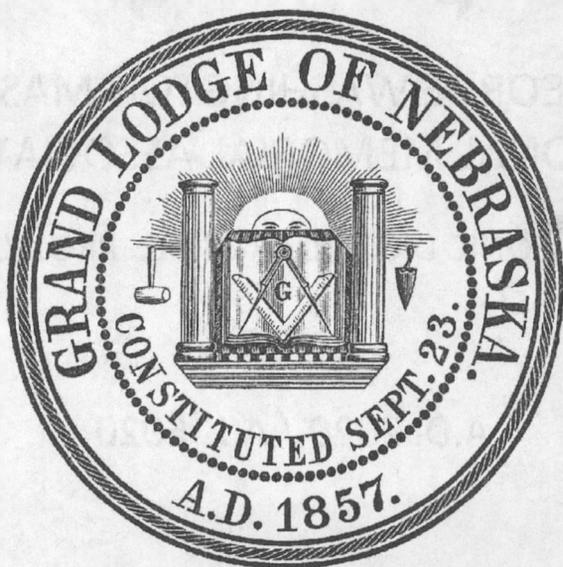


2009
PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND LODGE
of
Ancient Free & Accepted
MASONS
of the
STATE OF
NEBRASKA



A.D. 2009 / A.L. 6009

This volume digitized by



**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC
NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION**

MASONIC DIGITAL ARCHIVES PROJECT

∞

A.D. 2020 / A.L. 6020

Grand Lodge

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



2009

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

Grand Lodge Office
1240 N. 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

(402) 475-4640
FAX (402) 475-4736
Nebraska, Toll Free (800) 558-8029

www.glne.org

Grand Lodge

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



2009



Reginald S. Kuhn

**Grand Master 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.



Russell G. Reno

**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2009-2010**

Masonic History of the 143rd Grand Master

Russell G. Reno

Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Alliance Lodge No. 183 on March 24, 1977. After moving to Lincoln, he joined Cotner Lodge No. 297 in 1990, where he served as Master in 2002. He also is a charter member of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln, and Sts. John Lodge of Education No. 331.

Installed Grand Chaplain in February 2003, followed by appointments as Grand Junior Deacon in 2004 and Grand Senior Deacon in 2005. He was elected Grand Junior Warden in 2006, Grand Senior Warden in 2007 and Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2008.

Past chairman and member of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee from 1988-2004, and chairman of chaperones at the Masonic All-Star Marching Band in 2003. Received the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award in 1998.

Additional Masonic-related memberships:

- Joined the Alliance Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1977, and affiliated with the Lincoln Valley in 1988.
- Joined Sesostris Shrine in Lincoln in 1988. Past director (1990-1993), past president (1994-1995) and member of Ritualistic Divan.
- Became a Royal Arch Mason and member of Capstone Chapter No. 64, a Cryptic Mason and member of Lincoln Council No. 4 and a Knight Templar and member of Mount Moriah Commandery No. 4 in 2004.
- A member of the Eastern Star.
- Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 63 in Lincoln from 1988-1993. Elected Associate Grand Guardian in 1996-1997. Recipient of the International H.I.K.E. Board's Volunteer Award.
- Initiated an honorary member of National Sojourners in 2004, Omaha Chapter No. 19. Also, initiated into the Heroes of '76 in 2007.

His family has been active in the Masonic family as well. Wife, Julie, is a Past Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters and a recipient of the Royal Purple Degree. Julie is a Past Honored Queen of St. Paul Bethel No. 71, and Past Guardian of Bethel No. 3 Alliance and Bethel #5 Lincoln. She is a member of Naphis Temple No. 66 of the Daughters of the Nile and Eastern Star.

Daughters Heather Younger and Natalie Kent are Past Honored Queens of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 63, Lincoln, and both earned the Lily of the Valley Award, and Heather received the Royal Purple Degree and is a Past Guardian of Bethel No. 63. The two sisters are members of Eastern Star and Naphis Temple of the Daughters of the Nile. Natalie and Heather also served as Sweethearts for Eiche DeMolay Chapter in Lincoln. Son-in-law Erik Younger is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Sesostris Shrine.

Table of Contents

Preface

Reginald S. Kuhn, 2008 Grand Master.....	v
Russell G. Reno, 2009 Grand Master-Elect.....	vii

Proceedings

Certification of Authenticity.....	1
Record of Proceedings.....	1
Introduction of Representatives from Rainbow for Girls.....	2
Introduction of Representatives from Job’s Daughters.....	2
Introduction of Representatives of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star..	2
Introduction of Representatives of Daughters of the Nile.....	2
Introduction of Representatives of the Social Order of the Beauceant.....	2
Greetings from Rainbow for Girls.....	3
Greetings from Job’s Daughters.....	3
Greetings from Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.....	3
Greetings from Daughters of the Nile.....	3
Greetings from the Social Order of the Beauceant.....	3
Necrology.....	4
Grand Oration.....	4
Opening Session – Friday.....	8
Report of the Committee on Business and Rules.....	9
Election of Officers – Opening of the Ballot.....	10
Reception of Past Grand Masters of Nebraska.....	11
Preliminary Report of the Appropriations Committee.....	11
Report of the Youth Committee.....	12
Introduction of Officers of Visiting Jurisdictions.....	13
Introduction of and Greetings from DeMolay.....	14
DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award and Mason of the Year Award....	14
Report of the Committee on Nebraska Work.....	16
Introductions of Officers from Nebraska York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine.....	19
Election of Officers – Closing of the Ballot.....	20
Workshop.....	20
Membership Banquet – Friday.....	21
Grand Master’s Humanitarian Awards.....	21
Masonic Charities Golf Tournament Proceeds.....	22
Twain Award.....	22
Child Identification Program Award.....	22
Rock Maul Award.....	23
Secretary of the Year Award.....	23
Gold Pan Award.....	24
Lodge Membership Awards.....	24
Grand Master’s Leadership Award.....	24
Nebraska Pillar Award.....	25
Plus Club Certificates.....	25
Grand Master’s Recruitment Award.....	25
Second Session – Saturday.....	27

Report of Ballot.....	28
Final Report of the Appropriations Committee	29
Report of the Credentials Committee	33
Address of the Grand Master.....	35
Report of the Masonic Relief Committee	73
Deputy Grand Master’s Address	74
James L. “Sonny” Eatmon Traveling Gavel.....	77
Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence	78
Report of the Grand Secretary	79
Report of the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	81
Report of the Child Identification Program (CHIP) Committee.....	85
Report of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	86
Report of the Grand Custodian.....	88
Recognition of Nebraska Deputy Grand Custodians	92
Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee	92
Report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee.....	93
Lodge Facilities Matching Grants	94
Grand Master’s Recommendations	95
Voting on Resolutions	106
Approval of Printed Reports.....	108
Report of the Committee on Masonic Education.....	108
Report of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee	110
Report of the Committee on Finance.....	111
Report of the Grand Lodge Office Committee	112
Report of the Lodge Advisory Committee	113
Report of the Public Relations Committee	113
Report of the Membership Committee	114
Report of the Grievances Committee.....	119
Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.....	119
Report of the Awards Committee	119
Report of the Internet and Computer Technology Committee.....	120
Presentation of the Past Grand Master’s Apron and Jewel.....	121
Report of Pending Resolutions	121
Report of the Committee on Codification of the Law	122
Organization of the Grand Lodge	
2008 Grand Lodge Officers.....	136
Past Grand Masters/Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge.....	136
Grand Lodge Committees.....	138
Deputy Grand Custodians & Their Districts.....	143
Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti	146
Deputy Grand Custodian Apprentices	146
Membership Activity Record	147
Historical Records and Information	
Roll of Past Grand Masters.....	153
Roll of Past Grand Secretaries	156
Roll of Past Grand Custodians.....	156
Grand Lecturers	157

Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians & Date of Appointment.....	157
Rock Maul Award	162
Gold Pan Award	163
Grand Master's Humanitarian Award	164
Existing Lodges	165
Consolidated Lodges	173
Lodges Organized in Territories Other Than Nebraska.....	177
Extinct Lodges.....	178
Masonic Calendar	179
Rules for Masonic Dates.....	179
Representatives of Lodges	180
Grand Jurisdiction Representatives	186
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund.....	189
Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund	191
Index	193

Grand Lodge

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



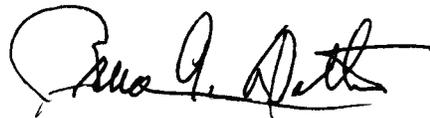
2009

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 October, 2009.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

2009 Proceedings
of the
One Hundred Fifty-second
Annual Communication of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska

Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

2009

2009 Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska

One Hundred Fifty-second
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

Most Worshipful Reginald S. Kuhn
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 2009

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 6, 2009.

M.: W.: Dean Skokan presided.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the M.: W.: Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn.

M.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn took the podium and introduced the Grand Chaplain for the invocation.



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



Grand Master Kuhn asked that all remain standing for the presentation of the colors. The Colors were presented by York Rite Grand Commandery, Knights Templar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.



Grand Master Kuhn welcomed everyone to the 152nd Annual Communication. During the Public Opening, he explained, presiding officers from several of the appendant bodies of the Nebraska Masonic family would be welcomed; proper tribute would be paid to deceased brothers and the Grand Orator would bring his oration. However, most of the introductions of visiting brothers would take place after the Formal Opening later in the morning.



M.: W.: Kuhn asked the Grand Marshal to escort to the east the representatives from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Nebraska Job’s Daughters, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and the Social Order of the Beauceant to be seated in preparation to bring greetings.



Grand Marshal Joe McBride introduced the representatives:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Caryn Stuhr, Grand Worthy Advisor
Betty Garwood, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska

Nebraska Job’s Daughters

Mimi Shirley, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Dehnia Herrick, Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter
Lindsey Wernsman, Miss Nebraska Congeniality
Penny Alderson, Grand Guardian
Tom Greenlee, Associate Grand Guardian
Mary Louise Gillispie, Past Grand Guardian and Grand Secretary
Mary Warren, Vice Grand Guardian

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Wanda Fisher, Worthy Grand Matron
Lowell Erickson, Worthy Grand Patron
Billie Mattern, Associate Grand Matron
Bruce Raddatz, Associate Grand Patron
Jerrie Wilcox, Grand Conductress
Carol Hudkins, Associate Grand Conductress
Becky Baker, Grand Adah
Kathy Worrell, Grand Electa
Judy Wehrbein, Grand Warder
Carl Plants, Grand Sentinel

Daughters of the Nile, from Sat-ra Temple No. 59 in Omaha

Bev Donham, Queen

Social Order of the Beauceant from Omaha Assembly No. 91

Bonnie Brasel, Worthy President

By applause, Most Worshipful Reg asked all those in attendance to thank the members of the Masonic Family introduced for being present at the Public Opening.



Grand Master Reg called upon Caryn Stuhr, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Betty Garwood , Supreme Deputy in Nebraska, came forward to present Grand Master Kuhn with the Grand Cross Service Award from Rainbow.



Miss Mimi Shirley, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, was asked to bring greetings from Nebraska Job's Daughters.



Most Worshipful Reg invited Wanda Fisher, Worthy Grand Matron, and Lowell Erickson, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Bev Donham, Queen of Sat-ra Temple No. 59 in Omaha, brought greetings from Daughters of the Nile.



Grand Master Reg welcomed Bonnie Brasel, Worthy President of Assembly No. 91, to bring greetings from the Social Order of the Beauceant.



Most Worshipful Reg once again thanked the leaders of the appendant bodies who brought greetings during the Public Opening. He explained that, in Nebraska, we are very fortunate for the cooperation we have between all members of the Masonic bodies. He pointed out what a wonderful journey the past year has been and that it was easier because of the cooperation and acknowledgement that we are all spreading the light of Freemasonry, regardless of the organization that we belong to.



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



Most Worshipful Reg then asked James Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain

It is my honor and duty to report to you those brethren that have been laid to eternal rest this past year.

This toilsome journey we travel daily is filled with joy and sorrow. Our hearts are heavy as we reflect on those not with us today, yet we also have joy in our minds for having the opportunity to meet, travel and labor with these great men. Our duty as Masons is not done and our work is not yet complete. We will always be with our deceased brethren's widows and families. This is but one of the many great teachings in Masonry.

This past year we also lost a Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Wayne Lueningborg. Most Worshipful Lueningborg was the 121st Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. His journey on this earth ended and holy rest began on May 12, 2008. He was a member of Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, he was also active in Shrine, Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies. We will be grateful forever for his service and commitment to our Grand Lodge and to Masonry itself.

LET US PRAY

Glorious Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, we thank thee for the opportunity we have had to labor and travel with our dearly departed brethren. We pray for their families and ask that you will give them strength and support in their hours of darkness. May our departed brethren be rewarded with the eternal life in your house and grant to them holy rest and peace. May their memory in this life be eternal.

Amen

And now my Brethren as we observe the names of our departed brethren listed on this slideshow presentation, let us be reminded of the great memories we have with these men and may we be inspired to carry on the work they left behind, God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Lapaseotes
Grand Chaplain

A PowerPoint presentation was then observed that listed the names and lodges of all 427 Brethren who departed in 2008 to the house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Grand Master Reg thanked Jim for his report and asked everyone to keep Past Grand Master Charles Amidon in their thoughts and prayers, who lost his wife Jean this week. Her memorial service will be held Saturday, February 7. Jean's contributions were many and her life well lived.

GRAND ORATION

Thomas L. Hauder, Grand Orator

Grand Master Kuhn, brethren and guests.

The year 2008 was an exciting year for Masonry in general and Masonry in Nebraska in particular. As we move forward in this century, many lodges are having their 100th, 125th or even 150th century celebration. The Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge were privileged to be able to participate in many of these ceremonies and look forward to many more in 2009.

Masonry on the whole seems to have turned the corner in 2008. For years we have been wringing our hands, worrying about the Craft and what would become of it. We have tried many things. Some worked, some didn't. But beneath it all was the realization that Masonry must stand and must survive. Our fore brothers have left us an amazing legacy that, for awhile, looked like it might be going the way of the dinosaurs.

Brothers, I am here to tell you that Masonry is on the rebound. Across the country and across our state, we see signs of a new reinvigorated fraternity. Lodges are beginning to try more innovating things to get back on track. More and more minds are open to the changes that have taken place in society and is beginning to reshape the men that we can attract to the fraternity.

This resurgence in interest in Masonry and polishing up our image and making Masonry relevant again may just have shown up in time. It doesn't take a genius to look around and figure out the world is a bit messed up – the economy, the environment, schools, our politicians and so on. Many of these problems are brought on by greed, a lack of ethical framework and huge overdriving egos. But Masonry holds the answer to many, if not all, of these problems. Within the basic tenets of Masonry is the fundamental stuff, the building blocks if you will, of a well ordered and just society. We need to share this with the world and become once again a major force in the American society and the world at large.

In Nebraska, Masonry has shown improvement across the state. It's showing in the questions that we get at Grand Lodge, at the requests we get at Grand Lodge for assistance and trying new things. It shows in the well-thought-out mission statements that you see on the wall behind you, and in the attitudes of the individual brothers that we have met in our travels. The theme of positive change is also represented at the Grand Lodge level by the new five-year plan, the Grand Master's Recommendations, the leadership training, the membership programs and other plans that will help us to continue this positive trend. To be sure, it's not all positive news. We still have many challenges to overcome and much hard work ahead of us. But the payoff for overcoming these challenges and doing all the hard work is so great, both for the Craft and for society, that we cannot and will not shrink from this duty.

Much has been made of the need for change in our society in the last year. We've heard the word so often because we, as a people, are at one of those crossroads in history where we are restless and eager to break free from the old habits that no longer serve our needs. In the spirit of that feeling, I would like to challenge all Masons in Nebraska to change three things in the coming Masonic year.

Challenge number one – learn to embrace change. This is possibly the hardest thing for any of us to do. It is natural for a man to want to stay in his comfort zone and believe that things are as good as they can be. But a quick look at history tells us this simply isn't so. Where would we be if the founding fathers had settled for the status quo? Where would we be if the scientists of our world never went past the knowledge of the Greeks? The automobile industry ignored W. Edwards Deming in the 1950's when he tried to change methods of production. Rebuffed by American manufacturing, he went to Japan. The outcome of not embracing change and new methods - take a look at the current auto and manufacturing crisis that we have in this country. Change is inevitable. We can embrace it and manage it, or we can be made obsolete by it and relegate it to the dust bin of history.

Managing change, however, is not throwing out everything and starting over from scratch, but examining what are the true fundamental things, the essence of our Craft, taking those things out of the box, looking at them anew and deciding how they can be put together again for an even greater effect. The important thing is this, to be able, at any moment, to sacrifice what we are for what we could become.

Challenge number two – change your attitude. One of the amazing things about Masonry is that it's so many different things to so many different people, one of the reasons that Masonry can and does attract a great variety of men with a great variety of backgrounds and opinions. In the *Transcendentalist*, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote "As thinkers, mankind has ever been divided into two sects, materialists and idealists. The materialist insists on facts, on history, on the force of circumstances and the animal wants of many. The idealist on the power of thought and of will, on inspiration, on miracle, on individual culture." We are much like Emerson's observation.

Many Masons are stuck on one narrow definition of Masonry and do not take the time to appreciate the other sides' view of the Craft. We hear arguments about the Craft that are mostly emotional and often followed by the phrase, "but we've always done it that way." Masonry is a very big lodge and has room under its infinite roof to house many different ways of enjoying it. So if you're a ritualist, try being an educator. If you're an education buff, try being a ritualist. If you're only involved in philanthropy, try being a lodge officer. The point is to try something new, if only to find out how your brother is experiencing Masonry and the chance to understand him better. There is an old zen saying, "In the beginner's mind, there are many possibilities. In the expert's mind, there are few. Become a beginner again."

Challenge number three – change your actions. How we act, how we live outside the lodge is just as important how we act and live inside our lodges. We are someone's idea of what a Mason is. Every time we claim the title and tell the profane that that's what we are, they form an opinion of what Masonry must be. Our actions speak much louder than our words. So we must change our actions so that if someone watching you does not know you are a Mason or anything about Masonry, they should be able to tell that there's something different, special about you, how you live your life, how you treat people in your world view.

This is a tremendous challenge for several reasons. First, Masonry calls us to live a life to a very exacting set of standards and ethics. We all took an obligation to do certain things and act in certain ways. None of us took these obligations lightly, but do we live up to this standard? Secondly, today's society, on the whole, has a much different set of social and ethical mores than in the past. While I don't believe that civilization is crumbling around our knees quite yet, there has certainly been a shift in actions and attitudes in the last few decades. This means that some of what we hold as truths may not be in style or may not seem to apply to our situations any longer and may make us seem unpopular or out of step with popular culture. And yet it is the same lack of out of style or unpopular ideas that is causing so much turmoil in our world. If we can bring these ideas back into vogue, we can make a fundamental difference in the world around us.

The third thing that will make changing our actions difficult is that we're human. When it's all said and done, we're all human, which means we have flaws and we are going to make mistakes. Regardless of your religious beliefs, all religions have recognized that part and parcel of the human experience is that we are not perfect in this life. So it will be impossible to be the perfect Mason all the time, but this does not release us from the obligation to try. The Talmud gave us this advice on such a task..."Don't be daunted by

the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work but neither are you free to abandon it."

So with that said, how can we meet the challenge of Changing our Actions?

In my Masonic life, I have been blessed with knowing quite a few outstanding role models to help me with this never ending task. Some of them are here today and some are no longer with us but they have all had and continue to have a tremendous positive effect on my development as a Mason. Each of you need to find a brother or brothers that can inspire you to try to be more than you are now. Try to live up to the extraordinary demands of claiming to be a Master Mason. At the same time, be ready and willing to be an example for someone else and give back what you have learned. Be open to improvement. Make it a habit to continuously look for small ways to improve. Your life and the lives of those around you will be better for the effort.

Nebraska Past Grand Master John Tapster said it this way in 1932, "The history of Freemasonry is written in deeds, not in words. When the outer world comes to recognize a Mason by his deeds, by his daily walk and conversation, instead of by watch, charms and emblems upon his person, then and only then will Masonry have accomplished its purpose. Let us therefore strive to make the fundamental principles laid down upon the trestleboard of Masonry the dominant star of our attainment."

I've put before you today a tremendous set of challenges, but I truly believe that the Masons of Nebraska are up to these challenges and that in the coming year we will see even more positive change than has already transpired. Momentum is building and we must strive to keep it growing. Brothers, we are beginning to see the light at the end of a long, dark tunnel that has kept us in darkness for many years. That light at the end is the light of Masonry, and it beckons us to follow it out of the tunnel and into the light of brotherly love, relief and truth, and to spread that light around the world. Let us not tarry and cling to those things that led us into the tunnel in the first place, but let us shed these self-made anchors and hasten to the light with our hearts, minds and souls focused on the goal of being brought to further light in Masonry. Brother George Washington said, "The great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." Let us prove him right.



Grand Master Kuhn made some closing remarks, thanked the York Rite Commandery, Knights Templar, for serving as the color guard; Gary Jones, Bill Gekas and Cliff Moore for serving as photographers throughout the session; and Paul Rutherford for serving as sound man every year. He thanked M.:W.: Dean Skokan for opening the public session, as well as the Grand Lodge officers for their help throughout the year. The Brethren were asked to clear the room in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

2009 Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska

One Hundred Fifty-second
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

Most Worshipful Reginald S. Kuhn
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 2009

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Solar Lodge No. 134 and Lincoln Lodge No. 19 with Masons present.

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

The Grand Master declared the 152nd Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

Most Worshipful Reg welcomed everyone again to the session and reminded the brethren that cell phones should be off or turned to vibrate. If one is heard, it is a twenty-five dollar fine that will be donated to the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program.

Grand Master Kuhn thanked the brethren of Solar Lodge No. 134 and Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for opening lodge for the Annual Communication, noting that his father William Kuhn served as Master for the opening. He mentioned that both lodges are very special to him and it was a privilege to have both lodges participate.

At this time, Grand Master Kuhn appointed M.: W.: Brother Dwight Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 152nd 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF THE BALLOT

Grand Master Kuhn declared the ballot for the Election of Officers open. 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 Kuhn noted that only one option could be used. If ballots are received with names written in, as well as the box for advancement checked, the ballot will not be counted. Ballots should be placed in the ballot box in the back of the lodge room any time during the session Friday morning, at which time the ballot will be declared closed and turned over to the tellers for proper counting.



Most Worshipful Kuhn asked all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to retire with the Grand Marshal to form a procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.



Grand Master Reg reviewed that one of the challenges he issued to lodges during 2008 was to develop a mission statement. About 40 lodges took up the challenge. Those mission statements are hung on the back wall of the lodge room and he encouraged everyone to take the time to read through them. Ballots are available on the back table to vote for the mission statement members think best states what a local lodge should be about. The balloting will be “on your honor as a Mason.” He thanked the lodges who participated in developing mission statements.

M.:W.: Kuhn explained that one of the things Deputy Grand Master Russ Reno developed over the last couple years was an Ideas that Work email that comes out periodically. During the course of the Grand Lodge session, there will be commercials of ideas that work, and he hopes that the members will find some ideas to take back to their lodges through the Ideas that Work.

Most Worshipful Reg told those gathered that he will be using two gavels during the session. They are both very special. The first one was presented to him at his installation last February by his family. The second is also very special, as it was used by the late Past Grand Master Dick Ricketts, who was Grand Master from 1966 to 1967. It is special to him because he works for the Mattson Ricketts law firm in Lincoln Nebraska and Dick Ricketts was a long-time partner and a mentor and his family graciously allowed Reg to use Dick’s gavel this year.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

Paul R. Eveland.....	1988
Steven F. Mattoon.....	1994
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
Dean Skokan.....	2007

Grand Master Kuhn led the grand honors.

Grand Master Kuhn’s Masonic father, M.:W.: Les Seiler, took the microphone and presented Reg with a rubber chicken in remembrance of all of the Masonic meals he has enjoyed over the years.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

David G. Krogh, Chairman

Due to the absence of W.:B.: David Krogh, W.:B.: Paul Rutherford, a member of the Appropriations committee, brought everyone’s attention to the printed report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2009 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.



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



Grand Master Kuhn asked Grand Senior Warden John Parsons to approach the podium. R.:W.: Parsons announced that the 154th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska will be held at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island February 3, 4, and 5, 2011.



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Tom Hauder, Grand Orator.

“At Tabula Rasa No. 332, what we have adopted is six times a year we have a festive board where we typically dress formally for the meeting and will go out to a nice restaurant as a group. We don’t talk about football or business or

whatever, but we take our Masonic discussion from our previous education piece that we had during lodge with us and continue to discuss that over dinner. We've found that by spending a little extra for dinner and going out it makes it a special occasion, helps bond the lodge together and we get some really good discussion going on the question of the day."

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Don Jelinek, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Youth Committee members selected this year's youth group members to receive three \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients were: Ryan Grazier from International Order of DeMolay for Boys, Nicole Retzlaff from Job's Daughters International and Kristi Thomsen from The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Receiving the fourth \$1,000 scholarship, the Grand Master's Scholarship, was Kelli Ferguson from Job's Daughters International.

Again this year, members of the Youth Committee have attended each of the annual communications of the youth groups and continue to be active at the local and states levels of these organizations, as well as the Masonic-Eastern Star 4-H Achievement Day.

On October 18 and 19, the third triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was held in Kearney. A mix of Nebraska and nationally-known presenters contributed to the success of the conference. The attendance was lower than at the previous conferences, which can probably be attributed to the fact that the youth groups are experiencing the same membership problems as the adult Masonic bodies.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Grand Lodge Youth Committee listed below and also to work with the expanded committee responsible for the Masonic Youth Leadership Committee. They were: Karan & Tim Birdsall, Jim Carlton, Betty Garwood, Mary Gillispie, Keith Neisler, Mike Stuhr, Jan Thoman, Judy & Gene Wehrbein and youth leaders Courtney Fasnacht, Kim Rieken and Rush Storz. Their efforts were greatly appreciated, as was the help of our Grand Lodge Office Manager, Michelle Fulmer. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Jelinek, 54, Chairman
James Carlton, 325
Keith Neisler, 1
Gene Wehrbein, 6
Blaine Hornbuckle, 50

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICERS OF VISITING JURISDICTIONS

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

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of NebraskaDavid Jefferson, Grand Master
Russell W. Hobson, Grand Historian

From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Stephen Gardner, Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Vermont Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master and
Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association

From the Grand Lodge of Indiana.....Charles Marlowe, Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Texas T.E. Gene Carnes, Grand Senior Warden and
Personal Representative of the Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Illinois Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Minnesota..... Thomas Hendrickson, Junior Grand Warden
Frederick B. Vihovde, Past Grand Treasurer and
Personal Rep of the Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Kansas Sterling P. Hornbuckle, Grand Master
Roy T. Sullivan, Jr., Grand Senior Warden

From the Grand Lodge of Colorado..... Brian Cotter, Grand Master
John V. Egan, III, Senior Grand Warden
Dana A. Speaks, Senior Grand Deacon

From the Grand Lodge of NevadaAllan “Skip” Pounds, Personal Rep of the Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.....Harry W.C. Oberg, III, Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of South Dakota..... Virgil D. Andersen, Grand Master
Jack H. Welker, Deputy Grand Master
Dean Behrens, Senior Grand Warden
Richard Decker, Junior Grand Warden
Denny Robinson, Past Grand Master
Charles N. Kaufman, Past Grand Master and
Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the
Scottish Rite Supreme Council of South Dakota

From the Grand Lodge of North Dakota..... Alvin K. Wold, Grand Master
Brian Burkett, Senior Grand Warden

Scottish Rite Valley of Sioux City..... George Harrison, Secretary/Registrar

DeMolay InternationalNick Walker, Field Representative

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



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

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

State Master Councilor Brother Ryan Grazier was asked to come forward to bring greetings and to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year and Mason of the Year Awards. Ryan brought greetings and presented Grand Master Reg with the DeMolay shirt. Ryan turned the microphone over to Travis Bader, State Senior Councilor to present the DeMolay Mason of the Year.

Nebraska DeMolay is proud to present its Mason of the Year Award to a brother who is devoted to the golden Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The record of service of the 2008 award recipient clearly demonstrates his understanding of the importance of application of those tenets to our daily lives.

Although only a Mason since 1993, this brother has been active in the fraternity, having served as Master of his lodge twice. He is proficient, and assists in funeral orations in his area and is a strong proponent of Freemasonry. This brother is also very active in the appendant bodies, understanding the importance of unity among the Nebraska Masonic Family. This list of the committee memberships and other Masonic activities is extensive but, of note, he has just completed a term on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the 2008 Nebraska DeMolay Mason of the Year Award to Worshipful Brother Jack D. Nichols of Robert W. Furnas Lodge in Scottsbluff.

Ryan Grazier returned to the microphone to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award.

DeMolay Chapters must have at least three Master Masons on their advisory board and be sponsored by a Masonic family body. Each year, Nebraska DeMolay recognizes a group who has gone above and beyond as the Nebraska DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year. The 2008 recipient is always looking for ways to assist their Chapter. This group has always been very generous of their time and financial resources. The officers of the sponsoring body are known to the members of their DeMolay chapters not only because they see them around the building, but because they will attend meetings on occasion and work side by side with them on various projects. Their unsolicited response has always been "whatever it takes." The decision over this year's award was very difficult, not only because there are several DeMolay sponsoring bodies doing a good job, but also because this group has won the award previously. Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Tangier Shrine of Omaha.



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

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Dwight E. Smith, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation had its annual meeting Thursday, February 5, which was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and some interested Brethren. The following matters were presented and acted upon at the meeting: Financial statements for the fiscal year ending May 2008 were presented and approved. The profit and loss statement showed a net income of \$14,312.00. The balance sheet as of that date showed total assets

of \$448,660.00, with no liabilities. All of our cash is invested in insured deposit accounts and money market accounts, so the Foundation didn't suffer any losses in the market. One of the primary assets is the building in Lincoln that is owned by the Foundation and leased to the Grand Lodge for the Grand Lodge Office and museum. A motion was approved to acquire directors and officers liability insurance. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the location of the Grand Lodge Office. A motion was adopted to endorse the actions that are pending by the Lincoln Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge Officers to locate the Grand Lodge Office and the museum at the Scottish Rite Building on Centennial Mall in Lincoln. Michelle, our Office Manager, updated those in attendance on improvements and maintenance that have been done on the existing building. There was a slate of new directors and officers elected. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President	M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith
Vice President	M.: W.: Michael E. Jones
Secretary/Treasurer	M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen

Remember, every Mason in the state is a member of the Foundation. A lot of effort is involved in raising money for Masonry in the state.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight E. Smith, President

M.: W.: Smith moved for the report to be received. The motion was seconded and passed.



Grand Master Reg took a few moments to follow up on Past Grand Master Smith's comments about the possible relocation of the Grand Lodge Office:

"There is discussion about a relocation of that office and I know that there are rumors circulating, so I want to give a report on the status of that project at this time. As Dwight indicated, currently the Grand Lodge rents its office space from the Nebraska Masonic Foundation and we are very grateful for the support that they give us in providing that space. Also, the office houses our museum and some of our historical artifacts.

Grand Lodge has been in the building for over ten years and while that building has served our needs well, anyone who has been in Lincoln will recognize that that neighborhood is changing. Part of that change came about when the new overpass was completed north of Memorial Stadium. Part of that change is coming about because of the Antelope Valley Project. Those of us in Lincoln have other descriptors for the Antelope Valley Project. But also part of the change is the demographics of the neighborhood. The demographics have changed so much that this year at our request, a security system has now been installed in the Grand Lodge Office so that you have to buzz in through a security camera before you can gain entrance. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of incidents in the last year. Thankfully, nothing serious, but we thought for the safety of our staff that we needed to take that precaution. I think we also know that when we went into that building it was with the understanding that it was a temporary home and that we would be looking in the future for a more permanent location. While we have looked at several options, discussions with the Lincoln Scottish Rite as to relocation into that building have been the most

fruitful. These discussions have been very positive and have reached a point where we have executed a mutual memorandum of our understanding that the Grand Lodge Offices will relocate into that building upon the satisfaction of several important conditions. Those conditions include the negotiation of a mutually agreed long-term lease, the completion of a mutually agreed renovation plan for the building, the development and more importantly, the execution of a fund-raising campaign to raise money to pay for those renovations. So you can see, there's much to be done, this is not a done deal. However, before we started to incur more costs for architects fees and planning design, we felt it was important to put down in writing the understanding that we have between the various bodies.

We believe that this is a positive step forward. We believe that the Scottish Rite building is an impressive building in a very good location in Lincoln. We also are looking for additional space to house not only the museum and artifacts that we have on display, but also the many artifacts that we have from the Lininger collection. We're going to talk about that a little bit later, but if you're out in the pre-function area, you will notice there is a display of some of those artifacts. So I wanted to give you an update of where we are. At the conclusion of the workshops this afternoon at 4:00 I'm going to stay here. If you have specific questions about the project, what it might entail, our discussions, I will be here to answer those questions, because we want this to be a transparent process as we move forward. There are still a lot of questions to be answered, but I wanted to share with all of you where we are at this time and if you have specific questions or comments or suggestions, we would welcome those after the workshops this afternoon."



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Tom Hauder, Grand Orator.

"At our regular business meeting, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 hosted a youth night. After the regular business meeting, spouses and other guests were invited into the lodge. This event educated the members of the lodge and exposed the youth as well to the members of the lodge. We will be planning another one of these for our next upcoming business meeting in March and it demonstrated the continued relevance that we as Masons have with the youth groups that we are fortunate to have here in Nebraska. If any members attending would like more information, I would encourage you to visit our web site, www.nebraskalodgeone.com."



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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Most Worshipful Grand Master Reginald Kuhn used as a theme or his article in the December edition of The Nebraska Mason, an observation that "Now is the Time." It is certainly time for a lot of positive acts, with Most Worshipful Reg calling particular

attention to it being a Time to ask friends to join; a time to become relevant in our communities; and, time for experienced Masons to mentor newer Mason.

It is the view, at least of the Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work, that our Masonic Ritual can be a great vehicle to help achieve the above goals. First, well delivered ritual in our degree ceremonies and lectures creates within us an anxiousness to showcase our lodges' abilities while creating a learning experience of a lifetime with our friends – by making them not only friend but rather “brother.” Relevance to one's community rests to a large measure on the enhanced sense a new Masonic Brother has as to understanding his own self-worth, emotional security gained in an understanding of more highly developed inner feelings of the importance of family, church and community in his life and instilling in each brother a desire to be of service to his brothers both inside and outside the lodge – in short – in his “community.” As to mentoring – the ritual is a long-accepted vehicle for mentoring – the story lines are all there in the ritual, the guidance for one's conduct, the importance of faith and trust in God, the understanding of life, death and other concepts conveyed by lectures and certainly the time spent together in quality conversation. Further, one must not leave out the lore of the Masonic Fraternity and the lore of each of our lodges. Every lodge has its “story” as to events and personalities, with each story leading back to what makes our lodge what it is. Nay, more, we can relate each story back to some impact on other brothers and each of our communities. Every Masonic Lodge in every community is a part of such community's history.

The charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work is not to find the answers for the overall health of Masonry. Rather our Committee charge is to see that the ritual is precise, well presented, and not perverted or subjected to wholesale change to fit the whims of any self-appointed Masonic champion of a new cause. Change can be appropriate and good in many senses, but much of the secret of Freemasonry is the timelessness of the lessons contained within the ritual. The view of many finds that Ritual is of generally good quality with many lodges working industriously on both floor work and ritual presentation. 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 Reginald Kuhn 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. 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.

Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work were again pleased to participate in the annual Deputy Custodians' School in Hastings in September. The effort of the Deputy Custodians and their apprentices is sincerely appreciated. 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 2008. Those classes and the resultant new Masons were as follows:

<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Raised</u>	<u># Courtesy</u>
Jan 26	Springfield 112	Omaha	16	12
Apr 12	Bee Hive 184	Omaha	11	10
May 3	Liberty 300	Lincoln	14	10
Jul 12	G W Lininger 268	Omaha	19	16
Oct 18	Bellevue 325	Omaha	15	14
Oct 18	Liberty 300	Lincoln	8	5
Oct 25	Omadi 5	S Sioux City	23	16
Nov 8	Hickman 256	Lincoln	1	1
Total			107	84

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. The motion was seconded and carried.



Most Worshipful Reg noted that Jack Jones, Imperial Potentate of Shriners of North America, was planning to be in attendance at the session, however, business required that he remain in Tampa. Jack called to express to all of his friends in Nebraska his regret for not being able to attend and extended best wishes to all for the wonderful work that is done to support the Shrine and also to recognize the great unity that is enjoyed in Nebraska.



