

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REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Emile Ouosso	10/27/2005	Africa, Cameroon Africa, Congo Africa, Guinnee	Wade R. Kendle, 300	10/31/2005
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Alabama	Gary D. Finn, 21	3/15/2002
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Alaska	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19, 134	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Arizona	Robert A. Carhart, 120	1/26/2006
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Arkansas	Dennis Brydl, 287, 314,	12/12/2000
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/1974	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 320	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Australia, Queensland	Russell G. Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
G. T. Brice		Australia, South Aust.		
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	9/8/1960
Peter Alexander Potheary	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/1979
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Belgium	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Bolivia	Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285	
		Brazil, Acre	Sydney Clausen, 52	3/12/2002
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman		
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brasilia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	3/6/2002
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara		
Ceumar Luiz Sepulcri	8/4/2005	Brazil, Espirito Santo	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Armando Benitez, 11, 290	8/23/2005
Aldo Buitoni	12/23/2002	Brazil, Grand Oriente	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao		
Geraldo Carlos de Oliveira	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutomoto 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. Ferriera de Santana	6/22/1992	Brazil, Tocantins		
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
Ian Magill	5/1/2007	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Philip O. Edwards, 326	12/26/2000
Maurice A. Kelso	9/10/1997	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	11/4/1980
Edward L. Lee	3/11/1987	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Rigoberto Jamett Maureira	8/27/1994	Chile	Ben D. Fussell, 79	6/4/1971
Dawson Kwauk	6/26/1980	China	Robert O. Rhodes, 96	
Jose Maria Serna	7/31/1951	Colombia, Barranquilla	Robert J. Prokop, 64	
Rafael F. Moreno		Colombia, Bogota		
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
Robert J. Morrow	3/28/2007	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
Roberto René Santizo Diaz	7/31/2007	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	6/8/1977
		Hawaii	James DeMoss, 325	12/7/1991
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Dr. Robert Shiller	6/22/1992	Hungary		
Steinare J. Ludvigsson	1/31/1994	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Kenneth Smith		Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
N.K. Mathur	3/20/2007	India		
Jerry Scott James	12/4/1974	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Ireland		
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/1986	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Yasuhiko Ide		Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Kentucky	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39, 32	6/12/1987
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/1989	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/1984
Rene Gregorius	8/17/1971	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/1989
Andre Ollbrich	4/26/2006	Madagascar		
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	11/12/1996
William H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/1997	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50, 211	1/8/2001
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Mexico, Benito Juarez		
		Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Del D. Hamilton, 256	12/4/1995
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Mexico, Sinoloa		
		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. Andreassen, 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
		Russia	John M. Weidner, Sr., 75	1/15/1992
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Scotland	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/31/1989
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	South Africa	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Carolina	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	1/30/2006
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Dakota	Dale W. Anderson, 158	3/11/2002
Howard M. Stoler	3/6/2001	Spain	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
Jan Mansfield	2/27/2002	Sweden	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Switzerland		
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Tennessee		
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Texas	Philip A. Lorenzen, 1, 10, 327	5/20/1992
Attila Atli	12/29/1971	Turkey	Howard G. Whitmore, 81	5/30/2003
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 78	8/5/1992
Tom Eastwood	1/10/1990	Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	4/18/1994
		Venezuela	Paul A. Canady, 51	6/12/1987
Wendall H. Chaffee	5/16/1962	Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/1985
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/1997	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/4/1991
Kenneth K. Kershner	12/3/1993	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	6/10/1983
Pascal Kinda	10/6/1999	West Africa, Burkina Faso	Richard H. Roberts, 159	1/1/2002
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	West Africa, Senegal	Robert A. Jones, 83	2/7/2003
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Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2007

Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		54,682	54,682
<i>Bonds</i>			
<i>Government Securities:</i>			
FHLMC SR MTN, 4.375%, 7-27-2017	50,000	48,500	50,002
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	100,000	97,545	100,010
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.250%, 8-1-2018	50,000	48,975	50,049
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 8-1-2018	50,000	49,175	50,045
FNMA NTS Step CPN, 5.000%, 6-17-2019	50,000	49,750	50,014
FNMA NTS Step CPN, 5.250%, 8-12-2019	50,000	48,930	50,016
Total government securities	350,000	342,875	350,136
<i>Public Utility Bonds:</i>			
Union Electric Co., 6.75%, 5-1-2008	50,000	49,054	50,219
<i>Transportation, Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds:</i>			
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	50,000	46,451	50,210
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	50,000	57,646	51,710
Abbott Laboratories, 3.75%, 3-15-2011	50,000	47,042	49,030
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	76,209
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	50,589
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	48,109
Black & Decker Corp., 4.75%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	47,363
Prudential Finl Inc., 6.10%, 6-15-2017	50,000	49,900	50,292
Total transportation, industrial and misc. bonds	425,000	420,920	423,512
<i>Total Bonds</i>	825,000	812,849	823,867