Grand Master Kuhn announced that the Installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Lodge Officers will be held Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 3:00 pm at the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite. He also announced that the 153rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island on February 4, 5 and 6, 2010.

Most Worshipful Kuhn encouraged everyone to come back after lunch for the workshops beginning at 1:30 p.m. He reiterated that he would be available following the workshops to answer any questions about the potential relocation of the Grand Lodge Office and the Grand Master’s Recommendations being offered to ballot on Saturday. He also 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

- Bruce T. Anderson..... Grand Secretary/Recorder
- Ronald D. Grass..... Most Eminent Grand High Priest
- Steve Barchus Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- Grand Captain of the Host

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

- Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr. Deputy, Supreme Council for Nebraska
- Curt Edic..... General Secretary, Omaha
- Gene Gatti..... General Secretary, Alliance
- W. Glen Jorgenson General Secretary, Hastings
- Bruce Wood General Secretary, Lincoln

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

- Andrew Borske..... Potentate, Sesostris
- Bill Nelson..... Past Potentate, Sesostris
- Jeffrey Jackson Potentate, Tangier
- Cary Manson Chief Rabban, Tangier
- Greg Hadcock..... High Priest and Prophet, Tangier
- Lynn Naber..... Potentate, Tehama
- W. Glen Jorgenson Recorder, Tehama

National Sojourners, Inc.

- Gerald D. Verbeek..... Regional Representative, Nebraska and Iowa
- Major Chuck A. Folsom Past National President

Grand Master Kuhn asked everyone to welcome the leaders of the appendant bodies and greeted each of the officers individually as they returned to their seats.



Most Worshipful Reg asked Charles Sederstrom, Deputy of the Supreme Council for Nebraska, to step forward and bring greetings on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies. Deputy Sederstrom also announced the appointment of Ben Harvey as the new development director for the Nebraska Scottish Rite.



Most Worshipful Kuhn asked Brian Cotter, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and a native of Hebron, Nebraska, to come forward and bring greetings and the annual Husker report from behind enemy lines.

2009 Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska

One Hundred Fifty-second
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

Most Worshipful Reginald S. Kuhn
Grand Master

Membership Banquet
Friday, February 6, 2009
7:00 p.m.

After dinner, Grand Master Reg Kuhn 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.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Grand Master Kuhn said he had the distinct pleasure of awarding the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to two Worshipful Brothers this year – Tony Vrana of Oliver Lodge No. 38 in Seward and Sam Nelson of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln. He invited Tony to come forward to say a few words.

Sam was unable to attend the banquet, but sent some remarks to be shared:

“My lady Norma and I wish we could be with you in person at the 152nd Annual Communication to acknowledge and convey our personal feelings and emotions regarding being one of the recipients of the 2008 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award.

I am honored to have been selected by you to receive this award and distinction. Masonry has been a significant part of my life for nearly 50 years. I have attempted to live my life on the principles of Masonry and the teaching of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Masonry has taught me compassion for others and to conduct our lives to benefit a greater cause. Masonry teaches good men to be better.

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as Master of my lodge, I am proud to be affiliated with other Masonic organizations, including the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Sesostris Shrine. I have been blessed to work with other Masonic brethren in the interest of Masonry. For this, I am most grateful.

Congratulations to you for your guidance and stewardship of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska this past year. Masonry is alive and well in Nebraska because of individuals such as Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.”

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

Grand Master Kuhn asked Ron Giesselmann 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 \$3,768.33.

TWAIN AWARD

The Twain Award, a new award from the Masonic Service Association in 2008, 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 Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln were invited to come forward and accept the award.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Grand Master Kuhn asked Kent Broyhill, President of the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program Foundation, 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 Ryan VanCleave, Chief of Police in Laurel, Nebraska to come forward and accept his award for the non-Masonic award category.

Vaughn Robertson, a member of Lebanon Lodge No. 3 of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was the recipient of the award for a Mason. He was unable to attend the banquet.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

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 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to come forward and receive the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award and the members present from Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to come forward and receive the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award.

The 2nd Runner-up in the large lodge category was Papillion Lodge No. 39, and the 1st Runner-up was Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney.

The 2nd Runner-up in the small lodge category was North Bend Lodge No. 119, and the 1st Runner-up was Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff.

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 2009, for the lodge year 2008, Michelle Fulmer and Carol Schroeder presented the award to Ralph Riemann, Secretary of Cotner Lodge No. 297.

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.

Before the presentation was made, Most Worshipful Kuhn thanked Brothers Chuck Folsom, Ben Harvey and Mervin Boschult for their contributions in adding the larger piece of walnut to accommodate additional plates for the award.

Grand Master Reg Kuhn then presented the award to members of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff.

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 Springfield Lodge No. 112. The winner in the small lodge division was James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 in Kimball.

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 2008 Masters were asked to come forward to receive their awards:

Noland McIntosh of Papillion Lodge No. 39
Doug Rasmussen of North Bend Lodge No. 119
Monte Gies of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow
Kent Broyhill of Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City

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 who submitted an award application will receive it.

Grand Master Kuhn asked Kent Broyhill of Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to come forward to receive his award.

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

Kent Broyhill 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 Kuhn asked for representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive the awards:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 of Plattsmouth
 Omadi Lodge No. 5 of South Sioux City
 Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion
 North Bend Lodge No. 119 of North Bend
 Custer Lodge No. 148 of Broken Bow
 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

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

Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield	Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln
James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294, Kimball	Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, Craig	Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse
Solomon Lodge No. 10, Ft. Calhoun	Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City
Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis	Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon
Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton	Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley	George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln
Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford	Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus
Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine	Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk
Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport	

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.

- 14 – Pepper Aasgaard, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Covert Lodge No. 11, and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 13 – Loren Moore, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 12 – Ivan Vrtiska, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 11 – Charles Odorizzi, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
- 10 – Ralph Riemann, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 9 – Bill Parrish, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island
- 8 – Greg Hadcock, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 7 – James Hirl, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 6 – Curt Edic, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 5 – Paul Bohannon, Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
- 4 – Patrick Barger, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 3 – Trevor Gerson, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha

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

2nd – Ric Helms, Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln

1st – Craig Crawford, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha

Craig also received a pocket badge and his picture will be placed on the plaque that is displayed at the Grand Lodge Office.

Following the award presentations, the banquet attendees enjoyed a comedy magic show by Amazing Arthur.

2009 Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska

One Hundred Fifty-second
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

Most Worshipful Reginald S. Kuhn
Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 7, 2009

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

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 152nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Grand Master Reg Kuhn welcomed the brethren and before embarking on the day's agenda, made some quick announcements regarding the closing time for the Grand Lodge Office at the hotel. He announced that the silent auction was successful in raising over \$2,600 for the three youth groups and thanked everyone, and their spouses or significant others, for their support.



Most Worshipful Kuhn announced Bill Nelson, Grand Tyler, was unable to attend Saturday's session, in his absence, W.:B.: Art Dye, a member of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings was appointed as Grand Tyler Pro Tem for the session.



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

REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Steve Green presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers, stating that there were 215 ballots collected, 5 were rejected, 208 were counted with option 2 selected, and 2 were counted with names written in the blanks. The election was deemed proper. The following individuals received a majority of votes for the offices indicated:

Deputy Grand Master/
 Grand Master-Elect..... R.: W.: John T. Parsons
 Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: E. David Watts
 Grand Junior Warden..... R.: W.: Bruce A. Baker
 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 Kuhn asked R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Russ Reno to approach the podium and announce the slate of officers for his 2009-2010 term as Grand Master.

- Russell G. Reno, Grand Master
- John T. Parsons, Deputy Grand Master / Grand Master-Elect
- E. David Watts, Grand Senior Warden
- Bruce A. Baker, Grand Junior Warden
- Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary
- James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain
- Patrick D. Barger, Grand Orator
- Ben F. Hughes, Grand Historian
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian
- Joe D. McBride, Grand Marshal
- Rex J. Moats, Grand Senior Deacon
- Thomas L. Hauder, Grand Junior Deacon
- John T. Maxell, Grand Senior Steward
- John B. Ferguson, Grand Junior Steward
- Philip O. Edwards, Grand Tyler

R.: W.: Reno made the following Special Appointments:

- Mark K. Clinton, Grand Musician
- S. Todd Harris, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Gerald F. Sieck, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Dennis E. Rix, Personal Representative of the Grand Master

Deputy Grand Master Reno moved for the approval of the aforementioned officers for 2009-2010. The motion was seconded and with no discussion, motion carried.



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Jim Lee of Papillion Lodge No. 39.

“Most Worshipful Master, Papillion Lodge holds an annual barbeque, formally known as the Wes Turcher Barbeque. Worshipful Brother Wes turned it over to a new generation. It has been suggested we call it the Wes Turcher Memorial Barbeque, but in the words of Mark Twain, that would be greatly exaggerated at

this point. The signature dish is river slaw and the recipe is so secret, we can't even tell whether it comes from the Missouri or the Platte River. Every member of the lodge receives two tickets in the mail, with a request for payment and a number of out of town brothers pay for tickets as an opportunity to support the lodge. Awards are presented at the barbeque, including our band scholarships and service awards to non-Masons active in the Papillion community. For more information on the Masonic community service award, go to the Grand Lodge web site at www.glne.org.”



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

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

David G. Krogh, Chairman

Paul Rutherford, member of the Appropriations Committee, presented the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Jack Frahm and David Emry. Also attending were Russ Reno, Deputy Grand Master, John Parsons, Grand Senior Warden, Dave Watts, Grand Junior Warden, Tom Hauder, Grand Junior 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 2009. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 5-7, 2009.

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	\$241,092.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$6,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$6,697.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$225.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$26,788.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,200.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$6,697.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$210.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$6,697.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$140.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,000.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$6,000.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$700.00
4240.000 CHIP Assessment	\$13,989.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$1,931.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$20,340.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$339,706.00

Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$9,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$5,400.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$10,880.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$204.00
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$1,050.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,625.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,800.00
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
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$150.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$36,789.00
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$61,500.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$7,500.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$750.00
4905.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$200.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$69,950.00
Participatory Income	
4640.000 CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	\$15,600.00
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	\$30,600.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$477,045.00
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,500.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$9,674.40
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$600.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$4,000.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$10,191.30
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$1,300.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$500.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$2,500.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$75.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$252.78
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,900.50
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,439.50
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,672.80
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$201.72
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$975.80
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,881.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$861.75
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$287.25
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$43,313.80

Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Installation	\$1,500.00
5220.425 Meals	\$4,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$900.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$6,400.00
Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	\$650.00
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	\$750.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$3,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$300.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$325.00
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	\$2,000.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$200.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5240.500 Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries	
5240.550 Midwest Conference	\$3,430.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,500.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$800.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$1,500.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$37,227.00
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage	\$300.00
5400.100 Office Rent	\$24,000.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$5,000.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$350.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,600.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,200.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$6,000.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$2,300.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$1,500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$4,000.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	\$50.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$2,000.00
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	\$1,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$700.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$43,000.00
5476.000 Semi-annual Flyer	\$7,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$100.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$3,750.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$20.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$4,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$1,500.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$400.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$750.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	\$2,200.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$4,750.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$136,120.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$711.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$31,100.00
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	\$1,000.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$61,106.00
Committees and Programs	
5650.450 Masonic Education	\$1,200.00
5240.450 Masonic Education Conv & Conf	\$400.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	\$500.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$50.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$2,500.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$100.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$69,500.00
5650.750 Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Youth Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.800 Membership committee	500.00
5520.800 Membership Awards & Rec	\$50.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$2,000.00
5650.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$50.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$350.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$1,000.00
5660.000 Digital Proceedings Project	\$5,000.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$750.00
5805.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$5,200.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$95,650.00
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	\$86,611.57
6561.100 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$200.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	\$7,084.79
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$250.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$250.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,598.35
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$105,394.70
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$6,922.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$27,988.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$6,907.00
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$13,989.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$55,806.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$550,342.50
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)	(73,298)
Investment Draw to Cover Shortfall	
4700.000 General Fund Investments (5.291% of \$1,385,437.96 -	(73,298)
ADJUSTED BALANCE - WITH INVESTMENT INCOME DRAW	\$0

W.:B.: Rutherford moved for the adoption of the report of the Appropriations Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 14 Past Grand Masters, 22 Deputy Grand Custodians and 61 non-delegate Masons.

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

There are 80 Worshipful Masters in person and 25 by proxy, there are 51 Senior Wardens in person and 25 by proxy, there are 34 Junior Wardens in person and 40 by proxy and there are 54 Secretaries in person and 34 by proxy.

Before announcing the lodges that are not registered, I wish to thank and recognize all that are present. We have 381 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 39, 46, 50, 135, 297, 302, 310, 317, 323 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, 36, 51, 53, 62, 68, 73, 81, 89, 111, 114, 165, 173, 180, 192, 207, 209, 220, 236, 239, 250, 285, 291, 294 and 324.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from Lodges; 21, 27, 81, 89, 111, 165, 173, 192, 209 and 220; 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, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont 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, Daughters of the Nile, National Sojourners, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: There were 260 present at the Grand Masters Banquet on Thursday evening. There were 568 at the Public Opening on Friday morning, and 342 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 Reg Kuhn. 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 Gordon Brown.

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

The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

Grand Master Kuhn 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.



Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn requested that Sterling Hornbuckle, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, approach the East to bring greetings.



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Wayne Vian from Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island.

“Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island has sponsored eight cornerstone ceremonies in Grand Island in the past five years. These have included ceremonies at schools, new fire station, new law enforcement center, new correctional facilities, St. Francis Hospital, and airport, in addition to the city library. Cornerstone ceremonies are an excellent way to help your community celebrate the completion of a community building project, while at the same time exposing Freemasonry in a positive environment. For more information on cornerstone ceremonies, including an informational download, contact the Grand Marshal or the Grand Lodge at www.glne.org.”

Grand Master Kuhn reiterated that eight cornerstones have been completed in Grand Island in the past five years. Wayne also announced that he has seven additional cornerstones lined up to be completed for Grand Island. Reg indicated that Wayne has been instrumental in organizing each of those cornerstones and asked Grand Marshal Joe McBride to make a special presentation to Worshipful Brother Wayne. Joe then presented the Masonic Achievement Award to Brother Wayne from the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, congratulating him for all of his hard work. Grand Marshal McBride told Wayne that the Grand Lodge appreciated everything he has done not only for the cornerstone ceremonies, but also for Masonry in general across the state of Nebraska.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master Reginald Kuhn asked Deputy Grand Master Reno to cover to allow him to bring the supplemental address:

“At this time, it is customary for the Grand Master to deliver his address. My Brothers, in your registration packet, you received a copy of my Address, along with the Supplemental addendum of activities since the Address was printed. I also would report that all of the lodges received 45 days before the opening of Grand Lodge the Recommendations and Resolutions to be considered.

Somehow in the creation of this document it grew to 40 pages. It must be the lawyer in me, but you’ll be pleased to know this morning that I’m not going to read all 40 pages to you. However, in the next couple days I hope that you will take some time to page through this document, not because I’ve said anything deeply profound, but because it does give you a flavor of what Nebraska Masonry is up to, and I do commend it for your reading and for your review.

This morning, I want to take just a couple minutes to offer some thanks. First, a heartfelt thanks to everyone in this room for giving me this opportunity to serve our Fraternity. As many of you know, I have been at this Grand Lodge adventure for many years and I want you all to know that I have loved almost everyday of the adventure. I want to thank the 2008 Grand Lodge Officers. You have been a joy to serve with. Whenever I asked for your help, you answered the call. Particularly, I want to thank the members of the advancing line for your good counsel and sometimes just being there to let me vent. I think that’s part of being officers together, and I appreciate that very much. I want the Grand Lodge to know that based on my workings with these outstanding Brothers that the

future of Nebraska Masonry is in very good hands, and Russ, I want to wish to you what I know will be a very, very successful year.

I want to thank my three home lodges for their support. I love to pay dues, I guess. All three lodges are very, very important to me. My home lodge in Clarks, Nebraska, those twenty Brothers who continue to keep the light of Masonry going very strong in that small community, and you saw yesterday morning that they know how to do ritual work. My friends at Tabula Rasa Lodge who challenge me every month to think about new things about Masonry, but most particularly, my Brothers from Lodge 19, who have encouraged and supported me all the time that I have served, and as I told you last week, I'm going to be really glad to be at lodge on Tuesday nights again.

And finally, I'd like to thank, I wish I could name everybody by name, those Brothers who have mentored me and encouraged me over the years. Some of them are no longer with us, but I know that they have been watching this year as we have endeavored to serve Masonry and I'm very grateful for the support and the examples that they laid before me.

I told you I wasn't going to read my Address, but I am going to share with you my last two paragraphs, which I think best summarize my thoughts as I end this phase of my service. So, with your indulgence... 'When I first began this journey, I suspect deep down I assumed that the Grand Lodge and its officers could and should solve all the challenges which face our institution. However, I have learned that the success or failure of our fraternity does not depend on the Grand Lodge Officers, does not depend on the Grand Lodge programs or committees, does not depend on our staff and, in many ways, does not even depend on our local lodges. Rather the direction of our future rests on a commitment of each Mason to the application of the tenants of Freemasonry to his daily life.

On its best days, the tenants of our fraternity challenge a Mason to simply not be ordinary but rather to be extraordinary, and likewise our fraternity is made up of brothers who on their best days challenge each of us to live a standard of conduct which is simply superior to that seemingly celebrated in our modern culture and media. It remains our highest calling to apply the tenants of Masonry in our daily lives and, by that example, encourage others to join with us in this wonderful fraternal experience. Our failure to so act will relegate our fraternity to the shades of historical obscurity and irrelevance.

Thankfully, the future of our Craft rests on each Nebraska Mason as he faithfully applies the tenants of the builder's trade to his life. The methods by which this will be accomplished may vary as each Mason must find the path which seems most appropriate. However, in my journey over the past fourteen years, I have had the privilege to meet untold brothers who are doing that every day. This reality makes me very hopeful for our future.'

Brothers, I have appreciated the opportunity to serve and I will be forever indebted for the great honor that you gave to me."

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

PREFACE

I have had the privilege of serving as a Grand Lodge officer since August of 1995. As I compiled this address, I have been continually reminded of how memorable my Grand Lodge journey has been. I have participated in many initiations, celebrations, ceremonies and like events which inspired me and reinforced Masonic teachings in my soul. I have witnessed a profound change of attitude among our members who now unabashedly declare their love for the fraternity. I have associated with the leaders of the appendant Masonic bodies who are proud to be Masons and part of the Masonic family. I have experienced the universality of Freemasonry through out-of-state visitations in which I had the privilege to participate.

However, the most profound aspect of my journey is that I have worked and served with so many wonderful friends. You have been mentors, companions, supporters, and yes, even at times, my conscience as you whispered good counsel in my ear. Most importantly, you have been my brothers. Your friendship time and time again demonstrates one of the most basic truths learned and experienced in our fraternity – the mystic bond of our brotherly love.

By nature I am quiet and reserved, and at times I have feared that my reticence is viewed in a less than favorable light. Thus, while I may have difficulty in vocalizing it, I want each of my brothers to know of my great admiration and respect for you. When I began my own Masonic journey over 25 years ago, the thought that a shy, somewhat socially challenged person like me would have been the recipient of this most wonderful gift would have been inconceivable. I have been richly blessed and I am humbled by this opportunity to serve.

Like many of my predecessors, I end my service with a sense of frustration that I should have accomplished more, spoke more and had more contact with my brothers across the state. The time simply went by too quickly. However, the year is now over and I submit this report of my activities in this last leg of my journey.

To our visitors, I extend a heartfelt welcome. You honor the Grand Lodge of Nebraska with your presence, and we extend to you and your jurisdiction our warm fraternal greetings. Over the years, I have been well received in my visits to other jurisdictions, and I hope you find our Annual Communication likewise friendly and uplifting.

YEAR IN REVIEW

2008 was not a year in which significant new Grand Lodge initiatives were introduced. Rather, I attempted to challenge our lodges to use existing Grand Lodge programs in their efforts to be relevant to their members and active in their communities. I did request lodges to develop mission statements and to date 34 lodges answered that call. In addition, the Grand Lodge provided four \$1,000 grants for local lodge capital improvements based upon demonstrated community activity by the requesting lodges.

The Grand Lodge completed an extensive internal review to confirm the relevancy and effectiveness of each of its programs. Under the leadership of Deputy Grand Master Russ Reno, the advancing line developed goals and objectives for each Grand Lodge committee. The officers are now in the process of meeting with each committee to review these goals and, more importantly, cooperatively determine action steps for their

implementation. The Grand Lodge has not always used its committees effectively, but I am impressed with the work the committees are now being asked to undertake.

As a direct result of the review process noted above, I have submitted Recommendation No. 1 which proposes a new Grand Lodge committee structure. If accepted, this proposal will eliminate several committees by transferring their work to other committees. The recommendation combines the work of several committees to make better use of the talents of committee members. The proposal also creates two new committees, particularly a Lodge Leadership Committee. This proposal contemplates a greater use of Special Committees who, by their very nature, are more effective in dealing with specific programs and issues.

My second recommendation attempts to deal with the continuing challenge of suspension of members for non-payment of dues. This spring, in my personal follow-up with members who have been suspended, it became readily apparent that too often no effort was made by the lodge to contact and ascertain the status of the member. This recommendation does not propose any new requirement; it simply asks for substantiation that the subordinate Lodge Membership Sustaining Committee (a committee which has been required in our Bylaws for many years) has fulfilled its responsibilities before a member is suspended for non-payment of dues.

The following is a recapitulation of my activities and a summary of some of the important work of Nebraska Freemasonry during the past year. If a particular program or event was omitted, it is not due to its lack of importance but rather a lack of space or, most likely, my failing memory.

NECROLOGY

In 2008, The Great Architect of the Universe called our Most Worshipful Brother Past Grand Master Wayne G. Luenenborg to the Celestial Lodge. Grand Master Luenenborg served as the 121st Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from 1987 to 1988. Wayne was the presiding officer at one of the first Grand Lodges which I attended, and I always admired his calm demeanor and well reasoned advice. We mourn his passing as the Grand Lodge is less for his absence.

M.:W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Papillion Lodge No. 39 where he served as Master in 1962 and 1995. He later became a dual member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte, Nebraska.

He was laid to rest in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 15, 2008.

This Grand Lodge was also saddened by the passing in October of Gladys Y. Ricketts, wife of Past Grand Master Lewis R. Ricketts. Gladys was a wonderful person who remained vitally interested in the work of Nebraska Freemasonry. Her loss was personally significant as Dick Ricketts posted me in the Second Section Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree, and was one of the founders of the Lincoln law firm in which I am now a partner.

In 2008, 423 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Jim Lapaseotes, will conduct a memorial service during our Annual Communication which will pay fitting tribute to these brethren.

VISITATIONS

This year I had the privilege to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Kansas, South Dakota and Iowa, as well as the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, and the Imperial Shrine Session. In all instances, I was the recipient of wonderful hospitality and was extended every courtesy. Over the years I have had the privilege to make many friends around the United States, and I look forward to continuing those friendships in the years to come.

A highlight of the year was the privilege to participate in the 275th anniversary celebration of the chartering of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Numerous Grand Masters from around the world were present for this event. This was a wonderful weekend and reinforced the rich heritage of our fraternity, particularly the influence which Masons had in the events that lead to the creation of the United States of America.

I also enjoyed the Imperial Shrine Session and am grateful for the warm hospitality extended by the Tangier, Sesostris, and Tehama Shrine Centers during a wonderful week in St. Louis.

During the year I, or a Grand Lodge officer, attempted to accept nearly every invitation we received from a subordinate lodge. If we missed an event to which we received an invitation, it was due to our oversight. However, if your lodge was not visited this past year, it is most likely because we were not invited. The following is a listing of the more significant events and official visitations in which I participated. There were also numerous committee meetings, telephone conferences, office meetings, and other routine activities which I have chosen not to list in detail:

February

February 1 and 2	Annual Communication – Kearney
February 9	Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Lincoln
February 10	Grand Lodge Installation – Lincoln
February 16-20	Grand Masters Conference – Louisville KY
February 21	Cornerstone – Hastings
February 22	Cornerstone – Grand Island
February 26	Lodge No. 19 – George Washington Dinner – Lincoln

March

March 4	Advancing Line Meeting – Lincoln
March 15	Grand Masters Reception – Tangier Shrine – Omaha
March 16	Nile Installation – Omaha
March 17	Temple Chapter No. 271 – OES Visit – Lincoln
March 20-21	Grand Lodge of Kansas – Salina
March 25	School of Instruction – Lincoln
March 29	All Grand Lodge Committee Meeting – Fremont
March 29	Potentates Ball – Tangier Shrine – Omaha

April

April 3	Grand York Rite Dinner – Columbus
April 5	Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation – Lincoln
April 7	Cotner No. 297 – Visit – Lincoln
April 8	Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting – Plattsmouth
April 12	Cornerstone – Giltner
April 12	Utica No. 96 - 125 th Anniversary Dinner – Utica
April 15	Lininger No. 268 – Table Lodge – Omaha

April 18-19 Scottish Rite Leadership Conference – Minneapolis
 April 20 Fremont No. 15 – Awards Night – Fremont
 April 26-27 Midwest Masonic Education Conference – Omaha
 April 27 Victory No. 310 – Awards Night – Valley
 April 30 Covert No. 11 Awards Night – Omaha

May

May 2-5 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts – Boston
 May 9 Omaha Area Friendship Night – Omaha
 May 10 Sesostris Shrine Ceremonial – Lincoln
 May 12 Lincoln Area Unity – Lincoln
 May 13 Grand Chapter OES – Lincoln
 May 15 Wayne Lueningborg Memorial Service – Omaha
 May 17 Advancing Line Meeting – Lincoln
 May 19 Cotner No. 297 – Awards Night – Lincoln
 May 20 Lincoln No. 19 – Past Masters Night – Lincoln
 May 21 Omaha Scottish Rite Spring Outing – Papillion
 May 24 Potentates Ball – Sesostris Shrine – Lincoln
 May 28 Sojourners Meeting – Omaha
 May 29 Richard Brasel Memorial Service – Omaha

June

June 6-7 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Kearney
 June 7 Plattsmouth Home – Garden Party – Plattsmouth
 June 8 Lininger No. 268 - 100th Anniversary Dinner – Omaha
 June 10 Solar No. 134 – Visitation – Clarks
 June 14 Trap Shoot – Robert W. Furnas No. 265 – Scottsbluff
 June 18 Cornerstone – Grand Island
 June 20 Grand Lodge of South Dakota – Mitchell, SD
 June 22 Nemaha Valley No. 4 - 150th Anniversary – Brownville
 June 25 Advancing Line Meeting – Lincoln
 June 26 Grand Bethel Session – Fremont
 June 29-30 Imperial Shrine Session – St Louis, MO

July

July 1-3 Imperial Shrine Session – St Louis, MO
 July 6 Cornerstone – Central City
 July 8 North Bend No. 119 – Steak Fry – North Bend
 July 9 Fremont Home Board Meeting – Fremont
 July 10 Advancing Line Meeting – Lincoln
 July 12 MM Degree – One Day Degree – Omaha
 July 18 Nebraska Prince Hall Grand Lodge – Omaha
 July 19-20 DeMolay Conclave – Lincoln
 July 20 Carl Plants Reception – OES – Lincoln
 July 22 Shrine Hospital Visit – Shrine Bowl – Chicago
 July 25-26 Nebraska Shrine Bowl – Lincoln
 July 27 Ben Harvey Retirement Reception – Fremont

August

August 1-2 Grand Lodge Officers Planning Retreat – Omaha
 August 4 Florence No. 281 – Visitation – Omaha
 August 10 4-H Achievement Day – Fremont Home – Fremont
 August 15-17 Midwest Conf. of Grand Lodges – Bismark, ND

August 18	Nile Supreme Queen Visitation – Hastings
August 25	Grand Masters Golf Tournament – North Bend
August 26	Tabula Rasa No. 332 – Visitation – Lincoln
September	
September 3	Bellevue No. 325 – Past Masters Night – Bellevue
September 5	Grand Custodian’s School – Hastings
September 9	Bennett No. 94 -125 th Anniversary – Lincoln
September 10	NE Nebraska/Dixon County Dinner – Wayne
September 11	York No. 56 – Awards Night – York
September 13-14	Robert W. Furnas No. 265 – 100 th Anniversary/Cornerstone – Scottsbluff
September 18-20	Grand Lodge of Iowa – Des Moines
September 20	Caring Club – Plattsmouth Home – Plattsmouth
September 25	Cornerstone – Grand Island
September 26	OES Grand Officers Visitation – Hastings
September 29	Tony Vrana Humanitarian Award – Seward
September 30	Advancing Line Meeting – Lincoln
October	
October 4-5	Awards Night/Cornerstone – Purity No. 198 - Imperial
October 6	Plattsmouth No. 6 – Awards Night – Plattsmouth
October 8	Rob Morris No. 46 – Awards Night – Kearney
October 11	Lodge Leadership Training – Bridgeport
October 13	Bloomfield No. 218 – Visit – Bloomfield
October 14	Plattsmouth Home Board – Plattsmouth
October 17	Omaha Home for Boys Breakfast – Omaha
October 18-19	Masonic Youth Leadership Conference – Kearney
October 21	Pawnee No. 23 – Visitation – Pawnee City
November	
November 1	Lincoln Scottish Rite – 8 th Degree – Lincoln
November 1	Potentates Ball – Tehama – Kearney
November 5	College View No. 320 – Jordan Medal – Lincoln
November 8	Alliance Scottish Rite – 8 th Degree – Alliance
November 8	Prince Hall/Grand Lodge Social - Omaha
November 9	Vacant Chair Ceremony – Hastings
November 10	Albion No. 78 – Friendship Night - Albion
November 11	Vacant Chair Ceremony – Lincoln
November 14	Plattsmouth No. 6 – 150 th Anniversary
November 16	Sam Nelson Humanitarian Award – Lincoln
November 18	Grand Masters Forum – Frank Welch No. 75 – Sidney
November 19	Grand Masters Forum – Wallace No. 279 – Wallace
November 20	Grand Masters Forum – Samaritan No. 158 – Chadron
December	
December 1	Pomegranate No. 110 – Past Masters Night – Ashland
December 2	Ryan Grazier MM Degree – Papillion No. 39 – Papillion
December 6-7	DeMolay Grand Master’s Class – Hastings
December 19	Florence No. 281 – Past Masters Night – Omaha
December 27	Saints John Education Lodge No. 331 – Meeting – Lincoln

January

- January 4 Installation – Pawnee No. 23 – Pawnee City
- January 6 Lincoln No. 19 – Official Reception
- January 8 Osceola No. 65 – Installation
- January 9 Tangier Shrine – Installation
- January 10 Sesostri Shrine – Installation
- January 11 Tehama Shrine – Installation

The Grand Lodge officers continue to confer the First Section of the Master Masons Degree when requested and did so at the Omaha One-day Degree Conferral on July 12. I encourage local lodges to use this resource as the degree work is of the highest quality. In addition, the Grand Lodge officers continued to portray the Eighth Degree of the Scottish Rite. Under the direction of Grand Junior Warden Dave Watts, Grand Lodge Officers portrayed this degree at least once at all four Nebraska Scottish Rite Valleys. The York Rite Degree team, directed by Grand Junior Warden John Parsons, performs the Past Master Degree with equal proficiency.

CORNERSTONES

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

Hastings – February 21 – Central Community College
 Host Lodge: Hastings Lodge No. 50
 Master: Monte W. Malouf

Grand Island – February 22 – Law Enforcement Center
 Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
 Master: Max A. Cates

Giltner – April 12 – Community Building
 Host Lodge: Hastings Lodge No. 50
 Senior Warden: Casey H. Nuss

Grand Island – April 28 – Airport Terminal Building
 Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
 Master: Max A. Cates

Grand Island – June 18 – Corrections Center
 Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
 Master: Max A. Cates

Central City – July 6 – Merrick County Courthouse
 Host Lodges: Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Solar Lodge No. 134 & Friendship Lodge No. 239
 Masters: Jean F. Steckmyer, Philip E. Foulk, Trent A. Tyler

Scottsbluff – September 14 – Rededication of Lodge
 Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
 Master: David E. Loos

McCook – September 14 – Reopening of Lodge Cornerstone
 Host Lodge: McCook Lodge No. 135
 Master: Steve G. Lyne

Grand Island – September 25 – St. Francis Hospital
 Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
 Master: Max A. Cates

Imperial – October 5 – Airport Terminal Building
 Host Lodge: Purity Lodge No. 198
 Master: Keith A. Wood

Special thanks are given to Wayne Vian, a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, for promoting and organizing the numerous cornerstones held in Grand Island in 2008.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

Our Grand Custodian, Jerry Verbeek, informed me earlier this year of his desire to retire at the conclusion of this Annual Communication. With great reluctance and regret, the Grand Lodge Advancing Line concurred with his request. For the past eight years, Jerry has served with distinction and his gentle but excellent communication of our ritual will be missed. I urge you to thank him for his enormous contributions to our fraternity.

The vital work of the Deputy Grand Custodians continues, and I want to thank each brother who faithfully serves in this important but often overlooked position. The ritual and its accurate portrayal is an essential part of Masonry, and we must support the work of our Deputies. We continue to seek qualified men to serve in these positions and I urge each lodge to challenge its proficient members to consider an appointment.

It is also vital that each lodge identify members who have the ability to obtain their individual proficiency. Each lodge has members who, with a little encouragement, can obtain this important Masonic achievement, and I urge lodges to model a culture which uplifts this important work.

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

Following the 150th anniversary celebration of the Grand Lodge in 2007, this year numerous lodges marked important milestones in their own histories. Many of these lodges marked these events with celebrations and other activities:

150th Anniversary

Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 – Brownville, Nebraska
 Omadi Lodge No. 5 – South Sioux City, Nebraska
 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 – Plattsmouth, Nebraska

125th Anniversary

Oakland Lodge No. 91 – Oakland, Nebraska
 Bennett Lodge No. 94 – Lincoln, Nebraska
 Garfield Lodge No. 95 – O'Neill, Nebraska
 Utica Lodge No. 96 – Utica, Nebraska
 Euclid Lodge No. 97 – Weeping Water, Nebraska
 Waterloo Lodge No. 102 – Elkhorn, Nebraska
 Ord Lodge No. 103 – Ord, Nebraska
 Wymore Lodge No. 104 – Wymore, Nebraska
 Porter Lodge No. 106 – Loup City, Nebraska
 Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 – Ashland, Nebraska
 DeWitt Lodge No. 111 – DeWitt, Nebraska
 Springfield Lodge No. 112 – Springfield, Nebraska

100th Anniversary

Franklin Lodge No. 264 – Franklin, Nebraska
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 – Scottsbluff, Nebraska
George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 – Omaha, Nebraska

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

I want to thank each member who served on a Grand Lodge committee. Your work is essential to the continued success of the Grand Lodge and its programs, and I fear your contribution to the fraternity can be ignored. I hope that you will look back on your service with a sense of satisfaction for a job well done. This past year many committees made significant progress in making their functions relevant. With the new goals and objectives which are being set before the committees, this level of relevancy will only continue to increase.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

The Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp continues to be one of our premier programs. The weather was fabulous this year and the quality of the music and band participants was one of the best in the fourteen year history of the program. A special thanks to every member or Masonic organization who made a financial contribution to the program or who volunteered as a band chaperone. I want to specifically thank the members of the Grand Lodge Band Committee, particularly its Chairman, Grand Marshal Joe McBride, for their contributions to this program.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

This was the first full year in which the Nebraska CHIP operated as a separate 501(c)(3) organization. Under the able leadership of its President, Kent Broyhill, and a very active Board of Directors, Nebraska CHIP continues to be a vital tool for lodges. To date, Nebraska Masonic lodges have identified over 20,000 individuals. If your lodge has not yet participated in a CHIP event, I urge you to consider sponsoring an event.

The Grand Lodge remains committed to Nebraska CHIP both through our financial support via the \$1.00 per member assessment and by continuing to provide office and other logistical support to the program. In addition, Michelle Fulmer, the Grand Lodge Office Manager, assumed the responsibilities of the CHIP Coordinator in the fall of this year.

We also welcome participation from Nebraska Prince Hall in this endeavor and a Prince Hall brother now participates on the Board of Directors as an ad hoc member.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

In another change this year, W. B. Ben Harvey retired as the Executive Director of the Fremont Home. Ben, with the support of the Home's Board of Directors, did an outstanding job of enhancing this wonderful institution, and in many ways he is responsible for the current unparalleled level of service to and support for the Home. While we will miss his work, his retirement is well deserved and we wish him and Chalice the best as they now undertake new opportunities for service. The Board of Directors of the Home is also to be commended in its prompt selection of Ron Giesselmann as the new Executive Director. Ron served as Assistant Director at the Home for the past several years, and is well suited to continue the Home's legacy of care to the young men and women who reside there.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home puts into practical effect one of the primary duties of a Mason to provide for the care of our brothers and their immediate families. It is a wonderful, clean facility providing all levels of care with dignity. I had the privilege to attend several meetings of the Board of Directors of the Home and I commend its members for their serious consideration of the many issues which confront a health care institution. In these times of increased regulation and rising health care costs, their job is complex. Each of us should continue to promote The Home in our own lodges as the care there is second to none.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

In April, Nebraska was privileged to host the annual Midwest Conference on Masonic Education in Omaha. The Grand Lodge Education Committee and other interested members did an excellent job in planning, promoting and delivering a premier Masonic education event which brought top Masonic scholars from around the United States to Nebraska. I received numerous compliments from visiting brothers on the quality of the conference, and I can only say thank you to Larry Jacobson and the other committee members for their work. Your efforts made all Nebraska Masons look good, and conference planners have a hard act to follow next year.

MASONIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Triennial Nebraska Masonic Youth Conference was held in Kearney in October. This was a marvelous event, thanks to the planning of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee and the financial support of Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation. Nearly 400 youth and adult sponsors attended this two-day event. The conference speakers were wide ranging in their messages, but each challenged the participants to become leaders now. A conference highlight was a community service activity in which food donations were solicited and purchased for the Kearney area food bank. This activity was a hands-on activity for the youth, and generated great community exposure to the conference.

The conference continues to grow in stature and I was told by one of the speakers that the conference is becoming known in the youth leadership education community as a first rate event. This conference would not have taken place without the generous financial support of Masonic Lodges, appendant bodies and individual members. Thank you for your active support of this program.

GRAND LODGE STAFF

I want to acknowledge the contributions of the Grand Lodge office staff, both our Office Manager, Michelle Fulmer, and our Administrative Assistant, Carol Schroeder. The work of the Grand Lodge simply would not take place without their excellent work. We are very fortunate to have such committed and able employees, and I hope that you will take time to thank them for their work in supporting our mission.

GRAND MASTER’S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

In 2008, it gave me great pleasure to present two Grand Master’s Humanitarian Awards. The nominations of both W.:B.: Verlon “Tony” Vrana of Seward and W.:B.: Sam Nelson of Lincoln indicated that their lives of service to their lodges, professions and communities rendered them most deserving of this honor. Both awards were presented at public ceremonies which were well attended by lodge brothers and members of the community. I encourage lodges to nominate worthy brothers for this award as it is an excellent way to honor members of your lodge within the context of a community celebration.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

I recommend that Part One, Chapters III and IV of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, be amended in their entirety as follows, with said amendments to be effective as of January 1, 2010.

**CHAPTER III.
COMMITTEES**

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

Sec. 1-302 – STANDING COMMITTEES – The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Awards, Nebraska Work, Grievances, Finance, Credentials, Grand Lodge Office, Public Relations, Membership and Lodge Leadership.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

(b) The term of office of a member of any Standing Committee shall be one year. The Grand Master may reappoint a member to a Standing Committee; provided, however, that no member shall serve more than five consecutive years on the committee. Upon a vacancy on any committee, the Grand Master shall, within thirty days of notice of said vacancy, appoint a member to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

(c) Except as provided by these Bylaws, the Grand Master shall appoint the Chairman of each Standing Committee. The members of the committee may appoint such other officers of the committee as the committee deems appropriate.

(d) Each year the Grand Master may appoint up to six additional ad hoc members to any Standing Committee as in his judgment shall be deemed necessary for the effective work of the Standing Committee. The term of office of any ad hoc member shall be one year. The Grand Master may reappoint an ad hoc member to a Standing Committee; provided, however, that no ad hoc member shall serve more than five consecutive years on the Committee.

(e) All members and ad hoc members shall be residents of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 1-303 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES – The Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or at the direction of the Grand

Lodge, and shall consist of such number of members as is deemed necessary by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. The members of a Special Committee need not be Masons, but in all instances, a majority of the members of a Special Committee shall be Masons.

Sec. 1-304 – TRIAL COMMISSIONS – The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable. Each committee shall consist of not less than three or more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled “Trial Commission.” The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary, and in his absence, the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason to so act. A majority of such Commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it.

Sec. 1-305 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each Mason who is a member of a Standing or Special Committee shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote. Ad hoc members of any Standing Committee and non-Mason members of any Special Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice but not a vote by virtue of such membership.

Sec. 1-306 – MEETINGS – The Standing Committees shall meet at least twice annually. Any committee may be convened at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

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

Sec. 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE – The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one-year term. The Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to the committee to serve for a term of five years, and members may be reappointed to serve additional terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

The committee shall advise the Grand Master. The committee shall determine matters of Masonic law which are referred to it by the Grand Master, and shall make its report to the Grand Lodge. The decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall be conclusive, except as finally determined by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge, and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same communication. This approved report shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall examine all dispensations issued by the Grand Master for new subordinate lodges, and all work, records, and bylaws presented by subordinate lodges under dispensation, and shall make suitable recommendations thereon according to Masonic law and usage.

The committee shall meet at such times as is necessary to carry out its duties. Any meeting of the committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the chairman of the committee.

All recommendations which the Grand Master intends to make in his communication address shall be submitted by the Grand Master to this committee, all Grand Lodge officers, and the Masters of all subordinate lodges not less than 45 days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. All decisions rendered by the Grand Master shall be submitted to this committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

Not less than 15 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, the committee shall serve on the Grand Master by deposit in first class mail, or by deposit at the Grand Lodge office, an agenda for its meeting prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Said agenda shall set out with reasonable certainty any questions the committee expects to raise relative to the recommendations of the Grand Master or his decisions rendered during his term.

The committee shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, which shall include request for bylaw revisions, and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for bylaw revision is in proper form. The committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution within 45 days by U.S. mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Sec. 1-308 – FRATERNAL RELATIONS – The Fraternal Relations Committee shall review the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges, consider and report on correspondence with the same which affects the general welfare of the Craft, and make such recommendations in reference thereto as may be deemed expedient.

Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, the Fraternal Relations Committee having first considered and reported thereon, that the following standards of recognition have been satisfied:

(a) That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

(b) That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever, subject to, or dividing such authority with, a Supreme Council or other Body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

(c) That it makes Masons of men only.

(d) That it requires conformity to the following, which the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska considers necessary in a Masonic Body:

1. Acknowledgement of a belief in God the Father of all men.
2. Secrecy.
3. The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
4. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in Nebraska.
5. The legend of the Third Degree.
6. That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the service of God, and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.
7. The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the subordinate lodges while at work.

(e) That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, or else shares the same with another by mutual consent and it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish subordinate lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic Body.

Sec. 1-309 – MASONIC RELIEF – The Masonic Relief Committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, to plan and execute fundraisers to finance the Committee projects, and to make a full accounting of such investigations and fundraisers to the Grand Master. The Masonic Relief Committee shall have the ability to raise money by special projects, such as but not limited to, raffles, as set forth in Section 3-102, silent auctions or solicitation of lodges and/or members.

Sec. 1-310 – MASONIC EDUCATION – The Masonic Education Committee shall disseminate Masonic light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity. The committee shall organize and supervise the Grand Lodge Library for use by the members and other visitors, and shall provide materials in the library for use by lodges for educational purposes.

Sec. 1-311 – AWARDS – The Awards Committee shall develop an awards program that recognizes excellence in lodge work, and serves to motivate individual members and lodges to achieve the goals of the Grand Lodge

Sec. 1-312 – NEBRASKA WORK

(a) The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of one certified Past Grand Master and two from the following - Past Grand Custodian, Deputy Grand Custodians, or Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus – each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall advise the Grand Custodian and the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to the appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by Macoy Publishing Company of Virginia so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska jurisdiction; that the only authorized cipher shall be edited and published by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and that the cipher shall be separate from and not replace the Monitor and Ceremonies for Nebraska.

(c) Every Master Mason may purchase the authorized cipher from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the Secretary of each subordinate lodge.

(d) The Grand Lodge shall prepare separate ciphers of the Questions and Answers for each degree for use by the candidates in preparing for their proficiency examinations in each degree.

(e) The cipher shall not be used or permitted in any open lodge.

(f) In the event a cipher is used in an open lodge, that lodge shall be subject to a reprimand by the Grand Master. On the second offense during the same Masonic year as the occurrence of the first offense, the Grand Master, or such persons as designated by him, shall convene a hearing with the officers of said lodge for the purpose of determining whether the charter of that lodge should be arrested until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge. On both the first and second offense, notification of the imposition of the penalty against a lodge shall be given to all subordinate lodges.

(g) The installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall annually demonstrate to the Grand Custodian that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master may arrest its charter.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Nebraska Work to prepare Standard Ceremonies for the authorized Ceremony Work for all subordinate lodges within this Jurisdiction, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 1-313 – GRIEVANCES – The Grievances Committee shall examine and report upon all matters of appeals and grievances brought before the Grand Lodge. Their report shall consist solely of a recommendation. No fact involved in the controversy shall be reported or stated in the record. A brief abstract of memorandum thereof in each case may be made, but the same shall not be published, recorded, or used except for reference.

Sec. 1-314 – FINANCE – The Finance Committee shall consist of eight members. At least four members of the Committee shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment, accounting or banking field. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to:

(a) examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge and the vouchers of officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation, and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditure which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts and certify the results thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to a certain expenditure, its appropriateness or its proper category, the committee, with the advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, shall determine the appropriateness of said expenditure or the appropriate category into which said expenditure shall be placed. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

(b) fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided, that the committee must submit a proposed budget with appropriations which do not exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, person or committee requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity; provided, however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

(c) establish investment policies and management for the Grand Lodge investments as provided in Section 1-401 of the Bylaws.

Sec. 1-315 – CREDENTIALS – The Credentials Committee shall report the officers, members, and representatives present, together with the subordinate lodges represented, and the number of votes which each representative is entitled to cast. It shall also report the representatives present from other Grand Lodges.

Sec. 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE

(a) *The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The determinations of this committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge.*

(b) The committee shall have authority, jurisdiction, and direct supervision over the Grand Lodge office, including the right to approve the employment of all employees of that office, their salaries and working conditions.

(c) *The committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed within the Grand Lodge office, to include: (1) the approval of and adherence to those office policies and job descriptions created from time to time governing all employees of the Grand Lodge; (2) the keeping of all membership records; (3) the accounting and reporting of Grand Lodge income, to include the receipt and deposit of all monies in approved accounts; (4) the preparation, final approval and payment of all expenditures on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master or his designated representative; (5) the maintenance of appropriate levels of supplies for normal activities within the Grand Lodge office for the use of Grand Lodge officers and by committees of the Grand Lodge, as well as those maintained available for use by subordinate lodges; (6) the collection, review and compilation of monthly statistics and activities from subordinate lodge secretaries as required under Section 2-310 of these Bylaws; (7) communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to ensure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) issue monthly invoices to each Subordinate Lodge of any outstanding bills (not including dues or assessments) due the Grand Lodge; and (9) such other matters appropriate to the efficient administrative controls of the Grand Lodge not otherwise fixed by the Constitution, Bylaws, or other actions of the Grand Lodge.*

(d) The committee shall, at least annually, effect a review of equipment available for use in the Grand Lodge office, the office of the Grand Secretary, and the office of the

Grand Custodian, and make such recommendations and changes therein as are appropriate and within budgetary restraints.

(e) All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to the committee for its review and recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon.

Sec. 1-317 – PUBLIC RELATIONS – The Public Relations Committee shall:

(a) Prepare and disseminate through recognized news media such news items concerning this Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges as may be directed by the Grand Master.

(b) Act jointly with the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home to prepare, edit, publish, and distribute to all members of the subordinate lodges of Nebraska a quarterly bulletin, such bulletin to contain information and news of the Grand Lodge and its officers, the Nebraska Masonic Home, and such other information and items as may be of general interest to the Nebraska Masons.

Sec. 1-318 – LODGE LEADERSHIP – The Lodge Leadership Committee shall:

(a) Develop, implement and review lodge leadership training events and materials for use by subordinate lodges and members.

(b) Advise and work with any subordinate lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program.

Sec. 1-319 – MEMBERSHIP – The Membership Committee shall develop and disseminate to lodges programs consistent with Grand Lodge law and practice and the Ancient Landmarks designed to be used by lodges to attract new members.

CHAPTER IV. GRAND LODGE FUNDS

Sec. 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

(a) The Finance Committee, as it deems wise and prudent, shall establish investment policies for the Grand Lodge as to general types of securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations, and the percentage of Grand Lodge funds to be invested in securities and other obligations.

(b) The Finance Committee is authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they may deem necessary for the proper monitoring of the investments.

(c) The Finance Committee may by majority vote select a professional management firm to invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge in securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations. Any investment management firm selected shall have been in business for at least five years and shall have a net worth of at least \$100,000. Upon written approval of such selection by a majority vote of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, the Finance Committee may employ such firm. Any professional management firm may be terminated and a new one employed utilizing the same procedure.

(d) *The professional investment management firm shall have such powers to buy and sell, invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge within the investment policies established by the Finance Committee, and to hold such investments for the ownership and benefit of the Grand Lodge as shall be set forth in its written contract. Such contract shall provide the custody of Grand Lodge investment funds shall repose with a state or federally insured financial institution, as well as provisions for the transfer of funds and renditions of such statements of account and reports as shall be recommended by the Finance Committee. An annual written report of the professional investment management firm and Finance Committee shall be made at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.*

(e) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, all funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, and all deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock, certificates, or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Finance Committee.

(f) The Finance Committee shall monitor the actions of the professional investment management firm, and submit semi-annual reports to the Grand Master with comments and recommendations. They shall also employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge. An original of such audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge shall be filed in the office of the Grand Lodge.

(g) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, the Finance Committee shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

Sec. 1-402 – REAL ESTATE FIRST MORTGAGES – Funds herein before referred to, together with any other funds owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, may be invested in first mortgages on real estate as follows:

(a) **GRAND LODGE TEMPLE BUILDING LOANS** – First mortgage loans may be made from said funds to subordinate lodges to assist in the purchase, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing of a suitable Masonic Temple. Such loans shall be subject to requirements hereinafter set forth, and shall be made after approval by the Grand Master and the Finance Committee, and (except in cases of emergency) may not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000); or (2) Eighty percent (80%) of the total purchase price, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing cost of such Temple. The terms of the loan and interest to be charged shall be determined by the Finance Committee. The subordinate lodge shall furnish a complete and satisfactory showing of title to the property offered as security.

(b) **OTHER REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES** – Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-401, funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Finance Committee may deem appropriate. The application for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting

forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

Sec. 1-403 – GENERAL FUNDS, SPECIAL FUNDS AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND – That hereafter the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be the following: General Funds and Perpetual Membership Fund and Special Funds.

The General Fund of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the securities and monies presently in said fund. The General Fund shall be the operating funds of the Grand Lodge, into which shall be deposited all income of this Grand Lodge from whatever source derived, with the exception of monies paid to the Perpetual Membership Fund and income therefrom. The expenses of this Grand Lodge, as appropriated by this Grand Lodge, shall be paid from the General Fund. Surplus monies in the General Fund shall be invested and reinvested by the professional investment management firm under its written contract with the Grand Lodge.

There is hereby established a Perpetual Membership Fund. All monies tendered with applications for perpetual membership and all income therefrom shall go into said fund, which shall be administered as provided by the Perpetual Membership Plan adopted by this Grand Lodge. This fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

There is hereby established a Special Fund, which shall consist of monies gifted or bequested to the Grand Lodge with restrictions on their use. The fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

For the purpose of investment management, the Perpetual Membership Fund and the Special Fund may be managed by the investment manager as a single portfolio and be held in a single custody account. The records of the portion of such account/portfolio belonging to the Perpetual Membership Fund and other Special Funds held by the Grand Lodge shall be kept by the Grand Lodge office.

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2005, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

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

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Sec. 1-405 – APPLICATION FOR RELIEF – All applications for relief shall be referred to the Masonic Relief Committee, and the monies from time to time required by demands on the committee shall be paid over to it by order of the Grand Master.

In the event the Masonic Relief Committee deems it advisable, it may apportion the expense between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge of which the recipient may be a member, or receiving assistance because of being a relative of a member of such subordinate lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall so advise the subordinate lodge interested in the action of the Committee on Masonic Relief, and the same shall

thereupon become an obligation of such subordinate lodge. In case such subordinate lodge shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, the Grand Master, upon being so advised, shall thereupon issue his order directing such subordinate lodge to pay such amount within a day to be recorded therein.

Its report shall be made after thorough investigation of the necessity for such relief, and no relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Masonic Relief Committee. All applications for relief to be acted upon at the session of the Grand Lodge shall be filed with the Masonic Relief Committee at least ten days prior to the Annual Communication. Information must be furnished in the application the same as provided for above.

Sec. 1-406 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION – In all cases where an appropriation is requested of the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes, and in all cases where the law requires the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master to approve of the construction plans and specifications of any building or construction work, no such appropriation shall be made and no such approval shall be granted unless the complete plans and specifications of such building or construction work shall have first been filed with the Grand Secretary, together with a certificate of the architect that such building or construction work can be entirely completed for the sum to be therein named, inclusive of fees for architect and engineering services; and unless the contractor shall give a construction bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Grand Master for the completion of the work for the sum agreed, or according to the contract, no contract shall be let for a consideration in excess of the sum named in the architect's certificate.

No appropriation shall be made or authorized by the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes unless notice of the application thereof shall be given to the Grand Lodge not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first day of its Annual Communication.

Please note that if Recommendation No. 1 is approved, the following sections of the Bylaws will automatically change as follows:

Sec. 1-201 – GRAND SECRETARY – The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when in Annual Communication; shall sign all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the **Fraternal Relations Committee and the Grand Lodge Office Committee**. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry.

Sec. 1-502 – AMENDMENTS – These Bylaws, or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand Lodge as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lie over until the next regular communication, provided, however; that if unanimous consent is given by the Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment

may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced. A proposed amendment may be made by the Grand Master in the form of a recommendation and shall be sent to those individuals as provided in Section 1-304 of these Bylaws. The recommendations of the Grand Master shall be voted on at the same communication in which they are offered.

Both proposals by the membership and recommendations of the Grand Master which amend these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to become a law of this Grand Lodge. All proposals and recommendations receiving a two-thirds vote shall be referred to the **Jurisprudence Committee**.

Since the **Jurisprudence Committee** does not propose amendments except to put into effect changes already adopted, the form of the Bylaws set forth in their report pursuant to Section 1-315 of this Code need not be seconded or lie over before their report is voted upon.

Any proposed amendment or recommendation received at a regular communication and not acted upon as provided above shall be considered terminated.

The Jurisprudence Committee shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary which shall include request for bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for bylaw revision is in proper form. The Committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution by 45 days by U.S. Mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Sec. 2-106 – REPRESENTATIVES – A subordinate lodge under dispensation has no representatives in the Grand Lodge, but one of its members may attend and consult with the **Jurisprudence Committee**.

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

Sec. 2-406 – MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED SUBORDINATE LODGES – A brother who was a member in good standing of a subordinate lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall, for one year after such lodge ceases to exist, remain in good standing, and shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular lodge, including the rights of membership, affiliation, visiting, avouchment,

relief, demission, appeal, trial, and burial. But should he fail to pay his dues as provided by Section 2-601, and affiliate within such year, he shall be notified by letter sent to his last known address by the Grand Lodge Office at least thirty days before the next ensuing Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause to the **Grievances Committee**, if any he may have, why he has not paid his dues and affiliated with a recognized lodge of Masons.

When any such member shall refuse or neglect to answer a notice to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and affiliating as above provided, his delinquency may be communicated to the Grand Lodge at any subsequent Annual Communication thereof, which facts, together with the Grand Lodge records showing his indebtedness, or his failure to affiliate, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the brother be present, he shall be entitled to make such plea as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence and any other evidence which is submitted and received, a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely or to reinstate under such terms and conditions as the Grand Lodge may there direct.

Sec. 3-804 – HOW CONSIDERED – When an appeal from the decision of a lodge, on any matter of Masonic discipline, shall be perfected in the Grand Lodge, it shall be referred by the Grand Master to the **Grievances Committee**, or be decided without such reference if it be deemed expedient, and in either case the lodge or the appellant shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, provided the same has been taken agreeably to the notice prescribed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

I recommend that Section 2-605 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, the dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On March 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before April 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand suspended for non-payment of dues **upon approval of the Grand Master**, and an entry **noting said approved suspension** shall be made in the minutes of the lodge. **Approval of a suspension for non-payment of dues shall be given by the Grand Master upon submission by the lodge of satisfactory evidence of compliance with Section 2-513 of the Bylaws.** It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member **approved** for suspension for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On February 29, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha to change the day of the regular stated communication from the first Friday to the first Thursday.

On March 14, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth to allow the record of all members to be maintained in written, electronic or digital form.

On March 14, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ord Lodge No. 103 in Ord to change the day of the regular stated communication from first Wednesday to the first Tuesday.

On June 16, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to decrease the degree fees.

On June 25, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 in Beatrice to change the time of the regular monthly communication from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On July 10, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to increase the annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On July 11, 2008, I approved amendments to the bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to add a provision to move the day of the regular stated communication in the event it falls on a holiday; to clean up grammatical errors in Section 1; to provide that the Master shall have the authority to appoint lodge committee chairs; to clarify language in Section 11; to add the assistance of the secretary to the stewards to arrange refreshments; to change the charge of clothing and paraphernalia of the lodge from the Tyler to the Secretary; to change provisions of the lodge finance committee; to increase degree fees; to increase the annual dues; and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On July 31, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 or Guide Rock to change the time of the regular state communication from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On July 10, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to change the day of the regular state communication from the first Thursday to the second Thursday.

On August 13, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George Washington Lodge No. 250 in Lincoln to increase the annual dues.

On September 9, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to change provisions of the lodge Endowment Fund Trustee Committee relative to the number of members and members of the same.

On October 10, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omaha Lodge No. 288 in Omaha to increase the degree fees and annual dues.

On October 17, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Utica Lodge No. 96 in Utica to increase the annual dues.

On October 17, 2008, I approved amendments to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 in Stromsburg to increase the annual dues; to change the degree fees; and to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer referenced in Article III, Sections 1 and 5.

On October 23, 2008, I approved amendments to the bylaws of Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to increase annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On October 23, 2008, I approved amendments to the bylaws of Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to increase annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On October 29, 2008, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281.

On November 18, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to increase the annual dues.

On November 18, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Union Lodge No. 287 in Palmyra to increase the annual dues and to change the dates a member is automatically suspended to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On November 18, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wisner Lodge No. 114 in Wisner to increase the annual dues.

On December 3, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Comet Lodge No. 229 in Ceresco to increase the annual dues.

On December 12, 2008, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 in Brownville to increase the 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:

Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton, merged into Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva, effective the 8th day of August, 2008.

Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, Bloomfield, merged into Wausa Lodge No. 251, Wausa, effective the 17th day of October, 2008.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On January 29, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 91 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On February 11, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Florence Lodge No. 281 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On February 11, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 to install their 2008 Junior and Senior Stewards out of time.

On February 11, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit York Lodge No. 56 to install their 2008 Chaplain, Senior and Junior Stewards and Marshal out of time.

On February 11, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201 to install their 2008 Junior Steward, Marshal and Tyler out of time.

On February 11, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 to install their 2008 Junior and Senior Stewards out of time.

On February 12, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jachin Lodge No. 146 to install their 2008 Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Junior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On February 12, 2008, 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 3, 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.

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 February 13, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 in Norfolk to obtain a list of member addresses within close proximity to Norfolk for the purpose of inviting them to a George Washington birthday party.

On February 25, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of addresses from various lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a Friendship dinner in Fremont.

On March 9, 2008, I did not allow a member of Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to obtain a list of member addresses for the purpose of sending information about a local area charity walk.

On March 13, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to York Lodge No. 56 to move their charter on May 27, 2008, to Phil Towle's acreage located at 1007 Road G in York, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On March 13, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 12, 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.

Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On March 14, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln to obtain a list of members who live in various zip codes in the Lincoln

area but who are not members of local area lodges for the purpose of sending a welcome letter.

On March 20, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 to install their 2008 Treasurer and Chaplain out of time.

On April 10, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Cedar River Lodge No. 89 of Fullerton to elect their 2008 officers out of time.

On April 16, 2008, I denied a request by Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for dispensation to waive the 28-day requirement of Section 2-905 before a petition of a candidate may be balloted upon.

On April 17, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 of Walthill to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On April 21, 2008, I issued a certificate of good standing and authorization to executive documents to the Master and Secretary of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to complete the sale of the lodge building.

On April 25, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of addresses for Omaha area lodge Masters for the purpose of inviting them to a Friendship dinner in Omaha.

On April 28, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 to move their charter on May 31, 2008 to the farm of W.B. Bill Morrow located 5 miles west of Doniphan, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On May 1, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 to move their charter to various locations in June, July and August, 2008 for the purpose of holding regular and special communications, because the lodge building was undergoing renovations. The notification requirements of Section 2-502 must be met.

On May 6, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 to move their charter on July 1, 2008 to The Masonic Home, located at 1300 Avenue D in Plattsmouth, for the purpose of holding a lodge meeting for the Brethren at The Home.

On May 15, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Alliance Lodge No. 183 of Alliance to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 20, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 25, 2008, at the Scottish Rite Center in Sioux City, Iowa. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in each degree in the prescribed manner;
- b. Be caused to attend prayer and be asked the proper question in the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- c. Receive the obligation in each degree while positioned behind the Altar; and

- d. Receive instruction on the Working Tools, all lectures, and the charge of each degree.

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On May 20, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 27, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to move their charter on June 10, 2008 to an isolated canyon at Brother Walter Johnson's ranch located at 16600 N. Johnson Road in North Platte, for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 30, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 12, 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.

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 June 3, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of addresses from various lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a Friendship dinner in Fremont.

On June 5, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Scribner Lodge No. 132 to move their charter for the regular communications in July, August and September to Hooper Lodge No. 72 in Hooper, for the purpose of holding the meetings in an air conditioned building.

On June 12, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 of Ainsworth to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On June 24, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree, Fellow Craft Degree and the Master Mason Degree on three candidates at the same time on the following respective date: July 10, 2008; July 17 2008; and July 24, 2008. 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 June 24, 2008, I approved the formation of A Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association Chapter in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. This permission was granted upon the representation that Section 3-102(g) of the Grand Lodge Bylaws had been complied with in that the Association does not require the taking of an obligation for membership and that the Association has no secret ritual or ceremony. Said approval also required that no chapter in Nebraska have the term "Grand Chapter" in its name.

On June, 24, 2008, I denied the request of a brother to "heal" his Masonic membership record by allowing him to pay all of his dues since the date of his suspension for non-payment of dues from 1985 to 2005.

On July 7, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to move their charter on July 12, 2008 to Brother Richard Wilson's property located at 9615 Antelope Road in Kearney, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On July 30, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 to move their charter on August 19, 2008 to Rex Solomon's farm located two miles north of McCook, for the purpose of conducting an outdoor degree.

On July 28, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 of Wakefield to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 21, 2008, I orally ruled that pursuant to Sections 3-805, 3-806 and 3-807 once the Grand Lodge votes to accept a report of the Committee on Grievances as to an appeal from a matter of Masonic discipline, a subsequent Grand Master does not have the power to modify or change the findings in said accepted report.

On August 18, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279 of Wallace to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 29, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Wallace Lodge No. 279 to move their charter on September 1, 2008 to a low valley about 2 miles south and 2 1/2 miles east of Wallace, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On September 3, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 of Omaha to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than five candidates at the same time on September 10, 2008. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On September 9, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-612., I reprimanded a member of Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 for sending circular letters to lodges without the prior written consent of the Grand Master.

On September 10, 2008, 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 12, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On September 17, 2008, 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 18, 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.

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 September 20, 2008, 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 29, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bellevue Lodge No. 328 in Bellevue to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 18, 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.

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

On October 16, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Liberty Lodge No. 300 to move their charter on October 18, 2008 to Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Center located at 332 Centennial Mall South, for the purpose of holding a one-day conferral.

On October 16, 2008, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Seneca Lodge No. 284 to move their charter for a five-month period commencing with the regular meeting to be held in November through the regular meeting in March of 2009 to Stub's Fine Dining located one mile east of Theford on Highway 2, for the purpose of winterizing the lodge building to conserve lodge resources.

On October 21, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 8, 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 fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

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

On November 3, 2008, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On November 5, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Cedar River Lodge No. 89 in Fullerton to elect their 2009 officers out of time.

On November 17, 2008, I approved a request to heal the record of a man who became a member of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 in Omaha in 1977. The man held perpetual memberships in Shrine and Scottish Rite and believed he held the same for his lodge, and was unaware that he was suspended for nonpayment of dues in 1984 prior to the lodge consolidating with John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in 1998. The direction is contingent upon the payment of all outstanding dues since the date of suspension.

On November 26, 2008, upon good cause shown, I allowed a courtesy entered apprentice degree to be conferred by Lancaster Lodge No. 54 on a petitioner to Cotner Lodge No. 297 notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2-911.

On December 1, 2008, 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 2009 officers out of time.

On December 8, 2008, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Laurel Lodge No. 248 of Laurel to elect their 2009 officers out of time.

On December 9, 2008, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on January 31, 2009. 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.

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

On December 30, 2008, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all 2009 Worshipful Masters for the purpose of sending a certificate to each new Master in the Tangier area.

On January 6, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to move their charter on January 10, 2009 to Centennial Lodge No. 326, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On January 12, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 91 of Oakland to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

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 6, 2008.....	Carl Jennings	Miloma No. 328
February 14, 2008.....	Glenn E. Bartley	Shiloh No. 327
February 29, 2008.....	David J. Gibbs, Sr.....	Miloma No. 328
March 4, 2008.....	Melvin J. Taylor	Cotner No. 297
March 14, 2008.....	Richard L. Jackson	Robert W. Furnas No. 265
April 11, 2008.....	Alan J. Briggs	Hickman No. 256
April 17, 2008.....	Kevin Stocker	Scotts Bluff No. 201
April 30, 2008.....	James H. Wyant.....	Newman Grove No. 305
May 16, 2008.....	Robert H. Nordell, II	Covert No. 11
May 23, 2008.....	Robert J. Myers	Omadi No. 5
July 10, 2008.....	Jonathan D. Stick.....	East Lincoln No. 210
July 21, 2008.....	Tracy W. Long	Platte Valley No. 32
August 13, 2008.....	Daniel R. Kracht.....	Springfield No. 112
August 13, 2008.....	Randy L. Flodman	Hickman No. 256
August 19, 2008.....	Michael L. Shipley, II.....	East Lincoln No. 210
August 19, 2008.....	Robert B. Boots	Alliance No. 183
August 29, 2008.....	Dale L. Marr	DeWitt No. 111
September 9, 2008	Robert A. Jamieson	George W. Lininger No. 268
September 16, 2008	Randall E. Strauss.....	Lancaster No. 54
October 23, 2008	Frederick A. Arnold.....	Fairbury No. 35
November 6, 2008	Thomas E. Janecek	Blue Valley No. 64
November 14, 2008	Tom C. Lane.....	Platte Valley No. 32

RESOLUTIONS

Submitted at the 151st Annual Communication in February 2008:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

Section 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2010, 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 2010	18.00	33.50
commencing January 2011	19.00	43.50
commencing January 2012	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:

2010	\$38.50
2011	\$48.50
2012	\$58.50

RATIONALE (from Brethren submitting Resolution): The Grand Lodge must currently withdraw from the endowment fund each year to cover day-to-day operating expenses (in 2008, it is projected to withdraw approximately \$60,000). In order for the Grand Lodge to be proactive and effective in achieving its stated Mission and Vision, it must be solvent and able to pay its operating expenses from dues alone, thereby reserving the proceeds of the endowment fund for charitable, fraternal and other activities and programs devised to advance Freemasonry in the state of Nebraska.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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, 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.

RATIONALE (from Brethren submitting Resolution): Both the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge have enjoyed the member's dues for 50-plus years and it therefore seems unfair that the subordinate lodge alone would bear the burden of the forgiveness of the 50-year member's application.

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.

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-103 of the Bylaws, a Trial Commission was appointed in the matter of a criminal offense by a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300. 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:

March 26, 2008	Eric Neratka Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
April 24, 2008	Todd M. Davison Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa
June 5, 2008	Shawn Titus Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
June 24, 2008	Ross Cerveny Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
October 3, 2008	Adam R. Kruse Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa
January 6, 2009	Frank W. Gorhau, Jr. Jackson Lodge No. 42, Iowa

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

Last year I challenged the Grand Lodge to consider the question of who we are both as a fraternity and as Masons. As I journeyed across the state this year, I heard Nebraska Masons considering these questions. As I have participated in these discussions, I have learned much about our Craft.

I learned of the great passion which our members, particularly our younger brothers, have for our fraternity. I had the privilege to participate in numerous e-mail, telephone and one-on-one conversations where members overwhelmed me with their love for Freemasonry and their desire that it thrive. This level of commitment and dedication speaks well for our future.

I learned that Nebraska Freemasonry is fortunate to have the cooperative spirit between the appendant bodies which make up the Nebraska Masonic family. I suspect that this spirit of cooperation is partly a result of those good Nebraska values of fair dealing with others and of recognizing the benefit of working together. However, it is also the result of a deliberate commitment by all the leaders of the appendant bodies to choose unity. As this cooperative spirit is not universal across the United States, I want to publicly thank the leadership of the appendant bodies for the privilege to work with them this year.

I learned that this is a wonderful time to be a Mason. Interest in our fraternity and its teaching is high. I am convinced that the tenants of our fraternity are as relevant today as they were when our English forefathers constituted the first Grand Lodge. There are men (who each of us know) who are seeking fraternal fellowship with other likeminded men, who are searching for opportunities to better themselves, and who are yearning to make a difference in their communities. I am also convinced that Freemasonry can provide the tools and experiences to help these men in their quests.

Unfortunately, I also learned that some members are unable to pass on the torch of leadership to the next generation of leaders or are unwilling to assist older members in these times of change. Both attitudes are contrary to Masonic teaching. Masonry is a progressive science and, as a result, some of its methods may change. However, its timeless teachings of tolerance and forbearance provide the blueprint on how we should at all times treat our brothers.

When I first began this journey, I suspect deep down I assumed that the Grand Lodge and its officers could and should solve all the challenges which face our institution. However, I have learned that the success or failure of our fraternity does not depend on the Grand Lodge officers, does not depend on the Grand Lodge programs or committees, does not depend on our staff and, in many ways, does not even depend on our local lodges. Rather the direction of our future rests on a commitment of each Mason to the application of the tenants of Freemasonry to his daily life.

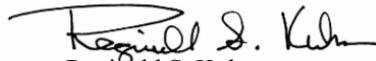
On its best days, the tenants of our fraternity challenge a Mason to simply not be ordinary but rather to be extraordinary, and likewise our fraternity is made up of brothers who on their best days challenge each of us to live a standard of conduct which is simply superior to that seemingly celebrated in our modern culture and media. It remains our highest calling to apply the tenants of Masonry in our daily lives and, by that example, encourage others to join with us in this wonderful fraternal experience. Our failure to so act will relegate our fraternity to the shades of historical obscurity and irrelevance.

Thankfully, the future of our Craft rests on each Nebraska Mason as he faithfully applies the tenants of the builder's trade to his life. The methods by which this will be accomplished are varied, and each Mason must find the path which seems most appropriate to him. However, in my journey over the past fourteen years, I have had the privilege to meet untold brothers who are doing this every day. This reality makes me very hopeful for our future.

CONCLUSION

It has been the highest privilege of my life to serve as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I attempted to serve the Craft to the best of my ability and I hope to the satisfaction of you, my brothers. I earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will continue to guide our fraternity in its noble endeavors, and that He bless each of you in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,



Reginald S. Kuhn
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.



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Casey Nuss of Hastings Lodge No. 50.