Common Stocks

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
600	Abbott Labs	23,974	33,689
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	22,585
8	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	24,417	37,888
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	29,268
825	Cato Corp.	12,031	12,920
1,200	Chicago Bridge & Iron	11,224	72,528
432	Conocophillips	11,108	38,146
1,100	Corning Inc.	41,536	26,389
225	Currencyshares Euro Trust	29,081	32,940
700	Dominion Resources Inc.	26,522	33,215
975	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	11,454	37,635
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	27,962
175	Freeport-Mcmoran Copper & Gold Cl B	16,633	17,927
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	32,118
2,800	Investors Real Estate Trust	28,560	25,116
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	27,464
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	26,435
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	35,590
500	Newmont Mng. Corp.	14,505	24,415
800	Nexen Inc.	22,353	25,816
100	Patriot Coal Corp.	785	4,174
1,000	Peabody Energy Corp.	10,345	61,640
800	Performance Food Group	16,851	21,496
1,200	Pfizer Inc.	36,486	27,276
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	32,228
1,000	Progressive Corp.	24,518	19,160
500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	22,375
312	Viacom Inc.	18,071	13,703
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	23,727
700	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,128	14,714
Total Common Stocks		572,966	860,539
TOTAL FUND		<u>1,385,815</u>	<u>1,684,406</u>

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2007

	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		101,417	101,417
<i>Bonds</i>			
<i>Government Securities:</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.0%, 8-15-2009	50,000	47,930	52,285
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	30,742
FNMA Step CPN, 3.00%, 10-21-2009	30,000	29,137	30,000
FNMA Step CPN, 5.125%, 9-24-2013	50,000	49,000	50,016
FNMA Inv Step CPN, 4.00%, 12-9-2014	25,000	23,773	25,008
FHLMC Mtn Step CPN, 4.5%, 7-22-2016	25,000	24,331	25,003
FHLMC Mtn Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	50,000	48,773	50,005
FHLMC Mtn Ser 3, 4.25%, 8-1-2018	50,000	48,975	50,050
FNMA NTS Step CPN, 5.250%, 8-12-2019	25,000	24,887	25,008
Total Government Securities	<u>330,000</u>	<u>324,923</u>	<u>338,117</u>
<i>Corporate Bonds:</i>			
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-2008	25,000	26,433	25,029
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	25,000	24,230	25,105
Merrill Lynch & Co., 6%, 2-17-2009	25,000	24,393	25,204
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	25,000	28,823	25,855
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	25,403
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	25,294
Black & Decker Corp., 4.75%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	47,363
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	48,109
General Elec Cap Corp., 4.00%, 5-15-2015	25,000	24,563	24,967
Target Corp., 5.375%, 5-1-2017	50,000	49,111	48,868
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	26,933
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>350,000</u>	<u>347,430</u>	<u>348,130</u>
<i>Total Bonds</i>	<u>680,000</u>	<u>672,353</u>	<u>686,247</u>

Common Stocks

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600	Abbott Labs	23,962	33,690
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	22,585
8	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	24,417	37,888
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	22,243	29,268
675	Cato Corp.	9,844	10,571
1,200	Chicago Bridge & Iron	10,193	72,528
396	Conocophillips	10,183	34,967
1,100	Corning Inc.	35,417	26,389
200	Currencyshares Euro Trust	25,850	29,280
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	30,842
1,050	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	12,335	40,530
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	27,962
200	Freeport-Mcmoran Copper & Gold Cl B	19,009	20,488
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	32,117
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	26,910
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	27,464
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	26,436
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	35,590
600	Newmont Mng Corp.	17,406	29,298
1,000	Nexen Inc.	27,941	32,270
100	Patriot Coal Corp.	785	4,174
1,000	Peabody Energy Corp.	10,345	61,640
850	Performance Food Group Co.	18,544	22,840
1,300	Pfizer Inc.	38,661	29,549
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	27,624
1,000	Progressive Corp.	24,518	19,160
500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	22,375
325	Viacom Inc.	17,278	14,274
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	23,727
725	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,856	15,238
Total Common Stocks		572,913	867,674
TOTAL FUND		1,245,266	1,553,921

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