“Over the past four years, Hastings Lodge No. 50 has sponsored a Veteran’s Day parade. It started off with about 50 people going through the parade and it was something to show our appreciation for the veterans throughout all of the wars and the current wars that are going on. Over the last four years, that number of people coming through the parade rose from 50 to 100 and we’ll hopefully continue to keep it growing.”

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

John T. Maxell, Chairman

Relief is and will always be one of the great tenets of the Masonic fraternity. The committee received strong support from our Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn who challenged the committee to be more visible in the community. The committee took that heed and had several articles published in the Nebraska Mason. The committee also fulfilled more requests for relief this year than over the past 5 years for Nebraska Masons or for a family member of a Nebraska Mason.

Five requests were submitted and all five were approved, for a sum of 2,056.00 dollars. No funds were released to any Masonic bodies outside the State of Nebraska. All requests were relayed to their local Lodge throughout the State. The committee took the stand that funds raised should be reserved for Nebraska Masons.

The committee has put together a new fundraiser which will kick off in the first quarter of 2009 and run throughout the 2009 year. The committee wants to thank all the Brethren who have helped support Nebraska Masonic Relief. We continue to ask that each Brother look into their hearts and make a donation to the Masonic Relief Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
John Maxell, 327, Chairman
George B. Bolter, 39
Ronald W. Osborne, 256
David G. Otte, 119
Jerold L. Sievers, 256

Worshipful Brother Maxell noted that an additional request for relief was received after the printing of the report, and asked to amend the second paragraph of the report to reflect the change, making a total of six requests submitted and six requests approved. He then moved for the approval of the report, including the change. The motion was seconded and favorably carried.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.: Grand Master Kuhn asked R.:W.: Russell G. Reno for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master.

Good morning, Brethren. I'd like to thank all of you for this honor. But although it's an honor, I am a realist. I know it's going to be an awful lot of work and that's what I'd like to talk about this morning – about 2009. Before I get to my comments, I think we owe a huge congratulations and certainly the thanks from the Grand Lodge Officers to our Grand Master Reg Kuhn. This year, he opened the door for us to try many new things and I hope that the new things we have tried have helped you considerably. Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you very much.

What is it that you value about Freemasonry? Why are you willing to commit workdays and weekend days to attend this meeting and countless meetings in your lodge, practices and activities? What is it that you value about our fraternity that causes you to give so much time to it? These are the questions that I asked myself a few years ago when I became active in my lodge. My answer is the Masonic values we gain from our fraternity. I value the more than 90 symbols that are in our work that serve as guideposts for my life. In other words, I value our values. I value the brotherly love of this fraternity. I know that in the coming year when my car breaks down I can call the nearest Mason and he will help me. Our symbol, as you know, for brotherly love is the trowel.

I also value the work that we do for others. You and I are making a difference in the lives of many deserving people because we are Mason, Shriners, Scottish and York Ritters, Eastern Star members and members of other Masonic organizations. Our good deeds extend through the boundless realms of eternity, as represented by the third rung of Jacob's Ladder, which is charity.

Our fraternity demands that we examine our own values, that each of us determines the breadth of our circle that defines our way of life. Through that process, we seek to move closer to the perfect ashlar. These symbols and the values they stand for will be our focus in 2009. The perfect ashlar representing our effort to become more perfect and to be better fathers for our families and husbands for our wives, the trowel that spreads brotherly love in our lodges and in the fraternity, and the third rung of Jacob's Ladder, meaning charity, that commands us to take Masonic values outside the walls of our lodges. We'll be bringing these symbols together in 2009 under one theme – Freemasonry, Values in Action.

All Masters received a Lodge Planning Guide in December outlining this theme and a number of activities for your lodge to perform this year. I hope you have already integrated the activities into your lodge's plan and are working to make them happen. These activities were selected because they represent values in action, and if you implement them, you will have a good year and it will be obvious from the increased involvement of your members, the return of brothers you haven't seen in years and new members who have joined your lodge. That's been my experience.

Lodges flourish when they are active, and by that I mean holding at least one activity each month. But more activities make it even better. When members see their lodge offering meaningful and fun activities that promote fellowship among brothers, meaningful charity and the opportunity to become a better man, they will attend activities and will want their friends to join, and that will happen, I promise you.

It happened when I was involved with Job's Daughters. Now it may amuse you that I'm comparing young women with mature men, but I've found the motivation to be much the same. We had a little bethel of 11 members and within three years grew to be one of the largest, if not the largest, bethel in the nation. We attracted new members because we were active. And that's also what we experienced at Cotner Lodge in 2002 and since then. A full calendar of activities and enthused, active members attracted some inactive members back to lodge. But what I also saw were brothers who then recruited their friends. That year, we saw the largest increase in membership since 1958. That's when I realized that no matter a person's age, they want to belong to organizations that are active and that promote camaraderie.

So, to keep us active and moving in the same direction, I am asking you to do the following activities that will align with the values and symbols for this year:

The Perfect Ashlar – In May, hold a family activity at your lodge. In July, expand your personal knowledge of our fraternity by reading a Masonic book or start a Nebraska Masonic College course. As a lodge, donate Masonic books to a local library, your lodge library and/or the Grand Lodge library. In October, take your ladies to the Ladies Festival Weekend on October 9 through 10. This will be a significant event that will give you a chance to treat your wife to a special weekend focused on her. We will offer fine arts activities, shopping, tours, museum visits and an elegant dinner. To top it off, the University of Nebraska Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert of music composed by Masons, including a tribute to Willa Cather by a recently made Mason. It promises to be a very special event and I hope you're able to attend.

The trowel – In March, support the Grand Lodge Masonic Relief fund. We will soon have a website up where you can buy items bearing the square and compass, including a jacket. All profits will go to the Masonic Relief fund. In September, invite non-attending members back to your lodge to a "back to lodge night" to talk about their involvement in appendant bodies. Some won't know what they need to do to get into the lodge and you are encouraged to perform the Rusty Nail Degree before your meeting. In November, support the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Washington, D.C. George Washington was made a Mason on November 4, and that will be the 250th Anniversary of that date. I urge you to support this important Masonic symbol, a true national treasure, that shows the role Freemasonry played in the life of the most highly regarded political figure in the world, George Washington.

In addition, I am announcing today that during the year I will be looking for brothers wanting to become charter members of a lodge called Washington Memorial Lodge. At twice a year meetings, the purpose would be to learn more about Washington, the Revolutionary War, our country at that time and to raise funds for the Memorial. In 2010, the lodge and interested brothers will journey to Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorial and take a Masonic tour of our nation's capital. Staff at the Memorial have promised to help us arrange personal tours of Mt. Vernon and will assist with other arrangements. In addition, they are designing a special jewel for the members of this lodge that will be worn exclusively by those members. If you're interested in becoming a member of that lodge, there are some cards on the corner of this table. Please fill it out and send it to me.

You heard Most Worshipful Brother Reg talk about the possible move of the Grand Lodge to Lincoln Scottish Rite. I'd like the lodges to support that effort in fund raising in December of 2009. The Masonic Education Committee will launch online the Nebraska Masonic College. This will offer all members the chance to learn more about the values our ritual work teaches us so that we can become better men and Masons.

And finally, the third rung of Jacob's Ladder – In April, conduct or participate in a community service project. In June, donate money or time to CHIP. Schedule a CHIP event in your community or at least send a donation to help spread the good word about Nebraska Freemasonry. In August and September, we'll have a very important event. The state of Nebraska has never had a statewide blood drive, but the Masons of Nebraska are going to have that first drive. The state's blood centers will work with every lodge to get bloodmobiles to your lodge so citizens in your community can give blood and your lodge can open its doors so residents can find out more about Freemasonry. We'll kick off the blood drive with a proclamation from Governor Dave Heineman and follow it up with an event at the Governor's mansion where he or the Lieutenant Governor will present awards to the lodges that have successful blood drives. In November, I'd like to see the lodges participate in a Veteran's Day observance. There is a ceremony called the Vacant Chair Ceremony which was distributed to all Masters. I'd like lodges to either participate in that or a local community observance.

If you hold these activities, your lodge will have a good year and you will be busy. But it should also be obvious that the Grand Lodge officers also will be busy. I believe the purpose of the Grand Lodge is to give you the resources to be successful, while your job is to use them. The officers will be taking our resources into the field so they are more accessible to you. The state has been divided into nine training areas. All but four lodges out of 151 lodges are no more than 90 miles away from a central point in each area. The central points for each one of those areas are Omaha, Lincoln, Wahoo, Beatrice, Kearney, Norfolk, North Platte, Ainsworth and Alliance.

The Lodge Leadership and Enrollment programs will be presented in late summer and early fall in all nine areas. At the very least, all Wardens should attend the Lodge Leadership training so they can prepare for the year they will serve as Master. Each lodge, if you haven't already started a mentoring program, needs to send a member to the Enrollment Program training. Other officers and members who are interested can attend these trainings as well.

You will also see the Grand Lodge Officers at other times too. Each officer will be assigned four lodges to visit in the coming year. I and whatever officers are available will visit each area to hold what I call Lodge Leaders Forums starting at the end of this month and continuing through April. This is a chance for the Masters and Wardens to exchange ideas as we seek to improve our lodges and the fraternity. In preparation for 2010 Annual Communication, we will hold area meetings to discuss amendments and other issues that arise during the year. The Masonic Education Committee will hold Educational Symposiums in March and October in several locations around the state. Building off of what Wayne Vian has done in Grand Island, if a public, religious or Masonic building is being constructed in your community or will include an addition, be sure to request a cornerstone laying ceremony as part of your community's celebration. Contact Grand Marshal Joe McBride. At a minimum, your Grand Lodge Officers will hold at least four meetings in each of those nine areas, within 90 miles of every lodge, in the coming year.

In every Masonic leadership position I've held, I've made the same statement to the members at the beginning of the year that I'm going to make to you. When this year is over, I promise you, I will be exhausted. In other words, I will work just as hard, if not harder, than you to make our fraternity successful. I ask that you too commit to work with that same fervor to benefit your lodge.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said "Greatness is not where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but sail we

must and not drift nor lie at anchor.” In what direction is your lodge moving? Are you sailing with the wind or against it? Or is it drifting or lying in anchor. I ask you to assess your lodge needs to ensure it sails with the wind so that collectively Nebraska lodges will improve together, all moving in the same direction. I believe that, individually, our lodges can’t truly advance forward until we all advance forward. That will give us a strong base to support all lodges and our Masonic family across Nebraska. If Freemasonry is seen statewide as meaningful in the lives of men and their families, as promoting true brotherhood, and as difference makers in society, then we all will share in a positive image and its resultant growth.

For the rest of this year, make your lodge, our fraternity and the values they represent the top priority in all that you do. You’re the one responsible for your lodge’s success. Take another look at the Lodge Planning Guide that was sent to you. Become familiar with the tools and ideas in it and make it happen in your community. You must do it. As promised, the Grand Lodge will stand with you and provide you the tools you need to prepare yourself for the task. Please use them.

Your Grand Lodge Officers are making a commitment to you and now I’m asking you not to make a commitment to us, but instead make a commitment to your lodge members. Give them what they expect and what they deserve. My hope is that next year at this time the 2009 Masonic leadership team, which includes everyone in this room, will have constructed a solid base that Right Worshipful Brother John Parsons and the next Master of your lodge can build on to take our fraternity to even greater heights. As we make progress, then our Masonic values truly will become a part of the fabric of every member, every lodge and each community. Brothers, imagine how we can impact our fraternity and our world. Thank you.

Fraternally yours,
Russell G. Reno
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 Russell G. Reno and Cotner Lodge No. 297.



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Rex Moats, Grand Junior Deacon.

“A highly visible event for the Masonic family in Tekamah is a pot luck dinner and bottle auction held by the lodge and Eastern Star chapter. Attendees wrap a bottle and it is offered for the auction without the bidder knowing what’s inside the package. It makes for a fun evening. Proceeds from the auction are given to local food pantries. The event is open to the public and attendance has increased each year. In the first year, the auction raised \$300; \$900 in the second year; and last year the amount was over \$1300. For more information, contact our brothers at the Tekamah Lodge.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: Les Seiler, Chairman

Dwight Smith gave the report for the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2009, by M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler, with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Dwight E. Smith, Dean Skokan, Steven Mattoon and John McHenry. Also present were M.:W.: Reg Kuhn, Grand Master, and thirteen (13) Grand Lodge Officers. The Past Grand Masters present were Phil Lorenzen and Don Rasmussen.

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 two (2) resolutions submitted at the 151st Annual Communication held on January 31st, February 1st and 2nd, 2008.

At the 2008 Annual Meeting, the membership presented Resolutions One and Two. Resolutions One and Two 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 14, 2009, and submitted to the Grand Master an Agenda and Report.

With regard to the Grand Master’s Recommendations, we found that Recommendations One and Two are in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to the permissions and dispensations and supplemental report, 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.

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 Dwight Smith was elected Chairman and M.:W.: Brother Reg Kuhn was elected Secretary.

The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending M.:W.: Reg Kuhn on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended him and his officers for their year of service to the Fraternity.

Past Grand Master McHenry is retiring as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and it was moved, seconded and approved thanking Brother John for his many years of service to the fraternity and this Committee.

Past Grand Master Phil Lorenzen, Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work, requested to address the Jurisprudence Committee regarding the appointment of Personal Representatives and a Grand Musician.

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
 Dean F. Skokan, 15

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

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

I gratefully acknowledge the privilege of serving the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, as your Grand Secretary again in the year 2008. It is an honor and a rewarding experience to work with the Grand Lodge officers, the Grand Lodge office staff and the officers and members of the Lodges in this grand jurisdiction.

2008 was another busy year. We had many cornerstone ceremonies, Lodge rededications and Lodge anniversaries - from Plattsmouth in the east to Imperial and Scottsbluff in the west. These occasions provide positive exposure for the local Lodges and the fraternity. Events attended outside this grand jurisdiction include the Conference of Grand Secretaries in Louisville, KY in February and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Bismarck, ND in August. Each of these conferences provides an opportunity to see what is happening in other grand jurisdictions.

Secretaries of the local Lodges do an excellent job in compiling and keeping Lodge records and filing necessary reports to the Grand Lodge office. Those Secretaries who file all their reports for the year to the Grand Lodge office by a specified date are awarded a Certificate of Achievement at the Secretaries Workshop at the Annual Communication. Those Secretaries who received the award at the 2008 Annual Communication for their work in 2007 are as follows:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Alan Duysen, Nebraska No. 1 | Gary Wolfe, Long Pine No. 136 |
| Dave Wetrosky, Western Star No. 2 | Brad Waite, Bee Hive No. 184 |
| Jay Speck, Plattsmouth No. 6 | Dick Hemmingsen, Plainview No. 204 |
| Denny Smith, Fremont No. 15 | Lowell Erickson, Wausa No. 251 |
| Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley No. 32 | Dick Cooper, Mitchell No. 263 |
| Bill Parrish, Ashlar No. 33 | AJ Johnson, George W Lininger No. 268 |
| Glen Jorgenson, Hastings No. 50 | Ralph Riemann, Cotner No. 297 |
| Bill Cummins, Lancaster No. 54 | Bruce Watkins, Liberty No. 300 |
| Loren McNeil, Utica No. 96 | Art Dye, Mid-West No. 317 |
| Don Ellenberger, Springfield No. 112 | Phil Edwards, Centennial No. 326 |
| Marshall Grant, McCook No. 135 | |

Lowell Erickson, Wausa Lodge No. 251 received the award for five consecutive years.

These Secretaries have now received the award for ten consecutive years:

- Loren McNeil, Utica Lodge No. 96
- Art Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317
- Phil Edwards, Centennial Lodge No. 326

Secretary of the Year, 2007, as chosen by the Grand Lodge office staff was awarded to:
Jay Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	<u>2007 Final</u>	<u>2008 Preliminary</u>
Number of Lodges	150.....	150
Initiated	330.....	329
Passed	314.....	327
Raised	307.....	321
Affiliated	60.....	71
Dual Memberships	56.....	47
Reinstatements	143.....	118
Consolidations	146.....	56
Other	1.....	0
Total Gains	713.....	613
Deaths	418.....	453
Demits	76.....	68
Suspensions	455.....	485
Withdrawals	1.....	1
Consolidations	146.....	56
Termination of Dual	18.....	26
Other	1.....	0

Total Losses	1,115.....	1,089
Net Membership Changes	(402).....	(476)
Total Membership	13,989.....	13,513

Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge office do a great job and are always willing to answer questions or be of assistance. Stop by and see them or give them a call and thank them for all they do. Thank you all for the honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bruce A. Watkins, 300
 Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Grand Secretary, along with the adoption of the 2008 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by E. David Watts, Grand Junior Warden.

“Osceola Lodge No. 65 hosts two twelve and under tournaments. A basketball tournament is held in the winter and a softball tournament is held in the spring. Together, these events raise \$3000 to \$4000 a year, which is used to fund community programs and scholarships. We also turn it around to buy uniforms for the schools. The best thing that the tournaments do for the lodge is it allows us to enroll our members into activities, it gives us revenue for our fundraisers, and it also puts us out in the public’s eye, so we accomplish three things. I’d like to point out that this idea came from a member who had been raised less than six months before he brought the idea up in lodge and someone told him that ‘we’ve never done that before.’”



Grand Junior Warden E. David Watts moved for approval to hold the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 2, 3 and 4, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

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

Jim made the following remarks:

“Good morning brethren. I’m delighted to say this is one of the few times I’ve been at Grand Communication where we haven’t had snow, ice or extremely cold weather and I don’t think most of us know how to operate without that anymore. My topic obviously is the Nebraska Masonic Home. This year we are 106 years old and a fully licensed facility of continual care and a mission that has been established and has been followed. The mission is “The Nebraska Masonic Home is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of its residents by

offering a continuum of care through gracious assisted living, quality nursing care to eligible members of the Masonic family.”

Now, by eligible members, I mean every one of you out here is eligible to apply for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home. Also, your wife is eligible, daughters are eligible, granddaughters are now eligible, mothers, grandmothers and sisters. We did leave out mothers-in-law, at the request of several members. However, if the mother-in-law happens to have been married to a Mason, that doesn't apply. We have one resident that came to us recently, she came at the age of 105 years of age, and she moved to our beautiful home from Hawaii. You may wonder why would she pick Nebraska over Hawaii. Her father was a Mason and her only living relative is a nephew who lives in Bellevue and he convinced her to come to Nebraska to spend the rest of her life, and she's probably going to be around for quite a while. She's one of the liveliest people, one of three people there that are over 100 years of age, and all of them doing very well. Her nephew lives in Bellevue and convinced her to come and you know what, she's really enjoying it here in Nebraska, and I think that has something to do with the people we have here in Nebraska.

Right now, we have 90 residents at the Home, and that number fluctuates greatly and often. Last week, we had 94 at the Home. So you never know how many are coming in and how many are going to go out. Of that number, 75 percent of the residents are women, and this is one of the obligations you had, was to take care of them. Twenty-five percent are men. I think that's a ratio that a lot of us would have liked to have had when we were younger and single. But the Home takes care of them and 49 of the 90 people are what we call regular way residents. That means they can no longer afford to support themselves in our Home or any other home and that's what we have to pay for and that runs us about \$65,000 a year for board, room, medications and all of their services - that all comes from The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, which supplies the money to keep those people in the Home. The Money from that comes from your dues and by the way I might remind you that the dues you pay have a \$2.00 contribution to the Home. That pays for one-half of one resident for one year. So the contributions there do not give us enough money to operate. Fortunately, the Foundation has been built up over the years with wills and bequests, and we are able to afford to do that.

Now, I think most of you are aware of some economic problems in this country. A lot of assets of people have gone down dramatically. Fortunately for the Home, the assets in the Foundation have gone down not nearly as much as the Dow or the Nasdaq, so we are still in good condition. However, it is never too late or too early to think about the future, and one of the things that we have to think about is “how are we going to maintain it?” And this is where all of you come in to give to the Home in wills and bequests so that we can keep going. We have a very dedicated Board of fifteen members. The Board and the staff work very hard to maintain our expenses so that we can keep the Home going.

We've studied and considered the Home and the services and the facilities and the current membership and the upcoming generations – the Baby Boomers – and what they will need for essential living as senior citizens, and we are embarking on a very ambitious campaign for the Home's future to bring the Home up to date, the staff up to date and everybody so that we can continue to operate. Some of that is just to maintain the dignity of the residents of the Home

and some of it is by edict from the state. We are fully licensed and have to abide by the state laws. So it makes a difference as to what we do and what we have. There's a display in the lobby that has all sorts of information and brochures about this, and you will be fully informed of the campaign as we go along, it is just starting, and we hope that you will continue to have The Nebraska Masonic Home be one of the finest retirement facilities in this country. I've been to quite a few of them, both Masonic and non-Masonic, and we operate one of the finest ones here, thanks to all of you.

I would like to close with a quote from Phil Lorenzen, Past Grand Master. Phil says, "As a Mason, Board member and son of a former resident, I am pleased to support this project, knowing it will help ensure the Home's longevity in serving others as it served dad and our family. Again, speaking personally, I know of no better caring facility." Gentlemen, I hope you come and visit. If you haven't, please do. We'd be delighted to have you down there and if you come at noon hour, they'll even give you lunch."

The printed report is as follows:

It is with pride that I report to you on behalf of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the year 2008. The last 12 months have been very busy but equally rewarding. The Board of Trustees for The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Board of Directors for The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation have had extremely important decisions to make on behalf of The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is with confidence that I report to you that all decisions made have been thoroughly discussed and researched by professional consultants prior to final decisions being made.

A major decision was made to construct a new three-floor addition north of the Spencer Wing which will greatly enhance the quality of life for all of our residents. Second and third floors will be used as dining rooms/activity rooms to provide the appropriate space needed for all gatherings. Having more spacious areas will also ensure the dignity and privacy all of our residents deserve for the level of care they require.

The relocation of our facility's main kitchen and dietary storage areas will also be a very wise economical change and greatly improve our current labor intensive food delivery system.

It was also determined that to meet the needs of our current and future residents the complete restoration of our 1924 Wing is necessary. The restoration will result in six 2-bedroom/2-bathroom apartments and three large 1-bedroom apartments. The 1924 Wing is outdated and needs to be renovated for all the logical reasons.

The enthusiasm and determination of our Board Members and special committees that have been formed as a result of this lengthy ongoing project is commendable. Everyone looks forward to assisting with the continued effort necessary for such a large project.

As always this year we have been faced with personal loss. On May 27, 2008 Richard "Dick" Brasel passed away. Dick was a devoted Board of Trustee member of The Nebraska Masonic Home for 19 years. His hard work and integrity were definite assets as a long-time board member. Dick will be remembered and missed by everyone whose life he touched.

A successful year at The Masonic Home greatly depends on the thoughtfulness of our many guests and visitors. Every June we are visited by Narcissus Kensington members of Omaha and treated to a delicious picnic dinner complete with a large selection of food

and desserts. Also in July, Home Chapter No. 189 of Plattsmouth served our residents a traditional fried chicken picnic dinner which was delicious.

The residents thoroughly enjoy these two long-standing annual events. The Home's employees and residents are so pleased to receive The Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of Eastern Star and their companions as our special guests at the Home Chapter Picnic. It is such an honor having them as our special guests because many travel quite a distance to make the visit and take a guided tour following our picnic. The tour always results in compliments and praise after our guests see our beautiful facility.

A very special thank you is extended to Richard Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 for coordinating another successful year of donations from lodges and chapters for the much-appreciated annual Boon Memorial Food Truck fund raiser. On November 21 members of Andrew Chapter No. 41 came to visit our residents on behalf of the Boon Memorial Food Truck tradition. These ladies graciously visited each resident and distributed bags of chocolate candy. Our residents and Board of Trustees greatly appreciate this generous delivery each November.

A special thank you is extended to the Tangier Shrine Chanters for opening our Christmas season at the Home with a beautiful concert of holiday music in our Chapel on December 3. It was enjoyed by everyone.

The Masters and Wardens Club of the Omaha Metro area deserves our deep appreciation for the years of holiday generosity to our residents. The residents sincerely thank this fine group of generous and caring donors to The Masonic Home.

It is always a personal honor to extend a special thank you to the Grand families on behalf of the residents, employees, and Board of Trustees. Thank you to Grand Master Reginald Kuhn and all the Grand Lodge Officers as well as the very capable office staff for another year of assistance and support. To Worthy Grand Matron Wanda Fisher and Worthy Grand Patron Lowell Erickson and the Eastern Star Grand family I extend a special thank you. The ongoing and generous kindnesses they extend to all of our residents is greatly appreciated. Everyone looks forward to another year of working closely with Nebraska's Grand Families.

A special thank you to Deb Cummings, Administrative Assistant of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation for her continued commitment and hard work. A search for a Foundation Executive Director as a result of the resignation of Anita Crisp on October 1 is ongoing.

As a result of the admission criteria changes in October 2006 we have admitted six residents to our facility who are currently residing here. It has been exciting to watch the admission criteria changes result in an increased census.

The Home's current census is 92 residents. This number consists of 47 pay basis and 45 regular way residents.

The average resident census during 2008 on a monthly basis was 83.

The census as of December 31, 2008 was 92 and was comprised of 71 women and 21 men of which there were 9 couples.

Words cannot express the appreciation and gratitude I have for the employees, supervisors, and administrative staff for another year of commitment to our residents. Providing our residents with the highest quality of life possible is the most important

kindness we can extend to our residents. The reason The Home has had another successful year is a result of each employee's loyalty, hard work, and excellent department teamwork. Thank you all for helping The Home maintain its excellent reputation.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is so fortunate to have an excellent and dedicated 15 member Board of Trustees. Many of these Board members are also members of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation Board of Directors. The Masonic Home is extremely fortunate to have the expertise, loyalty, and dedication of these fine gentlemen. Your guidance and decision-making responsibilities are so instrumental in the success of The Masonic Home. On behalf of the residents and employees I extend to each of you a special thank you for performing your responsibilities in such a professional and caring manner.

This concludes my report.

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

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOUNDATION

Kent B. Broyhill, President

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

In 2008, our Masonic Fraternity established the Nebraska Freemasons CHIP Foundation, a departure from the previous Grand Lodge committee structure.

This past year we surpassed the 20,000 mark of total kids who have participated in the Nebraska CHIP program. In 2008, we held 43 events and ID'd 3646 kids. We have maintained an average of approximately 4,000 kids per year since the program's inception. Those numbers are very comparable to other states in relationship to population, number of lodges and lodge membership.

This past year we purchased new backdrops and equipment. Barb Bruning retired as our CHIP coordinator and Michelle Fulmer filled that position. The foundation board and the Grand Lodge maintain a mutually beneficial agreement that assists with overhead and personnel expenses.

We divided the state into districts and dispersed equipment into those areas saving considerable transportation and handling costs. Area coordinators are now responsible for maintaining equipment and restocking supplies.

Nebraska CHIP applied for a 501(c)(3) status, implemented a statewide fundraising campaign, utilized a grant writer and applied for grants to assist our program. Results from those efforts are still pending.

To save storage space, we now scan permission slips into a database. The program will save additional costs by dispensing with the patch paper and printers, thus utilizing only the CDs.

Three public service announcements were developed and distributed to radio stations throughout the state. New static cling decals are now available for window and doorways.

You can pick one up in the display area. We recommend that one be applied in every lodge entryway.

Your foundation board consisting of Dick Corwine, Jim Hyland, Newt Kelley, Maynard Tatelman, Byron Hust, John Maxell and Kent Broyhill, will continue to serve the fraternity and the Nebraska CHIP program with all the vigor, zeal and passion for CHIP that it has had since the program's inception five years ago.

The board makes use of telephone conference calls at their monthly meetings for the non-attendees. Meetings are held at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, on the first Monday of every month. We wish to extend a hearty thank you to the staff of the home for the use of their facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent B. Broyhill, President

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

Grand Master Kuhn asked if Ron Giesselmann was in attendance to present the report from the Children's Home. In his absence, Brother John F. Dale, a member of the Board of Directors came forward to report on the activities of the Home. The printed report from the President of the Board is as follows:

Sisters and Brothers,

Over the years I have made reference to changes and happenings at your Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, and this year will be a one of several changes, the first, that Ben Harvey, the Executive Director, has announced his retirement to take effect July 31. He has served nearly 28 years performing with distinction everything the board ever asked of him, making all the changes necessary to switch from his teaching career to that of children's home executive, moving his family onto Home grounds so that he would be available should he be needed. His children soon blended in with the Home children making his transition complete. The Board encouraged him to become active in the community, and he joined and has been active in many organizations. Through his hard work, recognition of our Home has raised both locally and nationally, helping to make our Home the jewel that it is. The Board, and I personally, will treasure all of the years of close and most pleasant relationship that we have had working with Ben. We admire Ben and will miss him and his family, but we wish them well in their retirement years, and of course they will always be welcome when they come back to visit us.

The second change began to take shape when members of the Child Service Committee, whose task also involves employee negotiations, began conversation with me about finding Bens' successor. The Board hadn't actively discussed it, but most if not all the board members had thought about where and how we would find a good candidate for his position when the time came. We could have hired a head hunter firm to find us several candidates from whom we could make a choice, but 8 years ago after several other interviews, Ben had hired a fine gentleman, Ron Giesselmann, as Director of Child Care. Ron has a law enforcement background, and he also had to make a career change, to take the position. During his eight years of commendable and impressive efforts, working closely with Ben and the children, the board didn't take long to make the decision to ask Ron if he was interested in the position, and would he meet the Committee and Ben with his resume which he agreed to do. The Committee notified the Board, and it held special meetings by phone and in person, and made him an offer which he has accepted. He was

hired, and will be Executive Director August 1st. Ron is also highly respected in the community, and will merge smoothly into his new career. He is a Past Master of his North Bend lodge.

Last fall and again this spring we mailed out our brochure, "The Home Front" which were two of the best to date, and on the back cover there are two totally different, but wonderful examples of how people are affected by their Home experiences. One from a former resident, and long time friend of Ruby and me, and the other by the Mother of a four year resident and graduate from the Home. Please read them, if you haven't, because each is an interesting and well written life experience. The mother speaks about how the admission of her son, and how well he has done. She talks about many of you as she extols how she was greeted and made to feel welcome, and about the distance you travel to be in that "smelly" hot barn, and how friendly you were as she watched her son display his well cared for steer and lamb. She speaks glowingly of the care and patience that was shown her son who had some disabilities, and especially her contacts with Ron, and the help she and her son received. She asks the question about Masons and Eastern Star ladies. "Who are these people, and why are they doing this?" You are the people. Please read about yourselves, and what your Home is all about.

I gladly speak for the proud and hard working members of the Board who perform their duties in your behalf, and we commend you as members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. The lives of 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. Truly Masonry at work.

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



Brother Paul Rutherford requested permission to address the assembly. Most Worshipful Reg granted such permission.

"Brethren, Worshipful Brother Reg announced last night and many of you may have already known, but our friend and Brother Charlie Amidon lost his wife Jean this past week and they are at this moment in Omaha holding a memorial service. It started at 10:00 am. I thought it would be appropriate and Most Worshipful Brother Reg gave me permission to request that we hold a moment of silence in respect and to send our spirit to be with Charlie and his family at this time. So everyone who is able, please rise and assume an attitude of prayer:

Dear Lord, we are not able to be with our friend and Brother Charlie to support him, but we do send our spirits, our thoughts, our prayers, and we take a moment from our proceedings to join in celebrating Jean's life. Please support them, help them celebrate, help them work through their grief. In your name we pray,

Amen"

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian

Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn called Jerry Verbeek to the East to bring his final report as Grand Custodian. Jerry made some remarks before moving for approval of the printed report:

“Thank you Most Worshipful Sir. This is my final report, as he said. It’s almost like throwing away your old shoes. I hate to do it. However, my report is rather comprehensive and it’s listed on page 17 through 19, and because this report printed for the proceedings is done in December, there will be supplemental information which will be forwarded to Grand Lodge to include in the proceedings, so it will cover everyday of our Masonic year.”

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.” 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, 68 of the 148 lodges in Nebraska, are currently certified. To date 27 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 (86) | McCook Lodge No. 135 (63) |
| Fremont Lodge No. 15 (77) | Custer Lodge No. 148 (65) |
| Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (74) | Samaritan Lodge No. 158 (63) |
| Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (80) | Alliance Lodge No. 183 (64) |
| Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (74) | Arcana Lodge No. 195 (72) |
| Crete Lodge No.No. 37 (76) | East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (75) |
| Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 (63) | North Star Lodge No. 227 (76) |
| Hastings Lodge No. 50 (85) | Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (70) |
| Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (87) | John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (77) |
| Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (84) | Cotner Lodge No. 297 (68) |
| Hooper Lodge No. 72 (84) | Liberty Lodge No. 300 (60) |
| Utica Lodge No. 96 (80) | Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (84) |
| Euclid Lodge No. 97 (77) | Mid-West Lodge No. 317 (61) |
| Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 (60) | |

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

60 years--Ben D. Fussell, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Geneva Lodge No. 79.

59 years--Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.

58 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.

56 years--Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No.128 and Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.

54 years--Dean E. Taylor, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, and David E. Anthony Hay Springs Lodge No. 177.

53 years--Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, 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, and Albert W. Watsek, Humboldt Lodge No. 40.

52 years--Norman L. Sorenson, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, 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, A. Larry Rogers, Papillion Lodge No. 39, and Raymond A. Holm, Tekamah Lodge No. 31.

51 years--James E. Cornish, DGC, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Bruce C. Kaman, Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Loren L. McNeil, Utica Lodge No. 96; and Jack Lefler, Comet Lodge No. 229.

50 years: Don W. Madsen, Covert Lodge No. 11, and Wilbert W. Wittmuss, Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Leo D. Lee, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.

Wade R. Kendle, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Gary Keeling, Superior Lodge No. 121 and Allan Sole, Nelson Lodge No. 77 received their initial Master Mason Proficiency Certification this year. I congratulate them for their achievement.

The following Brethren, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, received their initial proficiency in the EA Degree this year: Patrick Barger, Mervyn McDonough and Joe Huskey. I congratulate them for their achievement.

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 W.:B.: Lloyd I. Edwards, Deputy Grand Custodian for district 9, was unable to continue his work, and was placed in Emeritus Status. 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
 Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Pawnee Lodge No. 23--District No. 7
 John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4--District No. 8
 Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54--District No. 10
 Suman Vallabhbai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314--District No. 11
 Ashley H. Story, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314--District No. 13
 Randall L. Hart, Landmark Lodge No. 222 and Tekamah Lodge No. 31--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
- R. 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
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 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, and M.:W.:B.: Kenneth G. Fleming Past Grand Master and Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus continues to serve the fraternity in District No. 31. I thank them for their continued support in this important part of the Masonic Work.

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Glenn W. Binder | Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand |
| Richard L. Mauch | Custodian Emeritus |
| Frank R. Harris | Vincent Rosenberger |
| Ben D. Fussell | Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master |
| Ralph McNulty | Michael G. Birnstihl |
| A. W. Clark | Scott J. Krieger Sr., Past Grand Master |
| Lynn Doty | Harold C. Mueksch |
| Eugene C. Sibley | Harold W. Noble |
| Richard W. Linnemeyer | Lloyd I. Edwards |

The annual custodians school was held in Hastings on September 5, 2008. My thanks to M.:W.:B.: Reginald S Kuhn, Grand Master and all the Grand Lodge Officers for their support and contributions in the effort to improve our work. Also 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. Thanks does not seem enough for all the work the Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentice Deputy Grand Custodians put forth in this important function of our fraternity. Without their cooperation, support and work, not only at schools but also in the field, our efforts to maintain and improve the quality of our work would be in vain.

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 attended the school: M.:W.:B.: Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Master, M.:W.:B.: Philip Lorenzen, Chair of Committee on Work, M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Committee on Work and DGC Emeritus, Steven A. Green, Committee on Work and DGC, M.:W.:B.: Kenneth G. Fleming, DGC Custodian District 31 and Emeritus DGC, R.:W.:B.: E. David Watts, Grand Jr. Warden, W.:B.: Bruce Baker,

Grand Senior Deacon and DGC Apprentice, Arthur S. Dye, John C. Sierks, Augustine S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus and DGC for District 2, Leslie A. Evert, Roy L. Smith, Delmar A. Jones, Richard H. Cooper, Roger A. Deininger, Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary and DGC, Jack D. Nichols, Carl C. Plants, James R. Taylor, R. William Lichtenberger, Glenn E. Mulholland, Philip E. Darby Jr., Carl C. Plants, David A. Kipp, DGC Apprentice, Keith Neisler, DGC Apprentice, John Bromer DGC Apprentice, Alfred Dietrich, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, District 1, and Don J. Jelinek, former DGC.

The following Deputy Grand Custodians were absent: Roger Shillington, 2nd year; James E. Cornish, 2nd year; Arthur J. Ferguson, 2nd year; Wayne E. Beatty, 1st year; Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 2nd year, (excused for 2007); Ronald D. Grass, 1st year, (excused current Grand High Priest and had out of state visitation); Halsey D. Philips, 1st year, (excused commitment with Grand Commander); Ashley H. Story, 1st year; Dean Papehagen, 1st year; Suman Vallabhbbhai, 2nd year; and Frank Veverka, 1st year.

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 15 schools of instruction 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.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Reginald S. Kuhn, for the opportunity to serve 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.

After W.:B.: Verbeek's motion, Grand Master Reg asked Jerry to remain at the front, and announced that he was going to hold the motion in abeyance for the moment. Grand Master asked all of the Deputy Grand Custodians in attendance to come forward and stand in the East. Most Worshipful Kuhn then made the following comments:

"Jerry indicated to me early on that he wanted this to be his last year as Grand Custodian and I know several of the officers in the advancing line cajoled and pleaded and asked him to reconsider, but he held firm in his desire and we respect that. Jerry has served as Grand Custodian for eight years. Several of you at the workshop heard this poor attempt at humor yesterday, but I think it is appropriate for my follow-up comments. A Grand Lodge Officer, who will remain unnamed sent me an email this week "Did I know the difference between a Masonic ritualist and Mid-Eastern terrorist." And I said "I did not." And they said, "Well you can negotiate with a terrorist." Unlike that joke, Jerry has led us and instructed us as a Grand Custodian with a very gentle nature, but yet ensuring that the quality of the Nebraska work remains the excellent state that it is in. Jerry, your fellow Deputy Grand Custodians are up here this morning to give you tribute for the excellent work that you have done. Jerry, also I have commissioned you as a Grand Custodian Emeritus and it is with great pride that I present you this apron on behalf of your countless friends and brothers throughout Nebraska Masonry to thank you for all that you have done. We know

that you are not going to be a stranger as we move forward, but this is a very small token of the esteem that your brothers have for you as your service as Grand Custodian. So, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, Congratulations for a job well done.”

Most Worshipful Reg turned the microphone over to Jerry Verbeek for a few words:

“You know I didn’t really do the work. These are the gentlemen Brothers that have done the work. But I’ve profited by it in more than one way, not only from the work, but also from enjoying the fellowship and the cooperation of all of the lodges in this grand jurisdiction. I’ll miss all of that. But I’m not going to disappear. I’ll still be around. But unfortunately, the ravages of age have taken its toll. I’m 81, I don’t see as well as I used to and I don’t hear as well as I used to, in fact I don’t do anything as well as I used to, and some things I can’t do at all. Anyway, I appreciate your support throughout the years, and I’ll look forward to continued association with all of you. And I am particularly grateful to all of the Deputy Grand Custodians that are standing here and some of those who are not here. Some of them are passed beyond. So these are the brothers that you’ll still see around and I have great confidence in them and the program will not suffer because I’m just changing. Thank you very much.”

The motion was revisited and the report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

RECOGNITION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

While the Deputy Grand Custodians were still in the East, Grand Master Kuhn thanked the Deputy Grand Custodians, Emeriti and Apprentices for the work they perform for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He asked those assembled to join him in recognizing them for their work.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

The PHA Grand Lodge of North Carolina requested recognition and has 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, is recommended for full recognition.

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.

Grand Lodge of the State of Guanajuato (Mexico), Grand Lodge of Cyprus, 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.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Joe D. McBride, Chairman

On behalf of the Masonic All Star Marching Band Committee, I would like to offer this report for 2008. Once again we were able to pull off a very successful band camp and Shrine Bowl and Shrine Parade performance. The caliber of students attending this camp contributes greatly to the overall success of this program. Although a slightly smaller number of students attended this year's camp, the overall quality was very high.

We started with 250 applications and finished with 231 students attending. These students are sponsored by local Blue Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters and other entities from across the state. These are truly exemplary cases of taking the Masonic families outside of the lodge building. What better way to promote youth activities and Masonic family than through the music of a world class marching band. Our hats are off to each of these sponsors for a job well done.

The week consists of many hours of practice and marching for each and every student. Somehow they manage to have enough energy left over at the end of each day to attend a dance, swim, watch movies, eat lots of pizza, throw a few lines of bowling and even participate in a talent show. The power of youth should never be underestimated. They are truly a wonderful group of individuals.

All of this pent up energy is gently controlled through a lot of careful planning and volunteer labor. Well-laid plans are put forth by Michelle Fulmer and the members of the Band committee and are carefully executed under the watchful eye of many volunteer chaperones from across the state. These include Masons, Eastern Star members, band directors, former band students and others who simply decided to have some fun keeping a good cause running smoothly. Each of these people deserves a big Masonic round of applause.

A special thanks to Dave Watts and Watts Electric for the use of the trailer to haul the instruments throughout the week. Your Masonic wages will be doubled for this event next year.

Michelle Fulmer also deserves a big thank you for her part of this event. She has done a great job of keeping the committee in line and coordinating the activities throughout the

week. Her contribution goes beyond the scope of her job description and she truly puts her heart and soul into this event.

Once again, thanks to all who contributed to the success of the 2008 Masonic All-Star Marching band and please help us continue this great event into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe McBride, 224, Chairman
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 38 & 198
Jan Thoman, PWGM, OES
Wayne E. Vian, 33
Barry M. Carlson, 297, Ad hoc
Joseph A. Chapman, 21, Ad hoc
K. Roger Dill, 310, Ad hoc
Donald G. Havekost, 72 & 132, 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.

LODGE FACILITIES MATCHING GRANTS

Last year in the Grand Master's Address, M.: W.: Kuhn announced and instituted four \$1,000 grants to lodges for improvements to their facilities. To be eligible for a grant, the lodge must have participated in a new community based fundraising project which raised at least \$750 of new charitable funds and those funds must have been donated to support one of the Masonic youth programs or a youth program in the lodge's local community.

Seven lodges submitted applications. A review committee consisting of Past Grand Master Don Rasmussen, Worshipful Brother Fran Crowe, and Worshipful Brother Ted Groves examined and rated the applications.

Most Worshipful Reg noted that all were excellent applications and the lodges did a wonderful job in fulfilling the requirements of the program, and thanked them all for participating. Representatives of the four winning lodges were asked to come forward to receive their checks:

Blazing Star No. 200 in Burwell
Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 in Bridgeport
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6



An Idea that Works Commercial was brought by Tyler Weers of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln.

“For the past several years, the brethren of Cotner Lodge No. 297 have sponsored a local elementary school in support of their reading incentive program. Through the program, we provide monetary funds to supply a voucher for a bicycle for four of the youth in the elementary school. A name is drawn out of a hat from those that have submitted slips with the minimum number of minutes they have read at home. For the past several years, the reading scores at the school have improved 26 percent. Should you have any questions, please contact a member of Cotner Lodge No. 297.”

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Grand Master Kuhn asked Deputy Grand Master Reno to take the podium and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master’s Recommendations. R.:W.: Russ Reno gave the general instructions.

Recommendaton No. 1

I recommend that Part One, Chapters III and IV of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, be amended in their entirety as follows, with said amendments to be effective as of January 1, 2010.

**CHAPTER III.
COMMITTEES**

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

Sec. 1-302 – STANDING COMMITTEES – The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Awards, Nebraska Work, Grievances, Finance, Credentials, Grand Lodge Office, Public Relations, Membership and Lodge Leadership.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

(b) The term of office of a member of any Standing Committee shall be one year. The Grand Master may reappoint a member to a Standing Committee; provided, however, that no member shall serve more than five consecutive years on the committee. Upon a vacancy on any committee, the Grand Master shall, within thirty days of notice of said vacancy, appoint a member to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

(c) Except as provided by these Bylaws, the Grand Master shall appoint the Chairman of each Standing Committee. The members of the committee may appoint such other officers of the committee as the committee deems appropriate.

(d) Each year the Grand Master may appoint up to six additional ad hoc members to any Standing Committee as in his judgment shall be deemed necessary for the effective work of the Standing Committee. The term of office of any ad hoc member shall be one year. The Grand Master may reappoint an ad hoc member to a Standing Committee; provided, however, that no ad hoc member shall serve more than five consecutive years on the Committee.

(e) All members and ad hoc members shall be residents of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 1-303 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES – The Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or at the direction of the Grand Lodge, and shall consist of such number of members as is deemed necessary by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. The members of a Special Committee need not be Masons, but in all instances, a majority of the members of a Special Committee shall be Masons.

Sec. 1-304 – TRIAL COMMISSIONS – The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment

shall be deemed advisable. Each committee shall consist of not less than three or more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled "Trial Commission." The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary, and in his absence, the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason to so act. A majority of such Commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it.

Sec. 1-305 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each Mason who is a member of a Standing or Special Committee shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote. Ad hoc members of any Standing Committee and non-Mason members of any Special Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice but not a vote by virtue of such membership.

Sec. 1-306 – MEETINGS – The Standing Committees shall meet at least twice annually. Any committee may be convened at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

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

Sec. 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE – The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one-year term. The Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to the committee to serve for a term of five years, and members may be reappointed to serve additional terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

The committee shall advise the Grand Master. The committee shall determine matters of Masonic law which are referred to it by the Grand Master, and shall make its report to the Grand Lodge. The decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall be conclusive, except as finally determined by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge, and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same communication. This approved report shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall examine all dispensations issued by the Grand Master for new subordinate lodges, and all work, records, and bylaws presented by subordinate lodges under dispensation, and shall make suitable recommendations thereon according to Masonic law and usage.

The committee shall meet at such times as is necessary to carry out its duties. Any meeting of the committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the chairman of the committee.

All recommendations which the Grand Master intends to make in his communication address shall be submitted by the Grand Master to this committee, all Grand Lodge officers, and the Masters of all subordinate lodges not less than 45 days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. All decisions rendered by the Grand Master shall be submitted to this committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

Not less than 15 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, the committee shall serve on the Grand Master by deposit in first class mail, or by deposit at the Grand Lodge office, an agenda for its meeting prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Said agenda shall set out with reasonable certainty any questions the committee expects to raise relative to the recommendations of the Grand Master or his decisions rendered during his term.

The committee shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, which shall include request for bylaw revisions, and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for bylaw revision is in proper form. The committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution within 45 days by U.S. mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Sec. 1-308 – FRATERNAL RELATIONS – The Fraternal Relations Committee shall review the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges, consider and report on correspondence with the same which affects the general welfare of the Craft, and make such recommendations in reference thereto as may be deemed expedient.

Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, the Fraternal Relations Committee having first considered and reported thereon, that the following standards of recognition have been satisfied:

(a) That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

(b) That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever, subject to, or dividing such authority with, a Supreme Council or other Body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

(c) That it makes Masons of men only.

(d) That it requires conformity to the following, which the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska considers necessary in a Masonic Body:

1. Acknowledgement of a belief in God the Father of all men.
2. Secrecy.
3. The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
4. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in Nebraska.

5. The legend of the Third Degree.

6. That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the service of God, and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.

7. The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the subordinate lodges while at work.

(e) That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, or else shares the same with another by mutual consent and it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish subordinate lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic Body.

Sec. 1-309 – MASONIC RELIEF – The Masonic Relief Committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, to plan and execute fundraisers to finance the Committee projects, and to make a full accounting of such investigations and fundraisers to the Grand Master. The Masonic Relief Committee shall have the ability to raise money by special projects, such as but not limited to, raffles, as set forth in Section 3-102, silent auctions or solicitation of lodges and/or members.

Sec. 1-310 – MASONIC EDUCATION – The Masonic Education Committee shall disseminate Masonic light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity. The committee shall organize and supervise the Grand Lodge Library for use by the members and other visitors, and shall provide materials in the library for use by lodges for educational purposes.

Sec. 1-311 – AWARDS – The Awards Committee shall develop an awards program that recognizes excellence in lodge work, and serves to motivate individual members and lodges to achieve the goals of the Grand Lodge

Sec. 1-312 – NEBRASKA WORK

(a) The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of one certified Past Grand Master and two from the following - Past Grand Custodian, Deputy Grand Custodians, or Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus – each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall advise the Grand Custodian and the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to the appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by Macoy Publishing Company of Virginia so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska jurisdiction; that the only authorized cipher shall be edited and published by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and that the cipher shall be separate from and not replace the Monitor and Ceremonies for Nebraska.

(c) Every Master Mason may purchase the authorized cipher from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the Secretary of each subordinate lodge.

(d) The Grand Lodge shall prepare separate ciphers of the Questions and Answers for each degree for use by the candidates in preparing for their proficiency examinations in each degree.

(e) The cipher shall not be used or permitted in any open lodge.

(f) In the event a cipher is used in an open lodge, that lodge shall be subject to a reprimand by the Grand Master. On the second offense during the same Masonic year as the occurrence of the first offense, the Grand Master, or such persons as designated by him, shall convene a hearing with the officers of said lodge for the purpose of determining whether the charter of that lodge should be arrested until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge. On both the first and second offense, notification of the imposition of the penalty against a lodge shall be given to all subordinate lodges.

(g) The installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall annually demonstrate to the Grand Custodian that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master may arrest its charter.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Nebraska Work to prepare Standard Ceremonies for the authorized Ceremony Work for all subordinate lodges within this Jurisdiction, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 1-313 – GRIEVANCES – The Grievances Committee shall examine and report upon all matters of appeals and grievances brought before the Grand Lodge. Their report shall consist solely of a recommendation. No fact involved in the controversy shall be reported or stated in the record. A brief abstract of memorandum thereof in each case may be made, but the same shall not be published, recorded, or used except for reference.

Sec. 1-314 – FINANCE – The Finance Committee shall consist of eight members. At least four members of the Committee shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment, accounting or banking field. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to:

(a) examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge and the vouchers of officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation, and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditure which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts and certify the results thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to a certain expenditure, its appropriateness or its proper category, the committee, with the advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, shall determine the appropriateness of said expenditure or the appropriate category into which said expenditure shall be placed. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

(b) fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided, that the committee must submit a proposed budget with appropriations which do not exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, person or committee requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings

on such requests at which any member of Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity; provided, however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

(c) establish investment policies and management for the Grand Lodge investments as provided in Section 1-401 of the Bylaws.

Sec. 1-315 – CREDENTIALS – The Credentials Committee shall report the officers, members, and representatives present, together with the subordinate lodges represented, and the number of votes which each representative is entitled to cast. It shall also report the representatives present from other Grand Lodges.

Sec. 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE

(a) The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The determinations of this committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee shall have authority, jurisdiction, and direct supervision over the Grand Lodge office, including the right to approve the employment of all employees of that office, their salaries and working conditions.

(c) The committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed within the Grand Lodge office, to include: (1) the approval of and adherence to those office policies and job descriptions created from time to time governing all employees of the Grand Lodge; (2) the keeping of all membership records; (3) the accounting and reporting of Grand Lodge income, to include the receipt and deposit of all monies in approved accounts; (4) the preparation, final approval and payment of all expenditures on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master or his designated representative; (5) the maintenance of appropriate levels of supplies for normal activities within the Grand Lodge office for the use of Grand Lodge officers and by committees of the Grand Lodge, as well as those maintained available for use by subordinate lodges; (6) the collection, review and compilation of monthly statistics and activities from subordinate lodge secretaries as required under Section 2-310 of these Bylaws; (7) communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to ensure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) issue monthly invoices to each Subordinate Lodge of any outstanding bills (not including dues or assessments) due the Grand Lodge; and (9) such other matters appropriate to the efficient administrative controls of the Grand Lodge not otherwise fixed by the Constitution, Bylaws, or other actions of the Grand Lodge.

(d) The committee shall, at least annually, effect a review of equipment available for use in the Grand Lodge office, the office of the Grand Secretary, and the office of the Grand Custodian, and make such recommendations and changes therein as are appropriate and within budgetary restraints.

(e) All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to the committee for its review and recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon.

Sec. 1-317 – PUBLIC RELATIONS – The Public Relations Committee shall:

(a) Prepare and disseminate through recognized news media such news items concerning this Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges as may be directed by the Grand Master.

(b) Act jointly with the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home to prepare, edit, publish, and distribute to all members of the subordinate lodges of Nebraska a quarterly bulletin, such bulletin to contain information and news of the Grand Lodge and its officers, the Nebraska Masonic Home, and such other information and items as may be of general interest to the Nebraska Masons.

Sec. 1-318 – LODGE LEADERSHIP – The Lodge Leadership Committee shall:

(a) Develop, implement and review lodge leadership training events and materials for use by subordinate lodges and members.

(b) Advise and work with any subordinate lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program.

Sec. 1-319 – MEMBERSHIP – The Membership Committee shall develop and disseminate to lodges programs consistent with Grand Lodge law and practice and the Ancient Landmarks designed to be used by lodges to attract new members.

**CHAPTER IV.
GRAND LODGE FUNDS**

Sec. 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

(a) The Finance Committee, as it deems wise and prudent, shall establish investment policies for the Grand Lodge as to general types of securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations, and the percentage of Grand Lodge funds to be invested in securities and other obligations.

(b) The Finance Committee is authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they may deem necessary for the proper monitoring of the investments.

(c) The Finance Committee may by majority vote select a professional management firm to invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge in securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations. Any investment management firm selected shall have been in business for at least five years and shall have a net worth of at least \$100,000. Upon written approval of such selection by a majority vote of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, the Finance Committee may employ such firm. Any professional management firm may be terminated and a new one employed utilizing the same procedure.

(d) The professional investment management firm shall have such powers to buy and sell, invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge within the investment policies established by the Finance Committee, and to hold such investments for the ownership and benefit of the Grand Lodge as shall be set forth in its written contract. Such contract shall provide the custody of Grand Lodge investment funds shall repose with a state or federally insured financial institution, as well as provisions for the transfer of funds and renditions of such statements of account and reports as shall be recommended by the

Finance Committee. An annual written report of the professional investment management firm and Finance Committee shall be made at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

(e) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, all funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, and all deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock, certificates, or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Finance Committee.

(f) The Finance Committee shall monitor the actions of the professional investment management firm, and submit semi-annual reports to the Grand Master with comments and recommendations. They shall also employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge. An original of such audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge shall be filed in the office of the Grand Lodge.

(g) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, the Finance Committee shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

Sec. 1-402 – REAL ESTATE FIRST MORTGAGES – Funds herein before referred to, together with any other funds owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, may be invested in first mortgages on real estate as follows:

(a) GRAND LODGE TEMPLE BUILDING LOANS – First mortgage loans may be made from said funds to subordinate lodges to assist in the purchase, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing of a suitable Masonic Temple. Such loans shall be subject to requirements hereinafter set forth, and shall be made after approval by the Grand Master and the Finance Committee, and (except in cases of emergency) may not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000); or (2) Eighty percent (80%) of the total purchase price, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing cost of such Temple. The terms of the loan and interest to be charged shall be determined by the Finance Committee. The subordinate lodge shall furnish a complete and satisfactory showing of title to the property offered as security.

(b) OTHER REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES – Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-401, funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Finance Committee may deem appropriate. The application for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

Sec. 1-403 – GENERAL FUNDS, SPECIAL FUNDS AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND – That hereafter the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be the following: General Funds and Perpetual Membership Fund and Special Funds.

The General Fund of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the securities and monies presently in said fund. The General Fund shall be the operating funds of the Grand

Lodge, into which shall be deposited all income of this Grand Lodge from whatever source derived, with the exception of monies paid to the Perpetual Membership Fund and income therefrom. The expenses of this Grand Lodge, as appropriated by this Grand Lodge, shall be paid from the General Fund. Surplus monies in the General Fund shall be invested and reinvested by the professional investment management firm under its written contract with the Grand Lodge.

There is hereby established a Perpetual Membership Fund. All monies tendered with applications for perpetual membership and all income therefrom shall go into said fund, which shall be administered as provided by the Perpetual Membership Plan adopted by this Grand Lodge. This fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

There is hereby established a Special Fund, which shall consist of monies gifted or bequested to the Grand Lodge with restrictions on their use. The fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

For the purpose of investment management, the Perpetual Membership Fund and the Special Fund may be managed by the investment manager as a single portfolio and be held in a single custody account. The records of the portion of such account/portfolio belonging to the Perpetual Membership Fund and other Special Funds held by the Grand Lodge shall be kept by the Grand Lodge office.

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2005, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

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

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Sec. 1-405 – APPLICATION FOR RELIEF – All applications for relief shall be referred to the Masonic Relief Committee, and the monies from time to time required by demands on the committee shall be paid over to it by order of the Grand Master.

In the event the Masonic Relief Committee deems it advisable, it may apportion the expense between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge of which the recipient may be a member, or receiving assistance because of being a relative of a member of such subordinate lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall so advise the subordinate lodge interested in the action of the Committee on Masonic Relief, and the same shall thereupon become an obligation of such subordinate lodge. In case such subordinate lodge shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, the Grand Master, upon being so advised, shall thereupon issue his order directing such subordinate lodge to pay such amount within a day to be recorded therein.

Its report shall be made after thorough investigation of the necessity for such relief, and no relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Masonic Relief Committee. All applications for relief to be acted upon at the session of the Grand

Lodge shall be filed with the Masonic Relief Committee at least ten days prior to the Annual Communication. Information must be furnished in the application the same as provided for above.

Sec. 1-406 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION – In all cases where an appropriation is requested of the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes, and in all cases where the law requires the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master to approve of the construction plans and specifications of any building or construction work, no such appropriation shall be made and no such approval shall be granted unless the complete plans and specifications of such building or construction work shall have first been filed with the Grand Secretary, together with a certificate of the architect that such building or construction work can be entirely completed for the sum to be therein named, inclusive of fees for architect and engineering services; and unless the contractor shall give a construction bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Grand Master for the completion of the work for the sum agreed, or according to the contract, no contract shall be let for a consideration in excess of the sum named in the architect's certificate.

No appropriation shall be made or authorized by the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes unless notice of the application thereof shall be given to the Grand Lodge not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first day of its Annual Communication.

Please note that if Recommendation No. 1 is approved, the following sections of the Bylaws will automatically change as follows:

Sec. 1-201 – GRAND SECRETARY – The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when in Annual Communication; shall sign all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Fraternal Relations Committee and the Grand Lodge Office Committee. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry.

Sec. 1-502 – AMENDMENTS – These Bylaws, or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand Lodge as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lie over until the next regular communication, provided, however; that if unanimous consent is given by the Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced. A proposed amendment may be made by the Grand Master in the form of a recommendation and shall be sent to those individuals as provided in Section 1-304 of these Bylaws. The recommendations of the Grand Master shall be voted on at the same communication in which they are offered.

Both proposals by the membership and recommendations of the Grand Master which amend these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to become a law of

this Grand Lodge. All proposals and recommendations receiving a two-thirds vote shall be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Since the Jurisprudence Committee does not propose amendments except to put into effect changes already adopted, the form of the Bylaws set forth in their report pursuant to Section 1-315 of this Code need not be seconded or lie over before their report is voted upon.

Any proposed amendment or recommendation received at a regular communication and not acted upon as provided above shall be considered terminated.

The Jurisprudence Committee shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary which shall include request for bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for bylaw revision is in proper form. The Committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution by 45 days by U.S. Mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Sec. 2-106 – REPRESENTATIVES – A subordinate lodge under dispensation has no representatives in the Grand Lodge, but one of its members may attend and consult with the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

Sec. 2-406 – MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED SUBORDINATE LODGES – A brother who was a member in good standing of a subordinate lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall, for one year after such lodge ceases to exist, remain in good standing, and shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular lodge, including the rights of membership, affiliation, visiting, avouchment, relief, demission, appeal, trial, and burial. But should he fail to pay his dues as provided by Section 2-601, and affiliate within such year, he shall be notified by letter sent to his last known address by the Grand Lodge Office at least thirty days before the next ensuing Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause to the Grievances Committee, if any he may have, why he has not paid his dues and affiliated with a recognized lodge of Masons.

When any such member shall refuse or neglect to answer a notice to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and affiliating as

above provided, his delinquency may be communicated to the Grand Lodge at any subsequent Annual Communication thereof, which facts, together with the Grand Lodge records showing his indebtedness, or his failure to affiliate, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the brother be present, he shall be entitled to make such plea as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence and any other evidence which is submitted and received, a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely or to reinstate under such terms and conditions as the Grand Lodge may there direct.

Sec. 3-804 – HOW CONSIDERED – When an appeal from the decision of a lodge, on any matter of Masonic discipline, shall be perfected in the Grand Lodge, it shall be referred by the Grand Master to the Grievances Committee, or be decided without such reference if it be deemed expedient, and in either case the lodge or the appellant shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, provided the same has been taken agreeably to the notice prescribed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. Most Worshipful Reg showed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the changes that would be made to the bylaws if Recommendation No. 1 is approved, and gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation.

After discussion, by a show of hands, the motion passed with a two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 2

I recommend that Section 2-605 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, the dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On March 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before April 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand suspended for non-payment of dues **upon approval of the Grand Master**, and an entry **noting said approved suspension** shall be made in the minutes of the lodge. **Approval of a suspension for non-payment of dues shall be given by the Grand Master upon submission by the lodge of satisfactory evidence of compliance with Section 2-513 of the Bylaws.** It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member **approved for suspension** for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was made and seconded. Grand Master Kuhn gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, by a show of hands, the motion passed with a two-thirds majority vote.

VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented at the 151st Annual Communication in February 2008:

Resolution No. 1

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

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2010, 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	
commencing January 2010	19.00	33.50
commencing January 2011	20.00	43.50
commencing January 2012		53.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX

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

2010	\$38.50
2011	\$48.50
2012	\$58.50

Brother Paul Rutherford, a signer on Resolution No. 1, gave his rationale for proposing the Resolution. A motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 1 was made and seconded. After discussion, the vote by a show of hands failed to achieve a favorable two-thirds majority vote.

Resolution No. 2

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.

The code of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska requires Resolutions to be presented by one of the proponents. Grand Master Kuhn called for one of the signers to speak on behalf of the Resolution. Brother Ed Raper came forward and indicated that after speaking with the

other signers of the Resolution, it was their recommendation that the resolution be withdrawn. Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn withdrew Resolution No. 2 from consideration.



Grand Master Kuhn spoke again about the mission statements from the lodges and asked John Maxell Grand Senior Warden to announce the results of the voting. Worshipful Brother John indicated there was a tie between second and third with Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and Alliance Lodge No. 183. The winning lodge was Wallace Lodge No. 279.

Wallace Lodge No. 279 – The Brothers of Wallace Lodge No. 279 shall be a cornerstone of patriotism and positive attitude, a pillar of strength to our community and all Freemasons. We will apply the allegories of Masonry to improve ourselves, support philanthropies, and use our principles and ritual to educate and inspire brothers to always stand as just and upright Masons.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.: Reg Kuhn 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 Education
- George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee
- Finance Committee
- Grand Lodge Office
- Lodge Advisory
- Public Relations Committee
- Membership
- Grievances
- Charters and Dispensations
- Awards
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Necrology – Report received during Public Opening

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee consists of Larry Jacobsen, John Parsons, Tom Hauder, Ron Stites, Bob Whipple, Mike Webb, Eduardo Casas, Dan Nonneman, Dale Anderson, Don Gasparetti, and Dennis Brydl. These members strive to deliver to the Masons of Nebraska, Masonic Education within the bounds of the budget and the time available in their personal lives. As in the past 9 years, the year began with the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Breakfast. A professional Masonic Education Program was presented by the talented members of the committee. Masons from all over Nebraska had the opportunity to attend this presentation and go home with a little more knowledge about the Fraternity. In addition, the committee made book reading recommendations that enabled the Masons of Nebraska to expand their Masonic knowledge.

As in past years, the Education Committee presented the Spring & Fall Symposiums in several locations in the state. These are held on the last Tuesday of March and October, except in Lincoln, where it is held on the Monday before the last Tuesday. A professional program was presented, which allowed the attendees to walk away with Masonic history, philosophy, information, etc., about the fraternity. In addition, a game of Masonic Jeopardy was presented. Many of the committee members enjoy this, as much as the attending committee members. Mike Webb also put on a Symposium for a Lodge and the Scottish Rite Center in Sioux City Iowa. The Education Committee is willing to do this type of presentation, granted enough notification is given and someone is willing to host the Symposium. 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.

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

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education committee continues its support of the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. This conference gives the committee the ability to interact with other Masonic Jurisdictions and get ideas about how to better channel Masonic Education to the Masons of Nebraska. Many of the committee activities are aided, if not born by ideas picked up at these conferences. This conference gives the committee the opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education. Jurisdictions included are Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois. This year, the Midwest Conference Masonic Education Conference was held in Omaha. Under the leadership of Larry Jacobsen and strong support of Tom Hauder, the Grand Lodge officers and office staff, and other members of the committee, the conference was the best ever. Larry and Tom marketed the conference and attendance was probably the highest ever. Dr S. Brent Morris and Robert Davis were the keynote speakers of the conference. These are two of the most noted speakers on Masonry in the United States. The Grand Lodge Education Committee set a new standard for the conference, as far as giving attendees something to take home and demonstrating a higher level of organization and planning that many of the previous conferences lacked. Thanks need to be given to Larry Jacobsen, Tom Hauder, the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge office staff, the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite, the committee members and all those who assisted and attended the conference.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Sts John Lodge) continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year. The meetings include papers being presented by members and of course, no Masonic gathering would be complete without a meal.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education committee wishes to thank the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge office staff, and everyone who assists the committee in accomplishing their goals. As chairman, I am blessed with some of the greatest and hardest working members. Any Nebraska Mason could become a part of our activities by just asking an existing member.

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, or a program during (before or after) the regular lodge business meeting, YOU need to carry Masonic Education to the members of your lodge.

Denny Brydl, Chairman, 287, 314, 332
 Eduardo Casas, 317
 Thomas Hauder, 210, 332
 W. Larry Jacobsen, 327
 Max H. Miller, 79
 Danny J. Nonneman, 317
 Dale W. Anderson, Ad hoc, 158
 Donald C. Gasparetti, Ad hoc, 54, 314, 332
 Ronald D. Stites, Ad hoc, 268
 Michael J. Webb, Ad hoc, 46
 Robert D. Whipple, Ad hoc, 281

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
 Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15 & 119
 Ronald A. Stites, 268
 Richard L. Hill, 317

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ken Rouch, Chairman

Due to the chairman moving out of state mid-year, the report is being prepared by member Ben Hughes. 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 cash expenses and expenditures for 2008 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	458,994.77	461,345.50
Plus Prepaid Annual Communication	15877.50	
Total Cash Received	474,872.27	
Expenses, including Inventory held as Assets	-521,968.42	-524,671.03
Plus Band Scholarship Carryover	4487.50	
Plus Lodge Facilities Matching Carryover	4000.00	
Less Prepaid Expenses	-12,387.35	
Total Cash Expended	-525,868.27	
Net Deficit	-50,996.00	-63,323.53
Amount of Investment Income Needed to Make up Shortfall	50996.00	63323.53

The numbers show that \$50,996.00 of investment income was needed to make up the difference between actual revenue and actual expenses – \$12,330.00 less than the investment draw budgeted for 2008. 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 2008; however, the expenses of the Grand Lodge continue to exceed the annual revenue and thus, Nebraska Masonry is operating at a deficit, making it necessary to draw from the general investment fund to make up the shortfall.

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.

Fraternally submitted,
 Ken Rouch, 300 & 46, Chairman
 Stanford P. Darling, 15
 Ben F. Hughes, 38, 96 & 332
 John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman

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

- **Mileage Reimbursement Amount** – No change was made in the mileage reimbursement rate for eligible members of the Grand Lodge traveling in an official capacity. The mileage reimbursement rate remains at 30 cents per mile.
- **Grand Lodge Fixed Assets** – The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge. The Minolta copier was removed from the list of fixed assets and replaced with the Toshiba copier that was purchased in January.
- **Committee Budget** – The 2009 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. The current premiums for health, dental and life insurance coverage for the two office employees: \$2276 per month for health with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, \$79 per month for dental with MetLife, and \$26 per month for life with United State Life Insurance Company for \$15,000 of coverage. The committee discussed whether \$15,000 of life insurance was sufficient. A quote for \$25,000 of life insurance coverage will be obtained and a decision made during the 2009 Masonic year.
- **CHIP Program** – Since the CHIP Foundation uses resources of the Grand Lodge, an Administrative Fee is charged to cover payroll, rent, and other elements of overhead. The fee was set at \$1300 per month for 2009.

- **Grand Lodge Office Employees** – Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were 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 & 332, Chairman
Christopher M. Carter, 268
Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79
W. Glen Jorgenson, 50 & 211
Suman Vallabhbai, 314
Ex-officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

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 met on March 29, 2008 to discuss the plans and goals for the year. From the meeting, a communication was developed to appeal to the lodges that would need assistance in fulfilling the requirements of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Wellendorf, 112, 268, Chairman
Ralph J. Riemann 165, 297
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 mission this year was to provide communications to promote Masonry more effectively. The first project was to redesign the recruitment brochure and brochure packet cover. A Nebraska Masonic Charity brochure was designed for new member recruitment and current membership awareness of the many philanthropic programs done by Masonic Lodges, Order of Eastern Star and the other Appendant Bodies in Nebraska. A small folded “elevator speech” (business card size) and a pocket petition were designed to be used to help a Mason with recruitment of a potential candidate. Each of these were submitted and recommended to the Grand Lodge Officers for use in the future.

Another area of communication was to present periodical articles published on the front page of the Nebraska Grand Lodge website www.gln.org. This was done several times during the year.

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.

During the year the CHIP (Child Identification Program) Events held throughout the state were successful. Promotion of CHIP was provided during the year but at each event we have to thank at least one dedicated Master Mason who personally promoted the Event in their area to the public for donations and helping identify the children in the 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.

One item left on the agenda will be the writing of script and production of a Masonic recruitment video to be used in the Lodges and at Friendship Dinners throughout the state. The Committee will be working on this project in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Edic, 1 & 268, Chairman
Keith Neisler, 1 & 11
Byron L. Hust, 198
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Ex-officio: Worthy Grand Matron, OES

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Edward W. Nolte, Chairman

SECTION 1: Membership Status Report. Your Grand Lodge Membership Committee has been more active in 2008 than in any year in recent memory. The reason for this activity is that your Membership Committee needed to know what is happening to our Nebraska Grand Lodge membership; we needed to bring you a message about the membership status; and new this year, we needed to develop a plan to present to our Nebraska Masonic Brethren to correct our membership problems. The paragraphs below describe our situation and what we, with your assistance, intend to do about it.

In spite of exceptional leadership, published membership goals, Membership Committee meetings, hard-working Lodges, and well-intentioned Brethren, Nebraska Masonic membership has been in **STEEP DECLINE FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS**. That's right, and many Brethren may not be aware of how many members and how many Lodges have been lost, how long this loss has occurred, or how severe its impact is to our brotherhood. Let me briefly describe this situation.

In 1958, just 50 years ago and less than the average age of our membership, Nebraska Masonry included 48,000 Masons among its membership, nearly 4 times our numbers today. From our 1958 peak strength, our initial decline was about 2% annually for the 25-year period from 1958 to 1983. By 1983, our membership was down to 29,630 Brethren, still more than twice our number today, but less than 62% of our former strength. During the back-to-back 10-year periods from 1983 to 1993 and from 1993 to 2003, our losses not only continued, the rate of loss also increased from 2% to 3% annual loss, resulting in 21,950 Brethren in 1993 and less than 16,000 members by 2003, or 33% of our former strength. In the last five years, in spite of favorable press, a nation at war, and continued emphasis, our declining membership has continued and has increased to

3.5% annually. The final numbers are not available, but will be approximately 13,510 at the end of 2008 or 28% of our strength 50 years ago.

Brethren, the message is clear! With steady declines of 2-to-4% annually, we cannot expect to continue to be a viable organization. No business or organization can sustain losses like these over the long term without significantly weakening its market share (relevance) and risking its existence. As the largest and oldest fraternity in the world, we cannot let this unfavorable trend continue. We must take action, now.

The time for concerted action by our current Masonic membership is past due. Yes, it is true that a handful of Brethren sign petitions for 5, 8, or 10 candidates and are recognized at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication for their efforts. We certainly congratulate them on their efforts. However, in 2008 we raised approximately 300 new Masons. When we consider that the approximately 15 membership awardees sign approximately 100 new members, this means that the other 13,500 Nebraska Masons only recruited and signed petitions for 200 new members, or 1 candidate for each 192 Masons statewide.

Our membership problems require greater involvement by our members. If each Nebraska Mason recruited just one (1) new member, our membership would double to 1987 levels. The Grand Lodge, the Membership Committee, and even the Lodges have been unsuccessful, not because we lacked excellent leadership or goals, but because we did not get everyone engaged. Raising new Masons and retaining current Masons must be the first priority of the Grand Lodge, each Lodge, and each Brother. Even though Membership is our first priority, to be successful we must provide leadership, implement a workable plan, and utilize teamwork to turn our goal into reality.

Leadership for the recruiting and retention task involves a commitment to Masonry, a passion for membership, and the willingness and ability to talk to people and tell them about our great fraternity. Whether you are a new member in the last several years or a 50+-year member, you have a role in making Nebraska Masonry successful.

The Membership Revitalization Plan involves a **four-tiered organizational approach** with Brethren at every level fully engaged to turn membership decline into growth. The **first tier** is the Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master promises to provide the guidance, sponsorship, support, and focus and his officers have sworn to enable Nebraska Masons to be successful. A list of Grand Lodge Officer duties and responsibilities is included in Section 2. The **second tier** is the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, which has devised and will implement the Membership Revitalization Plan with the teamwork of Nebraska Masons. A list of Membership Committee duties and responsibilities is included in Section 3. The **third tier** involves dividing the State of Nebraska into 18 regions of 6-20 Lodges each and appointing a Regional Membership Chairman, who knows the Lodges and Masons in his area to help focus the effort, assist the Lodges with their membership campaigns, and facilitate membership campaign activities and communication. A map of these regions, along with the duties and responsibilities of the Regional Membership Representatives, is included in Section 4 of this report. The **fourth tier** is the individual Blue Lodge Membership Chairman, who is appointed by the Worshipful Master of his Lodge and is an important part of this network. His duties and responsibilities are shown in Section 5.

SECTION 2: The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers Duties and Responsibilities

- Support the Membership Revitalization Plan

- Foster unity between Lodges and all appendant bodies to fund and support activities
- Provide funding for Membership Revitalization activities

SECTION 3: Grand Lodge Membership Committee Duties and Responsibilities

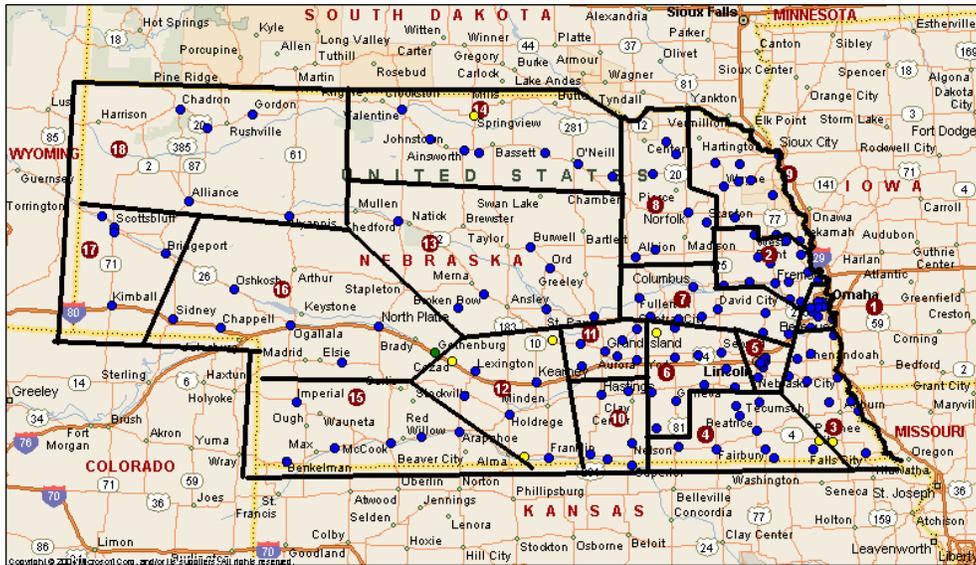
- Be able to communicate via e-mail with the Grand Lodge, Regional Membership Chairman, Lodge Membership Chairmen, and individual Brothers
- Facilitate Masonic unity in Nebraska by having Grand Lodge, Blue Lodges, Scottish Rites, York Rites, Shrine, Eastern Stars, and youth groups work together—membership success requires unity across all Masonic bodies
- Manage membership network of Region and Lodge Membership Chairmen by providing leadership, materials, and support to foster programs, activities, and growth
 - Enable each Lodge to be regionally engaged and ensure it works for them
 - Provide educational programs about the three degrees of masonry
 - Address leadership opportunities, charities, and the ethical/moral values
 - Address community, state, national, and world impact/value of Masonry
 - Recruit and appoint Regional Membership Chairman for 18 regions—need knowledgeable, passionate, Lodge leaders with email and internet access
 - Facilitate One-Day Blue Lodge Degrees and promote three in each region each year
 - Facilitate Friendship Dinners and promote three in each region each year
 - Facilitate regional calendars and sharing with the Lodge in the region
 - Work with the Grand Lodge to communicate information via mail and/or e-mail
 - Develop a database to collect data about Lodge activities, charities, events, membership, and results to help recruit and retain members
 - Coordinate with Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee to develop a CD on Nebraska Masonry no longer than 8 minutes
 - Work with Grand Lodge Custodian and Deputy Custodians to assist Lodges
 - Host area membership committee meetings with the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, 3-6 Regional Membership Chairmen, and Lodge Membership Chairmen
 - Work with the membership chairman of appendant bodies to unite Nebraska Masonry
 - Collect email addresses from Regional Membership Chairmen, Lodge Membership Chairmen, and all members to facilitate communication
 - Promote Lodge activities and community involvement
 - Attend Grand Lodge Annual Communications and train Masons on membership
 - Post Regional activities on the Grand Lodge website
 - Develop a questionnaire for Lodges to collect information on membership, activities, charitable giving, events, and other details to assist with recruiting and retention
 - Develop budget for Grand Lodge Membership Committee

SECTION 4: Regional Membership Chairmen Duties and Responsibilities

- Be knowledgeable about Masonry, willing to visit and talk to people, and passionate about membership growth
- Be able to communicate thru e-mail

- Recruit three Brethren to help you—One to set-up degree teams and run One-Day Blue Lodges, one to set-up and run Friendship Dinners, and one to manage a Regional Calendar of all Lodge activities.
- Get the Lodges in your region involved, which makes the program work
- Look for new and younger Lodge leaders in your Region to assist
- Develop and manage a calendar for your Region so you can have Friendship Dinners and One Day Blue Lodges that are coordinated with other activities.
- Arrange a speaker from each appendant body to speak at Regional Friendship Dinners about their body for 10-12 minutes to create a 1-hour program after dinner—Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, and Eastern Star
- Host three Friendship Dinners annually and coordinate with the adjoining regions so these events are spread throughout the year. Best time is a Friday night on the last week of the month, except for January (installations) and December (Christmas). Avoid Nebraska Football days, Lent, and holiday weekends
- Set up quarterly meetings with Lodge Membership Chairman in your region
- Set up degree teams in your region for One-Day Degrees
- Establish one-to-three One-Day Blue Lodges per year in your region and coordinate with adjacent regions to spread these throughout the year. Avoid December, Nebraska home football games, and holiday weekends.
- Collect data from each Lodge Membership Chairmen about what Lodges need and how we can assist them to be successful
- Arrange a Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction in cooperation with the Deputy Custodians
- Work with the membership chairman of each appendant body to get them involved in your region for unity, Friendship Dinners, and degree work.
- Work with Lodge Membership Chairman and have them collect Lodge members' e-mail addresses to be sent to Grand Lodge to improve communication and reduce cost
- Seek and promote Lodges activities (C.H.I.P. program, etc.)
- Attend Grand Lodge Annual Communication and the Membership Program. Bring new ideas to share with other Regions and Lodges.
- Ensure your Region's activities are posted on the Grand Lodge website
- Nebraska Grand Lodge Regions (See Map on Next Page)

Region #	Region Name	# Lodges	Region #	Region Name	# Lodges
1	Omaha	17	10	Hastings	7
2	Fremont	13	11	Grand Island	7
3	Nebraska City	10	12	Kearney	5
4	Beatrice	9	13	Broken Bow	7
5	Lincoln	13	14	Long Pine	7
6	York	10	15	McCook	6
7	Columbus	9	16	Ogallala	6
8	Norfolk	7	17	Scottsbluff	5
9	S. Sioux City	11	18	Alliance	5



SECTION 5: Individual Lodge Membership Chairman Duties and Responsibilities

- Needs to be passionate about membership, not just someone to fill the position
- Work with the Master and Lodge Officers to make membership work.
- Provide email address to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Membership Committee and be able to communicate via e-mail.
- Activity and Education are a big part of membership. The Membership Chairman of a Lodge will need help. The Master and Officers need to find Brethren to assist the Membership Chairman with these jobs.
- The Master, Officers, and Membership Chairman need to ensure knowledgeable Brethren are appointed to the Investigation Committee.
- The Grand Lodge Membership Committee will have a list of questions for the Lodge Visitation Committee to ask the Candidate. This will help place him and his family into the Masonic family.
- Work with all Masonic bodies in your Lodge—York Rite, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Shrine, DeMolay, Jobs, and Rainbow Girl
- Read and be knowledgeable on all Grand Lodge membership programs.
- Meet at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication for membership each year.
- Promote activities for your Blue Lodge to support (C.H.I.P. program, etc.).
- Set up quarterly meetings with your Regional Membership Chairman.
- Set up degree teams in your Lodge and region to help other Lodges in your area.
- Help the Regional Membership Chairman set up schools of instruction each year.
- Help the Regional Membership Chairman set up three friendship dinners a year.
- Make a calendar for activities in your Blue Lodge each year and send it to the Regional Membership Chairman, who will make up an activities calendar for the region. This calendar will be posted on the Grand Lodge web site.
- Collect and maintain e-mail addresses of your Lodge Members and provide to Grand Lodge to increase communication and reduce the cost
- Assist Lodge candidates with degrees and explain their meaning

- Bond with the candidate so that he feels welcome and needed during the 8-10 hours of degree work
- Help candidates with proficiency in the degrees
- Conduct Masonic Education classes at each monthly business meeting—5 to 10 minutes.
- Collect answers to questionnaire about your Lodge's membership, activities, charitable contributions, and events for the Grand Lodge Membership Committee to assemble to show the impact of Masonry on our communities, our state, and our nation to help recruit and retain members
- Establish a calling committee to personally contact each member of the Lodge to obtain more involvement to make membership activities more successful; find out what he had been doing; invite him to Lodge; and if he has not paid his dues, inform him of the benefits of his membership, the impact of Masonry on the community, and that his membership does make a difference

Ed Nolte, 39, Chairman
Steven Barchus, 302
Patrick Barger, 5, 54, 332
Randall Ogier, 279
John Wonder, 290
Stan Thayer, Ad hoc, 50

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 2008 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don C. Bottorf, 79, Chairman
Robert J. Parker, 317
Jay H. Speck, 6
Charles Hastings, 317

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Scott C. Brendel, Chairman

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott G. Brendel, 146, Chairman
H. Frank Erickson, 146
Phillip F. Harris, 290

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 eleven (11) Masonic Individual Achievement Awards

and three (3) Recognition Awards for Non-Masons. Our committee congratulates these worthy recipients, and encourages more submissions by all lodges in 2009.

The committee conversed via email during January to review the applications for the major awards. We were pleased, overall, at the quality of submissions, but are concerned with the decreasing award submissions we had to consider compared to 2006 and 2007.

The **Gold Pan** award had four (4) submissions, down from seven (7) in 2007 and twelve (12) in 2006. The **Rock Maul** award had thirteen (13) submissions, down from twenty-nine (29) in 2007 and thirty-seven (37) in 2006. There were six (6) submissions for the **Pillar** award, compared to twelve (12) in 2007. And there were four (4) submissions for the **Grand Master's Leadership** award, compared to nine (9) in 2007.

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 Reginald Kuhn and his Grand Lodge Officers for their concern and support, as well as Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Webb, 46, Chairman
Fran L. Crowe, 56 & 79
Michael D. Lagueux, 54
Randall Hart, 222 & 31

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

D. Tyson Boellstorff, Chairman

The Internet and Technology committee has been in a support role, working to set up a virtual private network using the openvpn application. Some work needs to be done to finish, and then the office needs to have MS Exchange set up on the server.

There are two other areas of technology that will be provided this year. They are technology papers showing how lodges can use technology as part of their mission. The first is a paper on a device that may be useful for our charitable work.

Many of us know (or possibly are in this situation) someone with vision problems and too much time on their hands. Many older people suffer from macular degeneration or other vision problems, and it is very hard to find something to make their lives easier. Many items either require good vision, or are needlessly complicated. When a person is visually impaired, there is a need to occupy the mind, and normal entertainment – cards, letters, etc., although welcome, often serve as a reminder of the problems. Music would be a good answer – but CD and MP3 players are complex, and although radios can be useful, often the programming leaves much to be desired. What would be useful would be a simple player for digital media, as then the programming can be adjusted to the tastes of the listener by a more technically minded person without.

The issue with most players of digital media are that they are also complex, and thus frustrating to work with. I have found one device that has great possibilities. Timex makes a clock radio that plays music off of either a USB stick or off a Secure Digital card. This product has an extremely good design, such that in order to make it work, the recipient can simply turn it on and push the play button. The I&TC will be publishing a 'white paper' with instructions on how to get the most out of this product.

The second paper will be in regards to a program to build membership in lodges by providing a service to junior high school and high school students. The field of robotics is extremely interesting to young people – I have been working with several educational organizations to put together a program that will allow lodges to sponsor robotics teams.

The way this program will be set up, all a lodge has to do is provide a meeting place, guidance, and organization to these kids. The program can be self-funded (but it does go faster with 'seed money') by the students. We provide the information they need to compete at robotics competitions like the National Competition being offered in April in Omaha. For more information, go to www.robot-league.org which will be updated as this program progresses. There are several advantages to a lodge participating in this program:

- 1) We are able to contribute to our communities.
- 2) Young men (the main group interested in robotics) will become familiar with our lodges, and may join as they get older.
- 3) These young people have parents, who often would be glad to help us in this endeavor, and may decide to join.

We win, win, win with this program.

Respectfully submitted,
 D. Tyson Boellstorff, 5, 110, Chairman
 Alan Anderson, 327
 W. Scott Dodge, 94, 210, 297
 John W. Kelley, 3
 Dean Papenhagen, 50
 Ex-officio: Dean Skokan, PGM, 15



Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn said he hoped everyone enjoyed and found helpful the Ideas that Work commercials, and encouraged everyone to read the monthly Ideas that Work emails that are sent from the Grand Lodge.

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Les Seiler made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins announced that he received the following three 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 a resolution which was not voted upon at this Annual Communication, and one that was voted upon at this Annual Communication, but failed to receive the necessary votes.

Resolution No. 1

Section 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Per capita as of	January 2012 to General Fund.....	\$2.00
	January 2013 to General Fund.....	\$1.00
	January 2014 to General Fund.....	\$1.00
	January 2015 to General Fund.....	\$1.00
	January 2016 to General Fund.....	\$1.00

If passed, there shall not be anymore raises to the general fund until January 2017.

Resolution No. 2

Appropriations Committee Report

Within 60 days of the completion of the Grand Lodge audit, for the previous year, each subordinate lodge shall receive a copy of the completed audit.

Resolution No. 3

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

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2011, 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	
commencing January 2010	19.00	28.50
commencing January 2011	20.00	33.50
commencing January 2012		38.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend **Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX**

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

2011	\$33.50
2012	\$38.50
2013	\$48.50

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Rex J. Moats, Chairman

As a result of the approval of **Recommendation No. 1** of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2008), Part One, Chapters III and IV, will be amended effective January 1, 2010, in their entirety and will read:

**CHAPTER III.
COMMITTEES**

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

Sec. 1-302 – STANDING COMMITTEES – The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Awards, Nebraska Work, Grievances, Finance, Credentials, Grand Lodge Office, Public Relations, Membership and Lodge Leadership.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

(b) The term of office of a member of any Standing Committee shall be one year. The Grand Master may reappoint a member to a Standing Committee; provided, however, that no member shall serve more than five consecutive years on the committee. Upon a vacancy on any committee, the Grand Master shall, within thirty days of notice of said vacancy, appoint a member to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

(c) Except as provided by these Bylaws, the Grand Master shall appoint the Chairman of each Standing Committee. The members of the committee may appoint such other officers of the committee as the committee deems appropriate.

(d) Each year the Grand Master may appoint up to six additional ad hoc members to any Standing Committee as in his judgment shall be deemed necessary for the effective work of the Standing Committee. The term of office of any ad hoc member shall be one year. The Grand Master may reappoint an ad hoc member to a Standing Committee; provided, however, that no ad hoc member shall serve more than five consecutive years on the Committee.

(e) All members and ad hoc members shall be residents of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 1-303 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES – The Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or at the direction of the Grand Lodge, and shall consist of such number of members as is deemed necessary by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. The members of a Special Committee need not be Masons, but in all instances, a majority of the members of a Special Committee shall be Masons.

Sec. 1-304 – TRIAL COMMISSIONS – The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable. Each committee shall consist of not less than three or more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled “Trial Commission.” The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary, and in his absence, the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason to so act. A majority of such Commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it.

Sec. 1-305 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each Mason who is a member of a Standing or Special Committee shall be entitled to a seat, voice and vote. Ad hoc members of any

Standing Committee and non-Mason members of any Special Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice but not a vote by virtue of such membership.

Sec. 1-306 – MEETINGS – The Standing Committees shall meet at least twice annually. Any committee may be convened at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

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

Sec. 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE – The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of five Past Grand Masters. The chairman of the committee shall be chosen by its members to serve for a one-year term. The Grand Master shall annually appoint one member to the committee to serve for a term of five years, and members may be reappointed to serve additional terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Grand Master shall immediately fill the vacancy with such appointee serving the unexpired term of the original appointment.

The committee shall advise the Grand Master. The committee shall determine matters of Masonic law which are referred to it by the Grand Master, and shall make its report to the Grand Lodge. The decisions of the committee on Masonic law shall be conclusive, except as finally determined by a majority vote of the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge, and after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same communication. This approved report shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The committee shall examine all dispensations issued by the Grand Master for new subordinate lodges, and all work, records, and bylaws presented by subordinate lodges under dispensation, and shall make suitable recommendations thereon according to Masonic law and usage.

The committee shall meet at such times as is necessary to carry out its duties. Any meeting of the committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the chairman of the committee.

All recommendations which the Grand Master intends to make in his communication address shall be submitted by the Grand Master to this committee, all Grand Lodge officers, and the Masters of all subordinate lodges not less than 45 days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. All decisions rendered by the Grand Master shall be submitted to this committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

Not less than 15 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, the committee shall serve on the Grand Master by deposit in first class mail, or by deposit at the Grand Lodge

office, an agenda for its meeting prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Said agenda shall set out with reasonable certainty any questions the committee expects to raise relative to the recommendations of the Grand Master or his decisions rendered during his term.

The committee shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, which shall include request for bylaw revisions, and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for bylaw revision is in proper form. The committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution within 45 days by U.S. mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Sec. 1-308 – FRATERNAL RELATIONS – The Fraternal Relations Committee shall review the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges, consider and report on correspondence with the same which affects the general welfare of the Craft, and make such recommendations in reference thereto as may be deemed expedient.

Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, the Fraternal Relations Committee having first considered and reported thereon, that the following standards of recognition have been satisfied:

(a) That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

(b) That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever, subject to, or dividing such authority with, a Supreme Council or other Body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

(c) That it makes Masons of men only.

(d) That it requires conformity to the following, which the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska considers necessary in a Masonic Body:

1. Acknowledgement of a belief in God the Father of all men.
2. Secrecy.
3. The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
4. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in Nebraska.
5. The legend of the Third Degree.
6. That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the service of God, and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.
7. The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the subordinate lodges while at work.

(e) That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, or else shares the same with another by mutual consent and it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish subordinate lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic Body.

Sec. 1-309 – MASONIC RELIEF – The Masonic Relief Committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application, to plan and execute fundraisers to finance the Committee projects, and to make a full accounting of such investigations and fundraisers to the Grand Master. The Masonic Relief Committee shall have the ability to raise money by special projects, such as but not limited to, raffles, as set forth in Section 3-102, silent auctions or solicitation of lodges and/or members.

Sec. 1-310 – MASONIC EDUCATION – The Masonic Education Committee shall disseminate Masonic light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity. The committee shall organize and supervise the Grand Lodge Library for use by the members and other visitors, and shall provide materials in the library for use by lodges for educational purposes.

Sec. 1-311 – AWARDS – The Awards Committee shall develop an awards program that recognizes excellence in lodge work, and serves to motivate individual members and lodges to achieve the goals of the Grand Lodge

Sec. 1-312 – NEBRASKA WORK

(a) The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of one certified Past Grand Master and two from the following - Past Grand Custodian, Deputy Grand Custodians, or Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus – each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall advise the Grand Custodian and the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to the appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by Macoy Publishing Company of Virginia so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska jurisdiction; that the only authorized cipher shall be edited and published by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and that the cipher shall be separate from and not replace the Monitor and Ceremonies for Nebraska.

(c) Every Master Mason may purchase the authorized cipher from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the Secretary of each subordinate lodge.

(d) The Grand Lodge shall prepare separate ciphers of the Questions and Answers for each degree for use by the candidates in preparing for their proficiency examinations in each degree.

(e) The cipher shall not be used or permitted in any open lodge.

(f) In the event a cipher is used in an open lodge, that lodge shall be subject to a reprimand by the Grand Master. On the second offense during the same Masonic year as the occurrence of the first offense, the Grand Master, or such persons as designated by him, shall convene a hearing with the officers of said lodge for the purpose of determining whether the charter of that lodge should be arrested until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge. On both the first and second offense, notification of the imposition of the penalty against a lodge shall be given to all subordinate lodges.

(g) The installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall annually demonstrate to the Grand Custodian that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master may arrest its charter.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Nebraska Work to prepare Standard Ceremonies for the authorized Ceremony Work for all subordinate lodges within this Jurisdiction, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 1-313 – GRIEVANCES – The Grievances Committee shall examine and report upon all matters of appeals and grievances brought before the Grand Lodge. Their report shall consist solely of a recommendation. No fact involved in the controversy shall be reported or stated in the record. A brief abstract of memorandum thereof in each case may be made, but the same shall not be published, recorded, or used except for reference.

Sec. 1-314 – FINANCE – The Finance Committee shall consist of eight members. At least four members of the Committee shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment, accounting or banking field. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to:

(a) examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge and the vouchers of officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation, and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditure which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts and certify the results thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to a certain expenditure, its appropriateness or its proper category, the committee, with the advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, shall determine the appropriateness of said expenditure or the appropriate category into which said expenditure shall be placed. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

(b) fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided, that the committee must submit a proposed budget with appropriations which do not exceed the anticipated revenues of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, person or committee requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity; provided, however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

(c) establish investment policies and management for the Grand Lodge investments as provided in Section 1-401 of the Bylaws.

Sec. 1-315 – CREDENTIALS – The Credentials Committee shall report the officers, members, and representatives present, together with the subordinate lodges

represented, and the number of votes which each representative is entitled to cast. It shall also report the representatives present from other Grand Lodges.

Sec. 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE

(a) The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The determinations of this committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee shall have authority, jurisdiction, and direct supervision over the Grand Lodge office, including the right to approve the employment of all employees of that office, their salaries and working conditions.

(c) The committee shall prescribe the business methods to be followed within the Grand Lodge office, to include: (1) the approval of and adherence to those office policies and job descriptions created from time to time governing all employees of the Grand Lodge; (2) the keeping of all membership records; (3) the accounting and reporting of Grand Lodge income, to include the receipt and deposit of all monies in approved accounts; (4) the preparation, final approval and payment of all expenditures on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master or his designated representative; (5) the maintenance of appropriate levels of supplies for normal activities within the Grand Lodge office for the use of Grand Lodge officers and by committees of the Grand Lodge, as well as those maintained available for use by subordinate lodges; (6) the collection, review and compilation of monthly statistics and activities from subordinate lodge secretaries as required under Section 2-310 of these Bylaws; (7) communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to ensure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) issue monthly invoices to each Subordinate Lodge of any outstanding bills (not including dues or assessments) due the Grand Lodge; and (9) such other matters appropriate to the efficient administrative controls of the Grand Lodge not otherwise fixed by the Constitution, Bylaws, or other actions of the Grand Lodge.

(d) The committee shall, at least annually, effect a review of equipment available for use in the Grand Lodge office, the office of the Grand Secretary, and the office of the Grand Custodian, and make such recommendations and changes therein as are appropriate and within budgetary restraints.

(e) All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to the committee for its review and recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon.

Sec. 1-317 – PUBLIC RELATIONS – The Public Relations Committee shall:

(a) Prepare and disseminate through recognized news media such news items concerning this Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges as may be directed by the Grand Master.

(b) Act jointly with the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home to prepare, edit, publish, and distribute to all members of the subordinate lodges of Nebraska a quarterly bulletin, such bulletin to contain information and news of the Grand Lodge and its officers, the Nebraska Masonic Home, and such other information and items as may be of general interest to the Nebraska Masons.

Sec. 1-318 – LODGE LEADERSHIP – The Lodge Leadership Committee shall:

(a) Develop, implement and review lodge leadership training events and materials for use by subordinate lodges and members.

(b) Advise and work with any subordinate lodge which appears to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program.

Sec. 1-319 – MEMBERSHIP – The Membership Committee shall develop and disseminate to lodges programs consistent with Grand Lodge law and practice and the Ancient Landmarks designed to be used by lodges to attract new members.

CHAPTER IV. GRAND LODGE FUNDS

Sec. 1-401 – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

(a) The Finance Committee, as it deems wise and prudent, shall establish investment policies for the Grand Lodge as to general types of securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations, and the percentage of Grand Lodge funds to be invested in securities and other obligations.

(b) The Finance Committee is authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they may deem necessary for the proper monitoring of the investments.

(c) The Finance Committee may by majority vote select a professional management firm to invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge in securities, bonds and interest bearing obligations. Any investment management firm selected shall have been in business for at least five years and shall have a net worth of at least \$100,000. Upon written approval of such selection by a majority vote of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, the Finance Committee may employ such firm. Any professional management firm may be terminated and a new one employed utilizing the same procedure.

(d) The professional investment management firm shall have such powers to buy and sell, invest and reinvest the funds of the Grand Lodge within the investment policies established by the Finance Committee, and to hold such investments for the ownership and benefit of the Grand Lodge as shall be set forth in its written contract. Such contract shall provide the custody of Grand Lodge investment funds shall repose with a state or federally insured financial institution, as well as provisions for the transfer of funds and renditions of such statements of account and reports as shall be recommended by the Finance Committee. An annual written report of the professional investment management firm and Finance Committee shall be made at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

(e) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, all funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, and all deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock, certificates, or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by

the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Finance Committee.

(f) The Finance Committee shall monitor the actions of the professional investment management firm, and submit semi-annual reports to the Grand Master with comments and recommendations. They shall also employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge. An original of such audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge shall be filed in the office of the Grand Lodge.

(g) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, the Finance Committee shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

Sec. 1-402 – REAL ESTATE FIRST MORTGAGES – Funds herein before referred to, together with any other funds owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, may be invested in first mortgages on real estate as follows:

(a) GRAND LODGE TEMPLE BUILDING LOANS – First mortgage loans may be made from said funds to subordinate lodges to assist in the purchase, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing of a suitable Masonic Temple. Such loans shall be subject to requirements hereinafter set forth, and shall be made after approval by the Grand Master and the Finance Committee, and (except in cases of emergency) may not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000); or (2) Eighty percent (80%) of the total purchase price, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing cost of such Temple. The terms of the loan and interest to be charged shall be determined by the Finance Committee. The subordinate lodge shall furnish a complete and satisfactory showing of title to the property offered as security.

(b) OTHER REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES – Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-401, funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Finance Committee may deem appropriate. The application for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

Sec. 1-403 – GENERAL FUNDS, SPECIAL FUNDS AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND – That hereafter the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be the following: General Funds and Perpetual Membership Fund and Special Funds.

The General Fund of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the securities and monies presently in said fund. The General Fund shall be the operating funds of the Grand Lodge, into which shall be deposited all income of this Grand Lodge from whatever source derived, with the exception of monies paid to the Perpetual Membership Fund and income therefrom. The expenses of this Grand Lodge, as appropriated by this Grand Lodge, shall be paid from the General Fund. Surplus monies in the General Fund shall be invested and reinvested by the professional investment management firm under its written contract with the Grand Lodge.

There is hereby established a Perpetual Membership Fund. All monies tendered with applications for perpetual membership and all income therefrom shall go into said fund, which shall be administered as provided by the Perpetual Membership Plan adopted by this Grand Lodge. This fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

There is hereby established a Special Fund, which shall consist of monies gifted or requested to the Grand Lodge with restrictions on their use. The fund shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

For the purpose of investment management, the Perpetual Membership Fund and the Special Fund may be managed by the investment manager as a single portfolio and be held in a single custody account. The records of the portion of such account/portfolio belonging to the Perpetual Membership Fund and other Special Funds held by the Grand Lodge shall be kept by the Grand Lodge office.

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2005, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

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

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Sec. 1-405 – APPLICATION FOR RELIEF – All applications for relief shall be referred to the Masonic Relief Committee, and the monies from time to time required by demands on the committee shall be paid over to it by order of the Grand Master.

In the event the Masonic Relief Committee deems it advisable, it may apportion the expense between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge of which the recipient may be a member, or receiving assistance because of being a relative of a member of such subordinate lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall so advise the subordinate lodge interested in the action of the Committee on Masonic Relief, and the same shall thereupon become an obligation of such subordinate lodge. In case such subordinate lodge shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, the Grand Master, upon being so advised, shall thereupon issue his order directing such subordinate lodge to pay such amount within a day to be recorded therein.

Its report shall be made after thorough investigation of the necessity for such relief, and no relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Masonic Relief Committee. All applications for relief to be acted upon at the session of the Grand Lodge shall be filed with the Masonic Relief Committee at least ten days prior to the Annual Communication. Information must be furnished in the application the same as provided for above.

Sec. 1-406 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION – In all cases where an appropriation is requested of the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes, and in all cases where the law requires the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master to approve of the construction plans and specifications of any building or construction work, no such appropriation shall be made and no such approval shall be granted unless the complete plans and specifications of such building or construction work shall have first been filed with the Grand Secretary, together with a certificate of the architect that such building or

construction work can be entirely completed for the sum to be therein named, inclusive of fees for architect and engineering services; and unless the contractor shall give a construction bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Grand Master for the completion of the work for the sum agreed, or according to the contract, no contract shall be let for a consideration in excess of the sum named in the architect's certificate.

No appropriation shall be made or authorized by the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes unless notice of the application thereof shall be given to the Grand Lodge not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first day of its Annual Communication.

The following sections will also be amended as follows as a result of the passing of Recommendation No. 1:

Section 2-106 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-201 – GRAND SECRETARY – The Grand Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Grand Lodge; shall personally attend and record the transactions of the Grand Lodge when in Annual Communication; shall sign all orders, certificates, documents and diplomas requiring the seal of the Grand Lodge, to include the affixing of the seal thereon. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the **Fraternal Relations Committee and the Grand Lodge Office Committee**. The Grand Secretary shall report to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge such statistical data concerning the status of the membership of this Grand Lodge as may, in his opinion, be appropriate, or as may be directed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary shall devote such time as his duties may require for the efficient and prompt completion of such duties or other programs of the Grand Lodge to include the promotion of Masonry.

Section 1-502 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-502 – AMENDMENTS – These Bylaws, or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge, only in one of the following two manners. A proposed amendment may be made by the members of Grand Lodge as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment by the membership shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by five or more members. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lie over until the next regular communication, provided, however; that if unanimous consent is given by the Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment may be considered and be acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced. A proposed amendment may be made by the Grand Master in the form of a recommendation and shall be sent to those individuals as provided in Section 1-304 of these Bylaws. The recommendations of the Grand Master shall be voted on at the same communication in which they are offered.

Both proposals by the membership and recommendations of the Grand Master which amend these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to become a law of this Grand Lodge. All proposals and recommendations receiving a two-thirds vote shall be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Since the Jurisprudence Committee does not propose amendments except to put into effect changes already adopted, the form of the Bylaws set forth in their report pursuant to Section 1-315 of this Code need not be seconded or lie over before their report is voted upon.

Any proposed amendment or recommendation received at a regular communication and not acted upon as provided above shall be considered terminated.

The Jurisprudence Committee shall review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary which shall include request for bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of the delivery whether the resolution or request for bylaw revision is in proper form. The Committee shall inform the Masons submitting said bylaw revision or resolution by 45 days by U.S. Mail, first class, if said submission is not in proper form, indicate why said submission is not in proper form, and allow an additional 30 days to place said submission into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Section 2-106 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-106 – REPRESENTATIVES – A subordinate lodge under dispensation has no representatives in the Grand Lodge, but one of its members may attend and consult with the Jurisprudence Committee.

Section 2-207 is amended as follows:

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

Section 2-406 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-406 – MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED SUBORDINATE LODGES – A brother who was a member in good standing of a subordinate lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall, for one year after such lodge ceases to exist, remain in good standing, and shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular lodge, including the rights of membership, affiliation, visiting, avouchment, relief, demission, appeal, trial, and burial. But should he fail to pay his dues as provided by Section 2-601, and affiliate within such year, he shall be notified by letter sent to his last known address by the Grand Lodge Office at least thirty days before the next ensuing Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause to the Grievances Committee, if any he may have, why he has not paid his dues and affiliated with a recognized lodge of Masons.

When any such member shall refuse or neglect to answer a notice to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and affiliating as above provided, his delinquency may be communicated to the Grand Lodge at any

subsequent Annual Communication thereof, which facts, together with the Grand Lodge records showing his indebtedness, or his failure to affiliate, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the brother be present, he shall be entitled to make such plea as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence and any other evidence which is submitted and received, a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely or to reinstate under such terms and conditions as the Grand Lodge may there direct.

Section 3-804 is amended as follows:

Sec. 3-804 – HOW CONSIDERED – When an appeal from the decision of a lodge, on any matter of Masonic discipline, shall be perfected in the Grand Lodge, it shall be referred by the Grand Master to the Grievances Committee, or be decided without such reference if it be deemed expedient, and in either case the lodge or the appellant shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, provided the same has been taken agreeably to the notice prescribed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2008), Section 1-201 is amended immediately as follows:

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, the dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On March 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before April 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand suspended for non-payment of dues upon approval of the Grand Master, and an entry noting said approved suspension shall be made in the minutes of the lodge. Approval of a suspension for non-payment of dues shall be given by the Grand Master upon submission by the lodge of satisfactory evidence of compliance with Section 2-513 of the Bylaws. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member approved for suspension for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

R.:W.: Rex Moats 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 James C. Lapaseotes led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn closed the 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska closed in ample form.

Following the close of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge of Master Masons was closed by members of Solar Lodge No. 134 in Clarks and Lincoln Lodge No. 19.

Organization

of

Grand Lodge

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



Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

- M.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn..... GRAND MASTER
- R.: W.: Russell G. Reno..... Deputy Grand Master
- R.: W.: John T. Parsons Grand Senior Warden
- R.: W.: E. David Watts..... Grand Junior Warden
- R.: W.: Bruce A. Watkins..... Grand Secretary
- V.: W.: James C. Lapaseotes Grand Chaplain
- W.: Thomas L. Hauder..... Grand Orator
- W.: Ben F. Hughes Grand Historian
- W.: Gerald D. Verbeek..... Grand Custodian
- W.: Joe D. McBride Grand Marshal
- W.: Bruce A. Baker Grand Senior Deacon
- W.: Rex J. Moats Grand Junior Deacon
- W.: John T. Maxell..... Grand Senior Steward
- W.: John B. Ferguson Grand Junior Steward
- W.: William H. Nelson Grand Tyler

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND MASTER

- Stephen C. Kennedy
- Steve G. Lyne
- Dennis E. Rix

2008

Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

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

- DONALD R. SWANSON, 54 (109th)..... 1974
1615 S. 44th St., Lincoln 68506-1121, 402-489-1615
- WARREN D. LICHTY, 314..... (114th)..... 1979
PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112
- BEVIN B. BUMP, 158 (118th)..... 1983
PO Box 1140, Chadron 69337-1140, 308-432-4411
- CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327 (120th)..... 1986
1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114-1621, 402-391-2657
- WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32, 39 (121st) 1987
2202 W. `D' St., North Platte 69101-4940, 308-532-0364
- PAUL R. EVELAND, 119 (122nd) 1988
1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298
- THOMAS W. TYE, 46 (123rd)..... 1989
4225 S. Westcotta Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614-5624, 520-648-5416
- JOHN M. McHENRY, 19..... (124th)..... 1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200
- JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325 (125th)..... 1991
92-1025 Makakilo Dr., #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385, 808-672-6598
- DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41 (127th)..... 1993
12918 W. Skyview Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, 623-977-7386

STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75	(128th).....	1994
PO Box 316, Sidney 69162-0316, 308-254-5595		
V. KAYE RAMSEY, 290 & 317.....	(130th).....	1996
14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821		
KENNETH G. FLEMING, 75.....	(131st)	1997
2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-2387		
DON E. RASMUSSEN, 82, 135.....	(132nd)	1998
1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864		
DWIGHT E. SMITH, 205	(133rd).....	1999
16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268		
JAMES F. BROWN, JR., 54	(134th).....	2000
6710 Rexford Dr., Lincoln, NE 68506-1532, 402-483-1727		
PHILIP A. LORENZEN, 10, 327, 1	(135th).....	2001
13448 Burdette Street, Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701		
MICHAEL E. JONES, 51, 173	(136th).....	2002
PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3342		
KENNETH D. BEEBE, 119.....	(137th).....	2003
1291 Old Lincoln Hwy, North Bend 68649-2011, 402-652-3380		
LES SEILER, 317	(138th).....	2004
848 N. 6th Ave., Hastings 68901-4117, 402-462-9396		
IVAN A. VRTISKA, 327.....	(139th).....	2005
1516 N. 170th Cir., Omaha 68118-2843, 402-397-7669		
SCOTT J. KRIEGER, SR., 317, 332, 33	(140th).....	2006
1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901-2350, 402-463-4602		
DEAN SKOKAN, 15	(141st)	2007
404 E. Ridge Dr., Hooper 68031-3000, 402-654-2514		

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Chm. Les Seiler, 317 (2011), 848 N 6th Ave, Hastings 68901-4117, 402-463-3125
lseiler@hastingslawfirm.com
 Steven F. Mattoon, 75 (2010), 1736 Dorwart Dr, Sidney 69162-0316, 308-254-5595
smattoon@charter.net
 John M. McHenry, 19 (2009), PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200
jmchenry@mchenrylaw.com
 Dean F. Skokan, 15 (2012), 404 E Ridge Dr, Hooper 68031-3000, 402-654-2514
skokan@omni-tech.net
 Dwight E. Smith, 205 (2013), 16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268
dvsmith@wildblue.net

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

Chm. Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, 7835 Fort St, Omaha 68134-2347, 402-571-1393, *lzwart@gmail.com*
 Robert A. Jones, 83, 58085 858 Rd, Wakefield 68784-5100, 402-369-2655,
jonesbobkaren@yahoo.com
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd, LaVista 68128-2314, 402-331-1791, *cullen.pilker@gmail.com*
Ex-Officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300 & 332, 3711 S 57th St, Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-489-4317
WatkinsIns@aol.com

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

Chm. John T. Maxell, 327 (2012), 15205 Drexel St, Omaha 68137-3862, 402-896-1060
john.maxell@galarson.com
 George B. Bolter, 39 (2013), 9813 Windy Cir, LaVista 68128-4259, 402-935-4299
George.Bolter@gmail.com
 Ronald W. Osborne, 256 (2011), 5950 Elk Crest Dr, Lincoln 68516, 402-489-8981, *rosborne@neb.rr.com*
 David G. Otte, 119 (2010), 2725 Road 30, Linwood 68036-3013, 402-666-5214, *daveotte@nmtc.net*
 Jerold L. Sievers, 54, 56 & 256 (2009), 3500 Prescott Ave, Lincoln 68506-3867, 402-489-8408
jsievers@windstream.net

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

Chm. Dennis H. Brydl, 287, 314 & 332 (2009), 2510 Kessler Blvd, Lincoln 68502-5813, 402-423-6982
db22849@windstream.net
 Eduardo Casas, 317 (2011), 2331 Home St, Hastings 68901-3550, 402-462-5013
arscasas@yahoo.com
 Thomas L. Hauder, 210 & 332 (2010), 7718 Phares Dr, Lincoln 68516-6758, 402-421-7436
tomshop1@mac.com
 W. Larry Jacobsen, 327 (2011), 5149 S 77th Ave, Ralston 68127-2859, 402-339-1309
larryjacobsen1218@msn.com
 Max H. Miller, 79 (2010), 710 N 11th St, Geneva 68361-1209, 402-759-4633
msmiller@galaxycable.net
 Danny J. Nonneman, 317 (2009), 2780 S Meadow Ln, Hastings 68901-7490, 402-463-9396
djlln@inebraska.com

Ad-hoc Members:

Dale W. Anderson, 158, 7184 Highway 20, Chadron 69337-5340, 308-432-5285
anderson3@bbc.net
 Donald C. Gasparetti, 54, 314 & 332, 7136 S 45th St, Lincoln 68516-3016, 402-423-0167
don@gtxhaustsystems.com
 Ronald D. Stites, 268, 12409 S 81st St, Papillion 68133-4412, 402-293-1538, *rontami@cox.net*
 Michael J. Webb, 46, 1711 E 44th St Pl, Kearney 68847-2687, 308-338-1161
Mike_Webb@whoopingcrane.org
 Robert D. Whipple, 281, 5206 Hunt Cir, Omaha 68152-1726, 402-453-5403, *whipple@creighton.edu*

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

Chm. William S. Eastwood, 256 (2009), 6400 Meeker Cir, Lincoln 68506-1559, 402-483-9759
bill.eastwood@ubt.com
 Michael R. McFarlin, 1 (2011), 7724 Pine St, Omaha 68124-1669, 402-392-0126
mikem@qmcpa.com
 Dale E. Walkenhorst, 55 (2010), PO Box 610, Madison 68748-0610, 402-454-2142

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

Chm. Warren D. Lichty, 314 (2009), PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112
dlichtyret@dwindstream.net
 Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297, 2130 W Sumner St, Lincoln 68522-1483, 402-435-6560
 Charles A. Folsom, 10, 15 & 119, 449 W 10th St, Fremont 68025-4162, 402-721-3223
folso001@msn.com
 Richard L. Hill, 66 & 317, 734 N Saunders, Hastings 68901-4326, 402-463-7228
adkins28@alltel.net
 Kyle J. Peterson, 5 & 274, 1699 F Ave, Dakota City 68731-3018, 402-987-1029, *kklpete@siouxlan.net*

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

Chm. Philip A. Lorenzen, 1, 10 & 327 (2011), PO Box 308, Fort Calhoun 68023-0308, 402-493-3701
plorenzen@conl.com
 Steven A. Green, 54 (2009), 2635 S 12th, Lincoln 68502-3515, 402-477-9055, *bearlyflyin@alltel.net*
 Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 33, 317 & 332 (2010), 1323 Pershing Rd, Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602
sjk1323@msn.com

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

Chm. Kenneth D. Rouch, 46 & 300 (2011), 810 H St Apt 6, Lincoln 68508-3166, 402-476-9523
kenrouch@msn.com
 Stanford P. Darling, 15 (2009), 1650 N Clarkson St, Fremont 68025-3108, 402-721-3377
sdarling@anbf.com
 Ben F. Hughes, 38, 96 & 332 (2010), 927 N 5th St, Seward 68434-1523, 402-643-3766
ben@hughesbros.com
 John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314 (2013), 7447 Whitestone Dr, Lincoln 68506-1772, 402-488-2603
jlorenzen12@alltel.net
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227 (2012), 1518 Skyline Dr, Lincoln 68506-1461, 402-488-8198
swetzel849@aol.com

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

Chm. David G. Krogh, 5 (2010), 440 River's Edge Estates, Dakota City 68731-4061, 402-987-3030
 Cell 712-574-0650, *krogh@cablone.net*
 Thomas A. Brazer, 1 & 11 (2011), 8303 N 230th St, Elkhorn 68022-3513, 402-779-2724
tbrazer@microlnk.com
 David A. Emry, 11 (2009), 3536 S 163rd St, Omaha 68132-2427, 402-697-8115, *demry@darstepa.com*
 Jack G. Frahm, 204 (2012), 86419 533 Ave, Plainview 68769-2518, 402-582-4888
jgfrahm@plvutelco.net
 Paul D. Rutherford, 327 (2013), 7804 Terry Dr, LaVista 68128-3942, 402-596-9774

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

Chm. James F. Brown, Jr., 54 & 332 (2012), 6710 Rexford Dr, Lincoln 68506-1532, 402-483-1727
jbrown2@unl.edu
 Christopher M. Carter, 268 (2013), 8226 N 47th St, Omaha 68152-1921, 402-556-0312
 Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79 (2010), 1304 Road 2, McCool Junction 68401-8070, 402-724-3164
cf30341@navix.net
 W. Glen Jorgenson, 50 & 211 (2009), PO Box 817, Hastings 68902-0817, 402-462-6528
masonictemple@windstream.net
 Suman Vallabhbai, 314 (2011), 5221 English Dr, Lincoln 68516-3243, 402-420-7616
sgvalla@alltel.net
Ex-Officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300 & 332, 3711 S 57th St, Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-489-4317
WatkinsIns@aol.com

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

Chm. Daniel J. Wellendorf, 112 & 268 (2009), PO Box 27987, Omaha 68127-0987, 402-315-9558
bsclumber1@aol.com

Roger A. Deininger, 317 (2012), 1319 W 11th, Hastings 68901-3702, 402-462-8146, *r.dein@yahoo.com*

Robert D. Kinsey, 297 (2010), 6611 Leesburg St, Lincoln 68516-5416, 402-430-6628
rkinsey@krbkllaw.com

Vernon L. Platt, 177 (2011), PO Box 410, Hay Springs 69347-0410, 308-638-7379, *vlplatt@gpcom.net*

Ralph J. Riemann, 165 & 297 (2013), 3101 Fox Hollow Rd, Lincoln 68506-3627, 402-489-5338
rr45242@alltel.net

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

Chm. Curtis M. Edic, 1 & 268 (2012), 202 S 20th St, Omaha 68102-1201, 712-256-1447
cedic@scottishriteomaha.org

Eric Dinger, 297 (2011), 5831 Kipling Ct, Lincoln 68516-2753, 402-560-1678

Benjiman H. Harvey, 119 (2009), PO Box 1327, Fremont 68026-1327, 402-727-1221
benh@omni-tech.net

Byron L. Hust, 198 (2010), 1711 Broadway, Imperial 69033-3032, 308-882-4601,
aghust@chase3000.com

W. Keith Neisler, 1 & 302 (2013), 15140 Borman St, Omaha 68138-6466, 402-505-6173
kneisler@cox.net

Ex-Officio: Worthy Grand Matron OES

Membership (§1-328: 5 members)

Chm. Edward W. Nolte, 39, 4702 Windcrest Dr, Papillion 68133-4767, 402-592-0184, *ewn@cox.net*
Steven R. Barchus, 302, 1521 S 94th St, Omaha 68124-1105, 402-556-2106

barchuss@aol.com

Patrick D. Barger, 5, 54, 297 & 332, 1526 Otoe St, Lincoln 68502-4653, 402-421-7139
arcane66@earthlink.net

Randall E. Ogier, 279, 31709 W Andersen Rd, Wallace 69169-7508, 308-387-4485
sunlrs_69@hotmail.com

John J. Wonder, 290, 6014 1/2 Maple St, Omaha 68104-4104, 402-551-2608
jhnwndr@aol.com

Ad-Hoc: Stanley R. Thayer, 50, PO Box 228, Hastings 68902-0228, 402-461-4043
srt1405@windstream.net

Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Don L. Jelinek, 54 & 289, 311 Dale Dr, Lincoln 68510-2253, 402-488-3976
donljel@gmail.com

James A. Carlton, 325, 4204 Bob White Cr, Bellevue 68123-1103, 402-293-9323
jcarlton1@cox.net

Blaine C. Hornbuckle, 50, 918 N Denver Ave, Hastings 68901, 402-705-0164
B.hornbuckle@charter.net

W. Keith Neisler, 1 & 320, 15140 Borman St, Omaha 68138-6466, 402-505-6173
kneisler@cox.net

Gene F. Wehrbein, 6, 8817 Church Rd, Louisville 68037-3813, 402-298-8192
gwehrbein@alltel.net

Ex-Officio:

State Master Councilor of DeMolay

Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Job's Daughters

Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow for Girls

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

Chm. Rex J. Moats, 102 & 290 (2009), 131 S 202nd St, Elkhorn 68022-4896, 402-289-0615
rexmoats@aol.com

Loren L. Lindahl, 59 (2010), PO Box 277, Wahoo 68066-0277, 402-443-3225
jackie@wahoo.law.com

Thomas S. Stewart, 46 (2011), PO Box 1184, Kearney 68848-1184, 308-627-6432
tss@buslawyers.com

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

Chm. Joe D. McBride, 224 (2011), HC 65 Box 138, Ainsworth 69210-9436, 402-387-1214

ranchland@threeriver.net

Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173 (2010), PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3342

mjones.jones30@insuremail.net

E. Thomas Spunaugle, 38 & 198 (2009), 232 Lindell Avenue, Seward 68434, 402-643-9827

tspunaugle@neb.rr.com

Jan Thoman, (2013), 1320 N 55th St, Lincoln 68504, 402-464-8802, *jandarby@aol.com*

Wayne E. Vian, 33 (2012), 1207 S Harrison, Grand Island 68803, 308-384-4717

svvian@kdsi.net

Ad-hoc Members:

Barry M. Carlson, 297, 915 Sun Valley Dr, Grand Island 68801, 308-381-2264

tbears23@hotmail.com

Joseph A. Chapman, 21, 930 N 16th St, Blair 68008-1283, 402-426-9567

chapman@huntel.net

K. Roger Dill, 310, PO Box 594, Valley 68064-0594, 402-359-4440

krogerdill@yahoo.com

Donald G. Havekost, 72 & 132, 829 County Road 19 Blvd, Hooper 68031-2121, 402-654-2133

coma@midlands.net

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

Chm. Don C. Bottorf, 49, PO Box 404, Sutton 68979-0404, 402-773-4698, *bottorf@alltel.net*

Charles W. Hastings, 317, 707 Dockside Cv, Hastings 68901, 402-462-8460

Robert J. Parker, 317, 1304 Country Club Dr, Hastings 68901-2400, 402-461-3170

Jay H. Speck, 6, 606 Chicago Ave, Plattsmouth 68048-2061, 402-296-4355

jsbnc@charter.net

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

Chm. Scott G. Brendel, 146, 1108 Brown St, Holdrege 68949-1534, 308-995-5551

scbrendel@yahoo.com

H. Frank Erickson, 146, 314 Garfield St, Holdrege 68949-2711, 308-995-5713

ericksonagency@hotmail.com

Phillip F. Harris, 290, 6115 Charles St, Omaha 68132-1215, 402-551-7901

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

Chm. Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 64, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-236-9252

djnjj73@charter.net

Frank S. Dougherty, 297, 3510 N 73rd, Lincoln 68507, 402-464-5045

Philip O. Edwards, 326, 14830 Holmes St, Omaha 68137-1312, 402-895-3781

podaedwards@cox.net

Robert M. Hoagland, 46 & 146, 2701 Grand Ave #66, Kearney 68847-4122, 308-237-9255

hoagland@citlink.net

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Awards Committee

Chm. Michael J. Webb, 46, 1711 E 44th St Pl, Kearney 68847-2687, 308-338-1161

Mike_Webb@whoopingcrane.org

Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79, 1304 Road 2, McCool Junction 68401-8070, 402-724-3164

cf30341@navix.net

Randall L. Hart, 31 & 222, 412 S 12th St, Tekamah 68061-1444, 402-374-1278

randy.hart@huntel.net

Michael D. Lagueux, 54 & 332, 6021 Sunrise Rd, Lincoln 68510-4056, 402-489-4278

michael.lagueux@us.army.mil

Internet and Computer Technology Committee

Chm. D. Tyson Boellstorff, 110, 1510 Adams St, Ashland 68003-1829, 402-944-7728
perlcat@alltel.net
Alan Anderson, 327, 13680 Larimore Ave, Omaha 68164-6129, 402-445-2452
al_anderson@cox.net
W. Scott Dodge, 94, 210 & 297, 1915 SW 15th St, Lincoln 68522-1513, 402-435-8328
secretary.ne.lodge.210@hotmail.com
John W. Kelley, 3, 12317 Parker Cir, Omaha 68154-1342, 402-964-7305
omahaprof@cox.net
Dean Papenhagen, 50, 210 E 2nd St, Hastings 68901-5217, 402-462-8540
dean.papenhagen@chiefind.com
Ex-Officio: Dean Skokan, 15, 411 E Ridge Dr, Hooper 68031-3000, 402-654-2514
skokan@omni-tech.net

West Grand Master's Masonic Charities Activity Committee

Chm L. Doug Fausnaugh, 32 & 265, 414 W 33rd St, Scottsbluff 69361-4360, 308-632-8445
ldfausnaugh@charter.net
Craig A. Barnette, 285, PO Box 441, Bridgeport 69336-0441, 308-262-1226
cbarnette@21stcenturyequip.com
Wayne E. Frizzell, 265, 3709 Skyline Dr, Scottsbluff 69361-4562, 308-635-2486
James C. Lapaseotes, 285, HC 85 Box 192, Bridgeport 69336-9540, 308-262-0288
jimlapaseotes@bbcwv.net
Donald E. Loos, 265, PO Box 1499, Scottsbluff 69363-1499, 308-632-6761, *deacloos@embarqmail.com*
Jack D. Nichols, 265 & 285, 702 W 15th, Scottsbluff 69361-2906, 308-635-0404
jnichols_2@charter.net
Frank Wooden, 265, 513 W 15th St, Scottsbluff 69361-3016, 308-632-2090

East Grand Master's Masonic Charities Activity Committee

Co-Chm. Danforth D. Loring, 268, 9410 Chicago St, Omaha 68114, 402-391-4471, *danforth@cox.net*
Co-Chm. Richard D. Myers, 102, 2790 Big Island Rd, Fremont 68025-6184, 402-250-1418
rdm@mgwl.com
Karl R. Adamson, 31, 1506 O St, Tekamah 68061-1046, 402-374-1229, *lionkarl@huntel.net*
Richard E. Gilmore, 268, 2426 S 84th St, Omaha 68124-2229, 402-392-2247
rick@blosomaha.com
Del F. Hartung, 15, 1820 E 19th, Fremont 68025-3251, 402-721-8501, *delhartung@aol.com*
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119, PO Box 1327, Fremont 68026-1327, 402-727-1221,
benh@omni-tech.net
David L. Knutson, 302, 3940 Hawk Woods Cir, Omaha 68112-3823, 402-455-7172
Dale G. Lueders, 220 & 300, 8350 Katrina Ln, Lincoln 68512-9420, 402-430-4710
dglueders@aol.com
Donald I. Peterson, 119, 740 Locust St, North Bend 68649-2522, 402-652-8257
dcpeterson@gpcom.net
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, 1516 N 170th Cir, Omaha 68118-2843, 402-397-7669, *kiivrtiska@aol.com*
Daniel J. Wellendorf, 112 & 268, PO Box 27987, Omaha 68127-0987, 402-315-9558
bsclumber1@aol.com

GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
 AND THEIR DISTRICTS**

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #1

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

District #2

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th St. N., Bellevue 68005-4303, 402-733-6249Emeritus
 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, 402-291-64961993
 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, 402-374-11351976
 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, 402-374-26891990
 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

To Be Appointed

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, 402-839-29551988
 Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City

District #8

John C. Sierks, 4, 64708 730 Rd., Brownville 68321-6007, 402-825-60611969
 Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

To Be Appointed

Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110, Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco;
 Victory #310, Valley

District #10

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

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #11

Suman Vallabhbai, 314, 5221 English Dr., Lincoln 68516-3243, 402-420-76162004
Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George
Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

Ashley H. Story, 314, 72516 U Rd., Wilcox 68982-9541, 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

Randall L. Hart, 222 & 31, 412 S 12th St., Tekamah 68061-1444, 402-374-1278.....2008
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, 402-462-81461998
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239,
Chapman

District #18

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

District #19

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-3701, 402-477-94642001
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

District #24

Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-237-92341992
Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61, Lexington; Jachin #146, Holdrege; Elwood #167, Elwood

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

NAME	APPOINTED
------	-----------

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221-0776, 402-967-33611979
 Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver
 Cord #224, Ainsworth

District #27

Bill Lichtenberger, 207, 42634 Callaway Rd, Callaway 68825-2547, 308-836-44922003
 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, 308-635-04042000
 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, 308-282-02141984
 Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-22381996
 Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell

District #31

Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308 254-23872008
 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, 308-423-25471976
 Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial

District #33

Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 3020 S. Willow St., North Platte 69101, 308-532-02702005
 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, 402-721-95292005
 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, 402-493-28542002
 Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha #288,
 Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-489-43171999
 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, 402-759-38691992
 Oliver #38, Seward; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica
 #96, Utica

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #38

Dean Papenhagen, 50, 210 E. 2nd St., Hastings 68901-5217, 402-462-85402003
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

- Glenn W. Binder, 23RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420-9712
- Richard L. Mauch, 224 & 136 PO Box 10, Bassett 68714-0010
- Frank R. Harris, 77 PO Box 3, Nelson 68961-0003
- Ben D. Fussell, 79 1318 J St., Geneva 68361-1536
- Ralph McNulty, 61.....PO Box 83, Cozad 69130-0083
- A. W. Clark, 33..... 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68801-2521
- Lynn Doty, 251 PO Box 163, Wausa 68786-0163
- Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....5221 S. 67th St., Lincoln 68516-2319
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001-2514
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3.....801 5th Street N., Bellevue 68005-4303
- Vincent Rosenberger, 183 PO Box 95, Hemingford 69348-0095
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 752449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623
- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 33, 332 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901-2850
- Harold W. Noble, 325 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005-4020
- Harold Mueksch, 132..... 404 5th St., Scribner 68057-3057
- Lloyd I. Edwards, 110..... 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003-1021
- Grand Custodian Emeritus

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIAN APPRENTICES

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

(Number in parenthesis denotes for which District they are acting as Apprentice)

	E.A.		F.C.		MASTER MASONS												On Rolls December 31, 2008					
	Initiated	On Rolls December 31, 2008	Passed	On Rolls December 31, 2008	GAIN						LOSS											
					Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Deceased	Deaths	Suspended	Withdraw	Termination of Dual		Other Causes	TOTAL			
1 - Nebraska	6	0	6	0	200	8	1	1	6	0	0	0	16	6	8	27	0	3	0	0	44	172
2 - Western Star	5	0	3	0	159	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	1	0	0	0	9	154
3 - Capitol	2	0	2	0	94	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	11	87
4 - Nemaha Valley	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	66
5 - Omadi	7	0	7	0	142	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	144
6 - Plattsmouth	5	0	7	0	277	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	13	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	9	281
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	47
10 - Solomon	4	0	4	0	75	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	79
11 - Covert	15	0	15	0	555	14	3	0	7	0	0	0	24	1	16	43	0	0	0	0	60	519
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	31
15 - Fremont	3	0	3	0	241	4	0	0	7	0	0	0	11	0	10	9	0	1	0	0	20	232
19 - Lincoln	3	0	4	0	204	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	7	13	0	0	0	0	20	188
21 - Washington	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	8	72
23 - Pawnee	2	0	2	0	148	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	12	174
26 - Beatrice	0	0	2	0	182	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	17
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 - Blue River	4	0	3	0	37	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	38
31 - Tekamah	2	0	2	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	129
32 - Platte Valley	5	0	5	0	235	6	1	0	6	0	0	0	13	2	10	10	0	0	0	0	22	226
33 - Ashlar	7	0	6	0	172	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	10	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	15	167
34 - Acacia	2	0	2	0	75	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	9	68
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	55
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	36
37 - Crete	0	0	0	0	67	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	5	0	1	0	0	11	58
38 - Oliver	1	0	1	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	53
39 - Papillion	4	0	4	0	250	5	2	3	5	0	0	0	15	9	9	20	0	1	0	0	39	226
41 - Northern Light	2	0	2	0	27	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
43 - Hebron	0	0	1	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	43
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	13
46 - Rob Morris	6	0	6	0	219	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	9	1	4	11	1	0	0	0	17	211
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0
50 - Hastings	2	0	2	0	173	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	8	166
51 - Fidelity	0	0	1	0	44	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	45

	E.A.			F.C.			MASTER MASONS																			
	Initiated	On Rolls December 31, 2008	Passed	On Rolls December 31, 2008	Membership December 31, 2007	GAIN							LOSS							TOTAL	On Rolls December 31, 2008					
						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrawn	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL							
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	37	
119 - North Bend	1	0	1	0	93	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	88
120 - Wayne	1	0	1	0	95	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	92
121 - Superior	1	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	41	
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	70	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	35	
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	11	36	
135 - McCook	1	0	0	0	162	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	154	
136 - Long Pine	0	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	
146 - Jachin	0	0	0	0	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	119	
148 - Custer	3	0	3	0	118	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	113	
154 - Lily	1	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29	
158 - Samaritan	1	0	3	0	83	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	82	
159 - Ogalalla	1	0	1	0	78	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	77	
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	34	
165 - Barnesston	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	46	
180 - Justice	3	0	4	0	186	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	17	144	
183 - Alliance	2	0	3	0	182	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	183	
184 - Bee Hive	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	52	
194 - Highland	1	0	0	0	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	
195 - Arcana	1	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	
198 - Purity	1	0	1	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	
200 - Blazing Star	1	0	1	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	84	
201 - Scotts Bluff	1	0	1	0	48	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	46	
204 - Plainview	1	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	51	
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	
209 - Canopy	1	0	0	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	

	E.A.			F.C.			MASTER MASONS																		
	Initiated	On Rolls December 31, 2008	Passed	On Rolls December 31, 2008	Membership December 31, 2007	GAIN							LOSS							On Rolls December 31, 2008					
						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrawn	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL						
210 - East Lincoln	4	0	4	0	270	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	1	15	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	253
211 - Cement	2	0	2	0	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	
220 - Magnolia	1	0	2	0	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	
227 - North Star	2	0	2	0	148	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	142	
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	
229 - Comet	2	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	64	
234 - Zion	1	0	3	0	41	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	20	
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	
241 - G Armstrong	1	0	1	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	
248 - Laurel	1	0	1	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	32	
250 - G Washington	3	0	3	0	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	61	
251 - Wausa	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	91	
256 - Hickman	11	0	11	0	193	11	2	1	6	0	0	0	20	0	20	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	12	201	
263 - Mitchell	1	0	1	0	102	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	99	
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	
265 - R W Furnas	4	0	4	0	108	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	107	
268 - G W Linger	11	0	12	0	215	11	1	2	1	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	9	221	
274 - Olive Branch	3	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	62	
279 - Wallace	1	0	1	0	36	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	
281 - Florence	4	0	4	0	138	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	134	
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	25	
285 - Camp Clarke	4	0	4	0	77	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	79	
286 - Oshkosh	2	0	1	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	36	
288 - Omaha	8	0	8	0	98	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	12	0	7	12	0	1	0	20	85	
290 - John J Mercer	16	0	17	0	469	16	3	0	8	0	0	0	27	3	24	25	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	443	
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	

Historical Records
and Information
of

Grand Lodge

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



Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2009

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

48th.....	1913	Alpha Morgan.....	148	April 17, 1924
49th.....	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93	Aug. 12, 1919
50th.....	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54	Aug. 11, 1931
51st.....	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55	May 9, 1941
52nd.....	1917	Frederic L. Temple.....	61	Aug. 13, 1944
53rd.....	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139	Mar. 16, 1944
54th.....	1919	John J. Tooley	258	July 31, 1934
55th.....	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg.....	3	June 14, 1950
56th.....	1921	Lewis E. Smith.....	136	July 10, 1965
57th.....	1922	Edward M. Wellman	1	Aug. 31, 1922
58th.....	1923	Charles A. Chappell.....	127	Nov. 21, 1971
59th.....	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95	June 18, 1941
60th.....	1925	John Wright.....	19	Oct. 29, 1936
61st.....	1926	Edwin D. Crites.....	158	Nov. 7, 1953
62nd.....	1927	Albert R. Davis.....	120	Mar. 7, 1929
63rd.....	1928	Frank H. Woodland.....	25	Oct. 23, 1940
64th.....	1929	Ira C. Freet.....	56	Oct. 13, 1944
65th.....	1930	Orville A. Andrews.....	19	Oct. 16, 1936
66th.....	1931	John R. Tapster.....	119	Mar. 21, 1954
67th.....	1932	Edwin B. Johnston.....	33	Feb. 11, 1933
68th.....	1933	Ralph O. Canaday.....	50	Oct. 7, 1970
69th.....	1933	Archie M. Smith	203	May 8, 1950
70th.....	1934	Virgil R. Johnson.....	26	Aug. 7, 1956
71st.....	1935	William C. Ramsey	268	May 19, 1938
72nd.....	1936	Chancellor A. Phillips	150	Sept. 12, 1968
73rd.....	1937	William A. Robertson.....	6	July 3, 1944
74th.....	1938	Walter R. Raecke.....	36	April 9, 1960
75th.....	1939	William J. Breckenridge.....	317	Nov. 16, 1951
76th.....	1940	Earl J. Lee	15	Dec. 15, 1963
77th.....	1941	Edward F. Carter	201	Dec. 21, 1981
78th.....	1942	George A. Kurk	54	May 4, 1977
79th.....	1943	William B. Wanner	9	June 13, 1975
80th.....	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148	Feb. 12, 1977
81st.....	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1	Aug. 12, 1993
82nd.....	1947	Edward Huwaldt.....	318	Feb. 14, 1977
83rd.....	1948	Elmer E. Magee.....	227	Mar. 19, 1975
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound.....	54	July -, 1964
84th.....	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	59	April 20, 1959
85th.....	1950	John S. Hedelund.....	268	Jan. 30, 1962
86th.....	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37	Dec. 22, 1993
87th.....	1952	Edward M. Knight	183	Mar. 3, 1983
88th.....	1953	Fay Smith.....	198	Oct. 2, 1968
89th.....	1954	Charles F. Adams.....	68	April 17, 1980
90th.....	1955	Herbert T. White.....	11	Oct. 12, 1975
91st.....	1956	Merle M. Hale	54	Feb. 23, 1988
92nd.....	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295	Feb. 13, 1971
93rd.....	1958	John E. Beaver.....	253	Sept. 20, 1965
94th.....	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46	Feb. 14, 1989
95th.....	1960	John F. Futcher.....	302	July 11, 1984
96th.....	1961	Herbert A. Ronin.....	210	Nov. 4, 1997
97th.....	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32	July 16, 2005
98th.....	1963	Ralph M. Carhart.....	120	Nov. 10, 1965
99th.....	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227	Aug. 9, 2007

100th.....	1965.....	Louis V. Sylvester.....	281.....	Dec. 4, 1997
101st.....	1966.....	Lewis R. Ricketts.....	19.....	July 14, 1990
Honorary.....	1966.....	Carl R. Greisen.....	32.....	June 28, 1995
102nd.....	1967.....	John A. Bottorf.....	49.....	Feb. 21, 1984
103rd.....	1968.....	Norris W. Lallman.....	72.....	Nov. 1, 1984
104th.....	1969.....	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	228.....	June 16, 1995
105th.....	1970.....	John H. Brown.....	1.....	Feb. 2, 1978
106th.....	1971.....	Russell L. Fickes.....	33.....	April 18, 1989
107th.....	1972.....	Howard J. Hunter.....	59.....	May 6, 1975
108th.....	1973.....	Frank J. Mattoon.....	75.....	July 4, 1997
109th.....	1974.....	Donald R. Swanson.....	54.....	
110th.....	1975.....	Harold Hultman.....	39.....	April 3, 2005
111th.....	1976.....	T. Leo Stines.....	36, 323.....	Feb. 26, 1994
112th.....	1977.....	Alfred B. Saum.....	46.....	Oct. 11, 1980
113th.....	1978.....	Jack H. Hendrix.....	174.....	Nov. 25, 2006
114th.....	1979.....	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.....	314.....	
115th.....	1980.....	Byron C. Jenkins.....	325.....	Sept. 12, 2000
116th.....	1981.....	Harold C. Wurdeman.....	323.....	June 21, 1985
117th.....	1982.....	Paul R. Pierce.....	50.....	July 31, 1999
118th.....	1983.....	Bevin B. Bump.....	158.....	
119th.....	1984-85.....	Robert A. Metcalf.....	210.....	Nov. 22, 2002
120th.....	1986.....	Charles W. Amidon.....	281, 327.....	
121st.....	1987.....	Wayne G. Lueningborg.....	32, 39.....	May 12, 2008
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. "Sonny" Eatmon.....	294.....	Aug. 28, 1999
127th.....	1993.....	Donald L. Pohlman.....	41.....	
128th.....	1994.....	Steven F. Mattoon.....	75.....	
129th.....	1995.....	Jerry L. Rittenburg.....	210, 64.....	Jan. 26, 2007
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.....	
141st.....	2007.....	Dean Skokan.....	15.....	

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, 31910
- 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, 11910
- Fred A. Howe, 1191910
- Robert B. Walker, 1701912
- Frank W. Farrand, 361913
- Ira C. Freet, 561913
- Benjamin Wood, 210.....1913
- Edward M. Wellman, 1.....1913
- Charles A. Eyre, 268.....1913
- Robert A. Armstrong, 321913
- Levi Pringle, 276.....1913
- Earl M. Bolen, 130.....1914
- Frank L. Haycock, 2071914
- George A. Stevens, 158.....1914
- Harry M. Jones, 461916
- Levi D. Phipps, 311916
- Alfred G. Hunt, 33.....1916
- Harry L. F. Proffitt, 501916
- Barclay M. Hickman, 381916
- Orville A. Andrews, 501917
- Andrew H. Viele, 55.....1917
- Maro C. Shipherd, 151920
- Jesse Lowther, 2191920
- Franklin C. Tym, 25.....1920
- Lute M. Savage, 3.....1920
- Frank M. Johnson, 1881920
- Lamont L. Stephens, 1061922
- Frances S. Robey, 191922
- John B. Lichtenwallner, 275.....1923
- Harry R. Belville, 146.....1923
- George R. Patterson, 1361923
- William J. Birkoffer, 249.....1923
- D. Horace Schall, 307.....1923
- Stanley P. Bostwick, 3.....1924
- William D. Edson, 53.....1926
- Francis B. Rodwell, 224.....1926
- Edwin H. Gerhart, 305.....1926
- William McCormack, 268.....1926
- Harry L. Mantor, 3061927
- John R. Easley, 491927
- L. Donald Huston, 651928
- Elmer Surber, 951928

• John M. Bennett, 19	1928
• Earl Barnett, 146	1929
• Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
• Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
• Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
• Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
• Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
• Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
• Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
• Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
• Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
• Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
• Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
• Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
• Jesse P. Entriiken, 295	1934
• Harrold D. Weddel, 208	1937
• Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
• Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
• Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
• S. William Beck, 43	1940
• Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
• Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
• Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
• Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
• F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942
• Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
• Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
• Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
• George S. Schwab, 49	1946
• Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
• Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
• LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
• Ernest E. James, 1	1946
• Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
• Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
• Paul D. Fleming, 293	1949
• Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
• Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
• Ralph M. Carhart, 120	1950
• Morris V. Balcom, 46	1950
• William F. Flicklinger, 56	1951
• Forest A. Lape, 183	1951
• Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	1954
• Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	1954
• Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
• Clifford D. Webster, 75	1956
• Matthias E. Mael, 173	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 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, 1121959
- Alfred R. Kenover, 1481960
- Lloyd I. Edwards, 1101960
- T. Leo Stines, 36, 3231960
- Erwin J. Imig, 381960
- Sebert A. Stover, 2811960
- Stanley E. Brunton, 2221961
- Glenn W. Binder, 231961
- Richard L. Wait, 191962
- Gordon Chard, 2401962
- Harold A. Tilton, 2911962
- Stuart A. Johnson, 1771964
- Arthur S. Dye, 3171964
- W. Upton Dawson, 1351964
- Donald R. Davis, 1641964
- Ralph I. Berry, 2561965
- Carl A. Johnson, 1831965
- Robert W. Boon, 331965
- Augustus W. Clark, 331965
- Alton S. Mote, 1831965
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 3021965
- Arnold F. Mains, 151965
- Nelson W. Rittenburg, 2101965
- Harold J. Oehlerking, 1591966
- Gwynne L. Neubauer, 2581966
- Ward L. McGlashan, 1801966
- Curtis J. Griess, 491966
- Walter Brown, 11967
- John C. Nelson, 2501967
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 651967
- Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 2101967
- Howard G. Whitmore, 811967
- Frank R. Harris, 771967
- Gerald V. Inslee, 1581968
- John C. Sierks, 41969
- Paul D. Jacobsen, 1481969
- David O. Kipling, 2811970
- Herman O. Hansen, 31970
- D. Wayne Erickson, 1461970
- Walter S. Cork, 751970
- Richard L. Mauch, 224, 1361971
- O. Wayne Thompson, 2011971
- John A. Brandt, 261971
- Dale E. Kube, 551971
- Robert E. Kyes, 361972
- Mannie O. Hansen, 11973
- Richard O. Cowles, 1741975
- Jens P. Nielsen, 1211975
- Ralph E. McNulty, 611975
- Don L. McCoy, 111975
- Everett K. Dappen, 2651975
- Alfred V. Peltzer, 1481975
- Roger L. Shillington, 1801976
- James E. Cornish, 311976
- Ben D. Fussell, 791976
- Victor D. Hunt, 621976

• Lynn Doty, 251	1977
• Marvin R. Weber, 204	1977
• W. Dale Page, 15.....	1977
• Harry L. Saum, 308.....	1979
• DeVern A. Engberg, 26.....	1979
• Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....	1979
• Albert W. Watsek, 23.....	1979
• Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....	1979
• Arthur J. Ferguson, 221.....	1979
• Leslie G. Weber, 204.....	1979
• Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....	1980
• Augustine S. Scolaro, 3.....	1981
• David E. Menck, 15.....	1982
• Vincent Rosenberger, 183.....	1982
• Justin F. Fauss, 55.....	1982
• Augustus W. Clark, 33.....	1982
• Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....	1982
• Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....	1984
• Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....	1984
• Leslie Evert, 195.....	1985
• William Fogle, 135.....	1985
• Roscoe Malick, 297.....	1985
• R. Winton Wilson, 199.....	1985
• Robert E. Kyes, 36.....	1985
• W. Dale Page, 15.....	1985
• Gordon E. Richards, 75.....	1986
• Harold Noble, 325.....	1987
• Deon D. Eberly, 314.....	1988
• Steven A. Green, 54.....	1988
• Steven K. Jones, 265, 263.....	1988
• Lloyd Vrtiska, 23.....	1988
• Robert M. Littrell, 77.....	1989
• Roy L. Smith, 6.....	1989
• Daniel E. Spearow, 26.....	1989
• LeRoy Crye, 328.....	1990
• Ronald D. Grass, 31.....	1990
• Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317.....	1990
• Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135.....	1990
• Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....	1990
• Gordon L. Carley, 75.....	1990
• Gerald D. Verbeek, 15.....	1990
• Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 288.....	1991
• Delmar Jones, 46, 65.....	1992
• Don L. Jelinek, 54.....	1992
• Albert Wise, 79.....	1992
• Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....	1993
• John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33.....	1993
• Rodney L. Samp, 159.....	1994
• Robert L. Carter, 314.....	1995
• Richard H. Cooper, 263.....	1996
• Thomas R. Reed, 5.....	1996
• Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....	1997
• Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....	1997
• Roger A. Deininger, 317.....	1998
• Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....	1998

- Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....1999
- Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285.....2000
- Harold C. Mueksch, 132.....2000
- Carl C. Plants, 54.....2001
- Joseph D. Chrisman, 279.....2002
- Ashley H. Story, 314, 146.....2002
- James R. Taylor, 327.....2002
- Dean Papenhagen, 50.....2003
- R. William Lichtenberger, 207, 148.....2003
- Gordon L. Carley, 75.....2003
- Suman Vallabhbai, 314.....2004
- Daniel L. Scarborough, 79.....2005
- Frank Veverka, 15.....2005
- Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 284.....2005
- Philip E. Darby, Jr., 61.....2006
- Randall L. Hart, 22, 31.....2008

- Deceased

**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
Large	2008	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
Small	2008	Omadi Lodge	No. 5	South Sioux City

**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
2008	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff

**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
2008	V.K. "Tony" Vrana	Oliver Lodge No. 38	Seward
2008	Sanford H. "Sam" Nelson	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210	Lincoln

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

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 1 Omaha	Douglas	February, 1855	Oct. 3, 1855 •1
Western Star	No. 2 Nebraska City	Otoe	May 10, 1855	May 28, 1856 •2
Capitol	No. 3 Omaha	Douglas	January 9, 1857	June 3, 1857 •3
• Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23, 1857 • Chartered by ¹ Illinois, ² Missouri, ³ Iowa				
Nemaha Valley	No. 4 Brownville	Nemaha	December 15, 1857	June 2, 1858
Omaha	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

EXISTING LODGES

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

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Crete	Crete	Saline	January 8, 1872	June 19, 1872
Oliver	Seward	Seward	July 25, 1871	June 18, 1873
Papillion	Papillion	Sarpy	November 18, 1872	June 18, 1873
Northern Light	Stanton	Stanton	January 20, 1873	June 18, 1873
Hebron	Hebron	Thayer	March 10, 1873	June 18, 1873
Harvard	Harvard	Clay	March 25, 1873	June 18, 1873
Rob Morris	Kearney	Buffalo	February 21, 1873	June 26, 1874
Hastings	Hastings	Adams	January 3, 1874	June 26, 1874
Fidelity	David City	Butler	January 18, 1874	June 26, 1874
Hiram	Arlington	Washington	February 26, 1874	June 26, 1874
Charity	Red Cloud	Webster	March 2, 1874	June 26, 1874
Lancaster	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20, 1874	June 26, 1874
Mosaic	Norfolk	Madison	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
York	York	York	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
Mt. Moriah	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7, 1874	June 23, 1875
Wahoo	Wahoo	Saunders	January 20, 1875	June 23, 1875
Thistle	Lexington	Dawson	May 8, 1875	June 21, 1876
Keystone	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1, 1876	June 21, 1876
Blue Valley	Wilber	Saline	October 6, 1876	June 20, 1877
Osceola	Osceola	Polk	November 23, 1876	June 20, 1877
Aurora	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10, 1876	June 19, 1878
Hooper	Hooper	Dodge	March 19, 1878	June 25, 1879

EXISTING LODGES

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

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Crete	Crete	Saline	January 8, 1872	June 19, 1872
Oliver	Seward	Seward	July 25, 1871	June 18, 1873
Papillion	Papillion	Sarpy	November 18, 1872	June 18, 1873
Northern Light	Stanton	Stanton	January 20, 1873	June 18, 1873
Hebron	Hebron	Thayer	March 10, 1873	June 18, 1873
Harvard	Harvard	Clay	March 25, 1873	June 18, 1873
Rob Morris	Kearney	Buffalo	February 21, 1873	June 26, 1874
Hastings	Hastings	Adams	January 3, 1874	June 26, 1874
Fidelity	David City	Butler	January 18, 1874	June 26, 1874
Hiram	Arlington	Washington	February 26, 1874	June 26, 1874
Charity	Red Cloud	Webster	March 2, 1874	June 26, 1874
Lancaster	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20, 1874	June 26, 1874
Mosaic	Norfolk	Madison	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
York	York	York	October 1, 1874	June 23, 1875
Mt. Moriah	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7, 1874	June 23, 1875
Wahoo	Wahoo	Saunders	January 20, 1875	June 23, 1875
Thistle	Lexington	Dawson	May 8, 1875	June 21, 1876
Keystone	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1, 1876	June 21, 1876
Blue Valley	Wilber	Saline	October 6, 1876	June 20, 1877
Osceola	Osceola	Polk	November 23, 1876	June 20, 1877
Aurora	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10, 1876	June 19, 1878
Hooper	Hooper	Dodge	March 19, 1878	June 25, 1879

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

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Friend	73	Friend	Saline	May 4, 1878	June 25, 1879
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26, 1878	June 25, 1879
Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March 15, 1879	June 23, 1880
Albion	78	Albion	Boone	August 1, 1879	June 23, 1880
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24, 1879	June 23, 1880
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	March 20, 1880	June 22, 1881
St. Paul	82	St. Paul	Howard	April 15, 1880	June 22, 1881
Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	April 22, 1880	June 22, 1881
Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	January 19, 1882	June 20, 1882
Oakland	91	Oakland	Burt	February 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Bennett	94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 5, 1882	June 19, 1883
Garfield	95	O'Neill	Holt	June 28, 1882	June 19, 1883
Utica	96	Utica	Seward	July 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	Cass	July 21, 1882	June 19, 1883
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September 7, 1882	June 19, 1883
Ord	103	Ord	Valley	September 14, 1882	June 19, 1883
Wymore	104	Wymore	Gage	November 10, 1882	June 19, 1883
Porter	106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9, 1882	June 19, 1883
Pomegranate	110	Ashland	Saunders	February 13, 1883	June 19, 1883
Springfield	112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30, 1883	June 19, 1883
Wisner	114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12, 1883	June 24, 1884
North Bend	119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5, 1883	June 24, 1884
Wayne	120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26, 1883	June 24, 1884
Superior	121	Superior	Nuckolls	November 22, 1883	June 24, 1884

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

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Stromsburg	No. 126 Stromsburg	Polk	January 16, 1884	June 24, 1884
Guide Rock	No. 128 Guide Rock	Webster	January 28, 1884	June 24, 1884
Scribner	No. 132 Scribner	Dodge	July 9, 1884	June 24, 1885
Solar	No. 134 Clarks	Merrick	August 8, 1884	June 24, 1885
McCook	No. 135 McCook	Red Willow	October 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Long Pine	No. 136 Long Pine	Brown	October 6, 1884	June 24, 1885
Jachin	No. 146 Holdrege	Phelps	July 13, 1885	June 17, 1886
Custer	No. 148 Broken Bow	Custer	August 10, 1885	June 17, 1886
Lily	No. 154 Davenport	Thayer	November 28, 1885	June 17, 1886
Samaritan	No. 158 Chadron	Dawes	March 17, 1886	June 16, 1887
Ogallala	No. 159 Ogallala	Keith	August 14, 1886	June 16, 1887
Trestle Board	No. 162 Brock	Nemaha	October 9, 1886	June 16, 1887
Atkinson	No. 164 Atkinson	Holt	August 19, 1886	June 21, 1888
Barneston	No. 165 Barneston	Gage	August 20, 1886	June 21, 1888
Elwood	No. 167 Elwood	Gosper	June 21, 1887	June 21, 1888
Robert Burns	No. 173 Stratton	Hitchcock	November 15, 1887	June 21, 1888
Hay Springs	No. 177 Hay Springs	Sheridan	February 20, 1888	June 21, 1888
Justice	No. 180 Benkelman	Dundy	October 8, 1888	June 20, 1889
Alliance	No. 183 Alliance	Box Butte	January 18, 1889	June 20, 1889
Bee Hive	No. 184 Omaha	Douglas	January 22, 1889	June 20, 1889
Minnekadusa	No. 192 Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 1889	June 20, 1890
Highland	No. 194 Cortland	Gage	September 21, 1889	June 20, 1890
Arcana	No. 195 Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 1889	June 20, 1890
Purity	No. 198 Imperial	Chase	December 24, 1889	June 20, 1890

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

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21, 1893	June 15, 1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22, 1892	June 21, 1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington	March 1, 1893	June 21, 1894
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17, 1893	June 21, 1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 28, 1894	June 13, 1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley	Red Willow	November 23, 1894	June 13, 1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco	Saunders	December 5, 1894	June 13, 1895
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant	July 19, 1895	June 10, 1896
Golden Rule	No. 236	Allen	Dixon	August 3, 1895	June 10, 1896
Friendship	No. 239	Chapman	Merrick	October 7, 1895	June 10, 1896
George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig	Burt	August 1, 1895	June 17, 1897
Laurel	No. 248	Laurel	Cedar	February 12, 1900	June 7, 1900
George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 20, 1900	June 6, 1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa	Knox	November 18, 1900	June 6, 1901
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln	Lancaster	December 7, 1903	June 9, 1904
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5, 1906	June 5, 1907

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

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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
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

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

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Cairo	324	Cairo	Hall	January 16, 1936	June 1937
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March 5, 1955	June 8, 1955
Centennial	326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26, 1955	June 6, 1956
Shiloh	327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3, 1965	June 10, 1966
Miloma	328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19, 1972	June 28, 1972
Saints John Education	331			December 27, 2000	February 2, 2002
Tabula Rasa	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 Ohioa with Jewell No. 149
Tobias, April 22, 1947

Bee No. 259 Bee with Oliver No. 38
Seward, June 13, 1947

Tuscan No. 130 Surprise with Composite No. 81
Rising City, February 9, 1963

Delta No. 230 St. Edward with Albion No. 78
Albion, January 1, 1965

Jewel No. 149 Tobias with Geneva No. 79
Geneva, September 9, 1966

Valley No. 157 Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93
Beaver City, March 8, 1966

Ruskin No. 304 Ruskin with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, September 23, 1966

Morning Star No. 197 Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126
Stromsburg, December 9, 1967

Cornerstone No. 247 Osmond with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 12, 1967

Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, January 13, 1968

Blue Hill No. 129 Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, February 9, 1968

Pioneer No. 322 Lyman with Oasis No. 271
Morrill, April 10, 1969

Compass & Square No. 212 Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969

Hope No. 29 Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969

Elm Creek No. 133 Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970

Naphthali No. 206	Diller with Fairbury No. 35 Fairbury, March 23, 1970
Alexandria No. 74	Alexandria with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, September 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156	Ewing with Diamond No. 291 Orchard, December 4, 1970
Grace No. 226	Wilcox with Jachin No. 146 Holdrege, May 11, 1971
Wolbach No. 292	Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, December 23, 1971
Tyrian No. 243	Oak with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, June 9, 1972
Mystic Tie No. 166	Tilden with Trowel No. 71 Neligh, June 12, 1972
Roman Eagle No. 203	Pender with Bancroft No. 145 Bancroft, April 20, 1973
Amethyst No. 190	Stapleton with Cable No. 225 Arnold, April 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179	Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96 Utica, April 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84	Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139 Clay Center, January 24, 1974
Ramah No. 275	Bertrand with Elwood No. 167 Elwood, February 14, 1974
Sterling No. 70	Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
Mt. Hermon No. 231	Cook with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
Winnebago No. 309	Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274 Walthill, December 3, 1974
Temple No. 175	Filley with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
Beemer No. 253	Beemer with Wisner No. 114 Wisner, June 17, 1975
Signet No. 193	Leigh with Northern Light No. 41 Stanton, February 20, 1976
Plumblin No. 214	Adams with Beatrice No. 26 Beatrice, October 1, 1976
Cubit No. 237	Douglas with Union No. 287 Palmyra, December 13, 1977
Bancroft No. 145	Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274 Walthill, December 17, 1978
Litchfield No. 278	Litchfield with Mason City No. 170 Mason City, July 1, 1979
Hartington No. 155	Hartington with Relief No. 219 Coleridge, August 10, 1979
Creighton No. 100	Creighton with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, May 17, 1980
Star No. 88	Decatur with Pilot No. 240 Lyons, January 22, 1981
Gladstone No. 176	Ansley with Custer No. 148 Broken Bow, November 4, 1981
Eminence No. 223	Giltner with Keystone No. 62 Phillips, October 26, 1981
Antelope No. 276	Elgin with Trowel No. 71 Neligh, January 1, 1982

Bladen No. 319	Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982	
Oak Leaf No. 312	Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983	
Crofton No. 273	Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984	
Harlan No. 116	Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984	
Hardy No. 117	Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984	
Merna No. 171	Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984	
Lee P. Gillette No. 272	Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985	
Occidental No. 215	Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985	
Siloam No. 147	Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985	
Ponca No. 101	Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986	
Boaz No. 185	Danbury with McCook No. 135
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

Evening Star No. 49 Sutton with Geneva No. 79
 Geneva, August 8, 2008

Bloomfield No. 218 Bloomfield with Wausa No. 251
 Wausa, October 17, 2008

DeWitt No. 111 DeWitt with Blue Valley No. 64
 Wilber, March 13, 2009

**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 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
Macy 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	Dathe L K Benissan-Messan*	John L Brommer	Kirk P Carlson	Gregory A Wells*
Western Star #2	Edward L Reed	Thomas W Hemmer	Walter Payne*	David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Michael Parkinson	Christopher V Edwards	Frederick J Ulrich*	Raymond L Bally*
Nemaha Valley #4			Rick Clifton*	
Omadi #5	Jeffery T Reed*	Michael E Newcomb*	Wayne Benson*	Chris T Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Josh Foster	Jeffrey C Stanley*	James L Forrest	Jay H Speck
Falls City #9	Darrel J Koso	Jerry Yount		
Solomon #10	Stuart W Sprick			Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Cory M Lesley*	Thomas K Brummett	Nizar K Webbi*	Donald L Gockley
Peru #14	William H Kieeler*	Steven P Norris*	David L Pease*	Ted R Groves
Fremont #15	Bryan Regier*	Dennis Rix	Richard Curley	Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	Donald K Arp	Kenneth W Koop Jr	Kirk P DeCoste*	Charles A Burk
Washington #21				
Pawnee #23	Edward D Raper	Ted R Groves		Gary Bedea*
Beatrice #26	Jason M Mackichan	Ryan P Norris	Clayton E Wells	Lance R Brinkman*
Jordan #27				
Blue River #30	Gary L Brhel	James D Boshart	Dennis Reichenberg	Richard T Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Dave Marion*	Randy Hart	Sam L Harmer*	Karl R Adamson*
Platte Valley #32	Zachary T Thompson*	Luke W McKee	Kevin Petska	Glenn R Mulholland
Ashlar #33	Verne L Hill			William D Parrish
Acacia #34	David S Parsons			Dennis D Coufal
Fairbury #35	Larry Mahaffey			
Lone Tree #36				
Crete #37		Jerry F Bespelec		

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Oliver #38	Nathan S Rolofson			
Papillion #39	Melvin N Morton	James C Lee	Jeffrey Coleman	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41	Gerald L Kuhn			Robert E Schellpeper*
Hebron #43		Lyle McLaughlin	Douglas Modlin	Edward Bliss
Harvard #44	Bruce W Schwenk*	Warren Christensen		Steve E Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Barry L Sutton	Gerald A Caldwell	Stephen O Sparks	Nick V Longly
Hastings #50	Casey H Nuss	Stanley R Thayer	Dermont W Malouf II	W Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51				
Hiram #52	Carlos W Yandell*		James A Wiseman*	Sydney R Clausen*
Charity #53				
Lancaster #54	Mervyn McDonough	Patrick D Barger	Donald S Reed	
Mosaic #55	Raymond W Rogers*	Rodrick R Hughes*	Brian B McCarthy*	W Kirk Strauser
York #56	Loren L McNeil			
Mt. Moriah #57				George Fannon
Wahoo #59	Greg Nabity*		Patrick Rezac	
Thisle #61	James N Screws Jr	Lauren F Daberkow	Thomas H Neill*	Philip E Darby
Keystone #62				
Blue Valley #64			Daryl Fikar	
Osceola #65				Mervin E Ransom Jr
Aurora #68				
Hooper #72				Robert Ueberrhein*
Friend #73				
Frank Welch #75		Robert G Spinks*	Bryan L Stave	C Scott McDaniel*
Nelson #77	Allan Sole			
Albion #78	Jeffrey J Noble			

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Geneva #79	Steven L. Ewalt	Fran L. Crowe	Alan L. Pospisil	John M. Jacobs*
Composite #81				
St. Paul #82	James L. Voigt			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	Norman E. Case*	Norman Emory Wickstrom*	Peter B. Kruse*
Bennett #94	Fred Liebers	Daniel J. Longley*	Richard D. Harris	Stuart B. Erickson Sr.*
Garfield #95	Lance S. Clay			
Utica #96	Robert O. Rhodes		Kevin O. Scheele	Loren L. McNeil
Euclid #97	Gerald A. Stohlman*	Kevin R. Kelly	Scott M. Miller*	Matthew L. Mogensen*
Waterloo #102	James W. Farr*		Maynard L. Smith	Byron C. Anderson
Ord #103	Charles P. Zangger			Dan P. Hersh
Wymore #104				B. Dean Marples
Porter #106	Kenneth A. Bills	Dennis E. McClary*		Lanny R. Kizer*
Pomegranate #110		Ronald D. Grebe*		
DeWitt #111				
Springfield #112	Gregory P. Hadcock	Joe J. Beister*	Steven D. Hurlbutt	Donald P. Ellenberger
Wisner #114				
North Bend #119	Kragh D. Johnson			
Wayne #120	Robert A. Carhart*		Frank G. Teach Jr.*	Gail Axen
Superior #121	Michael M. Dunn	George E. Piper*	Jason P. Jensen*	
Stromsburg #126	Wayne E. Beatty		John F. Dale	Timm O. Waller*
Guide Rock #128	John R. Ely			
Scribner #132	Donald G. Havekost			Harold C. Mueksch*
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	Jay R. Burruss		H. William Wurtz

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
McCook #135	Philip P Lyons	Greg A Wolford	Greg Fyn	Marshall D Grant
Long Pine #136	Travis W Gilliland	Barry L Frerichs	Gerald E VanEvery*	Gary R Wolfe*
Jachin #146	Gordon Brown	John D Konzack		Bruce G Raddatz
Custer #148	Monte S Gies	Clifford P Moore	Chet E Wales*	Kevin R Lindly
Lily #154	Tregan P Albers		Perry O Rhoades*	
Samaritan #158	Harry Waggener			
Ogalalla #159	Philip J Armstrong	David P Sheldon*	Richard H Roberts*	Richard L Lindauer*
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	David L Hender			Geoffrey K Bogle
Robert Burns #173				
Hay Springs #177				Vernon L Platt
Justice #180				
Alliance #183	Joel W Zilmer		Brad Dutton*	Eugene Gatti
Bee Hive #184	Patrick J Seddon			Bradley A Waite
Minnekadusa #192				
Highland #194	Kevin G Buhr			
Arcana #195		Ronald D Jensen		
Purity #198	Keith A Wood	John D Osler*	Tom Elder	Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200	Howard Fairbairn			
Scotts Bluff #201	Richard W Taaedter Sr	Byron L Lane*	Edwin L Mayo*	Sam Nagasawa*
Plainview #204	Wayne A Andreasen	Gale R Retzlaff*		
Golden Fleece #205	David A Lee*	Mal M Minshall	Douglas A Criswell*	Dwight E Smith
Parian #207				

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Canopy #209				
East Lincoln #210	Monte D Dietrick	Winfield L Barber*	Greg Kirchhoff*	W Scott Dodge*
Cement #211	Michael P Biere	Jon Yocom	John Prettyman	
Magnolia #220				
Wood Lake #221	Dustin E Wheeler*	Adam C Fischer*	Mark J Mundorf*	Rodney J Palmer*
Landmark #222	Randy L Hart			Allen R Trumble*
Silver Cord #224				Evan C Evans *
North Star #227	Karel D Capek	Mark W Poston*	Keith D Brocksomith	Steve B Wetzal*
Bartley #228	Lester Webb	Leon Wright		Gary A Newcomb*
Comet #229	Gerald R Brodd	Jack M Johnson	Gregory L Prossoski	
Zion #234	John D Streiff	Josh Streiff*	R Leroy Evans*	Steve A Pouse*
Golden Rule #236				
Friendship #239				
George Armstrong #241	T Richard Eriksen			
Laurel #248	Thomas M Fredricksen*	Herbert E Bose	Roger J Pehrson*	Glen M Olson *
George Washington #250				
Wausa #251	Douglas D Kristensen*			Lowell C Erickson
Hickman #256	Robert W Moninger	Richard Eggerling	Gary Jarzynka*	Olin Boone
Mitchell #263	C Clarke Beede*	David M Thomas*	Richard C Reising Jr.*	Richard H Cooper
Franklin #264	Jerrell F Gerdes			
Robert W Furnas #265	Ted B Miller III*	Arthur Stricker	David Williamson*	Donald E Loos*
George W Liminger #268	Alan R Smith	Stephen R Smith	Skip Wayne Debusk*	Anthony T Johnson
Olive Branch #274	Kyle J Peterson	James E Horak*	Dennis L Piper*	
Wallace #279	Paul R Ogier	Kenneth E Ogier	Shaun B Baker*	Eric J Chrisman*
Florence #281	Randall A McFarland	David L Rose	James E Westcott	Dale E Wagner*

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Seneca #284	Steve K Brown	Paul D Cook*	Ralph H Eatinger*	Chauncey J Linn*
Camp Clarke #285				
Oshkosh #286	Rex D Beam*	Donald C Fischer*	Harold L Allen*	Dale H Rood*
Union #287				David L Peterson
Omaha #288	Louis D Lamb*	Joseph P Charbonneau	Steven K Douglas	
John J Mercer #290	W Michael Kult		Charles J Odorizzi III	
Diamond #291				
Monument #293	Robert Gardner			
James L. Eatmon #294				
Cotner #297	Tyler J Weers	Donald C Albrecht	Valmen L Ryckman	Ralph J Riemann
Liberty #300	Maynard D Sears	Harold K Nelson*	Randy L Cox	Bruce A Watkins
Mizpah #302	Eric N Emas	Gary L Prokop	David Shaw	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove #305	Jeffrey L Gerhart			
Victory #310	Dean S Slader	Carroll G Peacock	Robert C King	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	Dennis W Roether			James P Heinke*
Mid-West #317	Danny J Nonneman	Robert E Summers	Billy J Dittmer	Eduardo Casas
College View #320	Nathan S Peterson	Paul J Hadley	Gerald E Kassebaum*	Douglas B Johnson
Lebanon #323	Lynn M Higgins	Daryl L Smith	Troy B Medinger	John H Lippert
Cairo #324				
Bellevue #325	John R Grant	Ricky L Baker	Addama J Sanders*	Charles E Sohm
Centennial #326	Joel F Shaw*	Carl J Diamond	Carl G Lewis	Philip O Edwards
Shiloh #327	Alan Anderson	Matthew Vandergriff	Larry Broermann*	Kenneth Walker
Miloma #328	David J Gibbs Jr	Justin M Overturf		
Tabula Rasa #332	James F Brown Jr	Ben F Hughes	Patriek Barger	Dennis H Brydl

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

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, 332	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, 332	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		
Peter Alexander Potheary	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 135	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		
		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	3/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brasilia		
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Ceumar Luiz Sepulcri	8/4/2005	Brazil, Espirito Santo	Armando Benitez, 11, 290	8/23/2005
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Aldo Buitoni	12/23/2002	Brazil, Grand Oriente		
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Geraldo Carlos de Oliveira	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso		
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutomio 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. Ferrieira 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, 2135	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 Serma	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, 33, 332	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 Zdenek Kirshner REPRESENTATIVE FROM	11/5/1952 10/6/1999 APPOINTED	Cuba Czech Republic GRAND JURISDICTION	John F. Dale, 126 Jerry F. Bepalec, 37 REPRESENTATIVE TO	12/14/1989 8/17/1999 APPOINTED
David D. Crockett	3/4/2008	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 33, 332	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, 96, 332	7/17/2003
Pirkka Karki	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
		Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Hungary		
Vilmos Bacher	3/12/2008	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
Steinare J. Ludvigsson	1/31/1994	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
Kenneth Smith		India		
N.K. Mathur	3/20/2007	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
Jerry Scott James	12/4/1974	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	Ireland		
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/1986	Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
Yasuhiko Ide		Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kentucky		
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/1984
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/1989	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/1989
Rene Gregorius	8/17/1971	Madagascar		
Andre Ollbrich	4/26/2006	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	11/12/1996
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50, 211	1/8/2001
William H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/1997	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Mexico, Benito Juarez		
		Mexico, Nuevo Leon		
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Mexico, Sinoloa		
		Mexico, Tamaulipas	Rex M. Rehmer, 51, 81	2/7/2003
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Mexico, Valle de Mexico	Dean T. Dinklage, 114	
		Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/1989
Carlos Marban	10/26/1995	Michigan	Don L. Jelinek, 54	
Tom R. Esply	1985	Minnesota	Cullen F. Pilker, 39	4/11/2002
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/1989	Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
Thomas L. Packer	3/31/2000	Missouri		
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Montana	Dean Skokan, 15	8/1/2007
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/1988	Netherlands		
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Nevada	D. Sidney Stewart, 135	3/7/2003
W. Wayne Perkins	10/31/2003	New Hampshire		
Ellis W. Howard	6/14/1962	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/1985
Lawrence H. Kalish	5/2/2008	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
Albert Hoffman	5/16/2005	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/1973
John W. Emmerson	4/6/2000	Nicaragua	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	2000
		North Carolina	T. John Hinkel, 38, 96	3/6/2003
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	North Dakota		
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	2/10/1989
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Ohio		
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	Oklahoma		
John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oregon	Michael Birnstihl, 314	12/13/1999
Joseph C. Willhoft	1985	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/1953	Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 204	
		Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 136, 224	6/4/1971
Fernando Olazabal Arguedas	8/1/2008	Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
Antonia Espinosa				

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Vasco Trancoso	10/31/2005	Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56, 79	
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico		
Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Rhode Island	Tren Miller, 106	3/11/2003
		Romania	Max H. Miller, 79	2/7/2003
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Russia	John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33	1/15/1992
Borut Gersak	5/12/2008	Scotland		
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	Slovenia	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/31/1989
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Africa	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Carolina	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	1/30/2006
Howard M. Stoler	3/6/2001	South Dakota	Dale W. Anderson, 158	3/11/2002
Jan Mansfield	2/27/2002	Spain	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Sweden	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Switzerland		
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Tennessee	Philip A. Lorenzen, 1, 10, 327	5/20/1992
Attila Atli	12/29/1971	Texas	Howard G. Whitmore, 81	5/30/2003
		Turkey	Roy L. Kiser, 78	8/5/1992
David W. Barrow	1/10/1990	Uruguay	Dwight E. Smith, 205	4/18/1994
		Utah	Paul A. Canady, 51	6/12/1987
Wendall H. Chaffee	5/16/1962	Venezuela	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/1985
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/1997	Vermont	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/4/1991
Kenneth K. Kershner	12/3/1993	Virginia	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	6/10/1983
Pascal Kinda	10/6/1999	Washington	Richard H. Roberts, 159	1/1/2002
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	West Africa, Burkina Faso	Robert A. Jones, 83	2/7/2003
Anicet Benissan	1/1/2007	West Africa, Senegal	Pepper Aasgaard, 1,11	1/1/2007
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/1961	West Africa, Togo	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/1989
Lawrence L. Myers	1/5/1992	West Virginia		
		Wisconsin	David L. Lang, 23	1/12/2004
		Yugoslavia		

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2008

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED -			
U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		<u>520,535</u>	<u>520,535</u>
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 5.250%, 03-06-2023	50,000	49,925	50,103
Total government securities	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,925</u>	<u>50,103</u>
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS			
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	50,000	57,646	47,250
Abbott Laboratories, 3.75%, 3-15-2011	50,000	47,042	50,640
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	71,454
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	50,366
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	37,379
Black & Decker Corp., 4.75%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	43,677
Royal Bank Canada Global, 7.70%, 4-30-2028	50,000	49,625	43,575
Prudential Finl Inc., 6.10%, 6-15-2017	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,900</u>	<u>41,001</u>
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	<u>425,000</u>	<u>424,094</u>	<u>385,342</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>475,000</u>	<u>474,019</u>	<u>435,445</u>

COMMON STOCKS			Approximate
Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Market Value
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	13,910
10	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	32,140
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	18,696
825	Cato Corp.	12,031	12,458
1,000	Cemex Cert.	6,835	9,140
1,700	Chicago Bridge & Iron	15,734	17,085
432	ConocoPhillips	11,108	22,378
700	Dominion Resources Inc.	26,522	25,088
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	9,069
1,800	Gencorp, Inc.	16,923	6,624
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	18,292
2,800	Investors Real Estate Trust	28,560	29,988
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	15,240
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	22,544
675	Leucadia National Corp.	34,165	13,365
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	25,465
800	Nexen Inc.	22,353	14,064
800	Peabody Energy Corp.	8,276	18,200
1,200	Pfizer Inc.	36,486	21,252
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	24,318
150	SPDR Gold Trust	11,691	12,978
500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	11,550
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	20,874
500	Wells Fargo & Co.	<u>15,709</u>	<u>14,740</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		<u>447,619</u>	<u>429,458</u>
TOTAL FUND		<u>1,442,173</u>	<u>1,385,438</u>

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2008

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		<u>395,070</u>	<u>395,070</u>
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.0%, 8-15-2009	50,000	47,930	51,735
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-2016	<u>25,000</u>	<u>28,117</u>	<u>33,474</u>
Total government securities	<u>75,000</u>	<u>76,047</u>	<u>85,209</u>
CORPORATE BONDS			
Newell Rubbermaid Inc., 4.00%, 5-1-2010	25,000	25,025	24,606
Chevron Phillips Chem Co., 7.00%, 3-15-2011	50,000	50,000	49,753
Cargill Inc., 5.60%, 9-15-2012	25,000	26,332	23,541
Merrill Lynch & Co., 6%, 2-17-2009	25,000	24,393	25,007
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	25,000	28,823	23,625
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	23,818
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	25,183
Black & Decker Corp., 4.75%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	43,677
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	37,380
General Elec Cap Corp., 4.00%, 5-15-2015	25,000	24,563	24,498
Target Corp., 5.375%, 5-1-2017	50,000	49,111	45,484
Royal Bank Canada, 7.70%, 4-30-2028	50,000	49,625	43,575
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-2027	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,325</u>	<u>26,285</u>
Total corporate bonds	<u>450,000</u>	<u>447,749</u>	<u>416,432</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>525,000</u>	<u>523,796</u>	<u>501,641</u>

COMMON STOCKS			Approximate
Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Market Value
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	13,910
10	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	32,140
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	22,243	18,696
675	Cato Corp.	9,844	10,193
1,800	Cemex Certificates	12,303	16,452
2,200	Chicago Bridge & Iron	19,213	22,110
396	ConocoPhillips	10,183	20,513
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	23,296
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	9,070
2,000	Gencorp Inc.	18,853	7,360
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	18,292
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	32,130
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	15,240
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	22,543
600	Leucadia National Corp.	30,369	11,880
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	25,465
1,000	Nexen Inc.	27,941	17,580
700	Peabody Energy Corp.	7,241	15,925
1,300	Pfizer Inc.	38,661	23,023
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	20,844
150	SPDR Gold Trust	11,691	12,978
500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	11,550
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	20,874
700	Wells Fargo & Co.	<u>21,992</u>	<u>20,636</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		<u>462,502</u>	<u>442,700</u>
TOTAL FUND		<u><u>1,381,368</u></u>	<u><u>1,339,411</u></u>

Index

Address of the Grand Master	35
Child Identification Program (CHIP)	44
Conclusion	72
Condition of the Craft	71
Cornerstones	42
Grand Custodian	43
Grand Lodge Committees	44
Grand Lodge Staff	45
Grand Master's Humanitarian Awards	46
Grand Master's Recommendations	46
Lodge Anniversaries	43
Lodge Bylaws Amendments Approved	57
Lodge Consolidations	59
Masonic All-Star Marching Band	44
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	44
Masonic Youth Leadership Conference	45
Midwest Conference on Masonic Education	45
Nebraska Masonic Home	45
Necrology	38
Permissions & Dispensations	59
Preface	37
Reinstatements	69
Resolutions	70
Trial Commissions	71
Visitations	38
Waivers of Jurisdiction	71
Year in Review	37
Approval of Printed Reports	108
 Budget	 29
 Child Identification Program (CHIP) Award	 22
Committees of Grand Lodge	138
Regular	141
Special	141
Standing	138
 Daughters of the Nile, Greetings from	 3
Daughters of the Nile, Introduction of Representatives of	2
DeMolay, Introduction of Representatives of	14
DeMolay Mason of the Year and Sponsoring Body of the Year Awards	14
Deputy Grand Custodians & Their Districts	143
Deputy Grand Custodians, Recognition of	92
Deputy Grand Custodian Apprentices	146
Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti	146
Deputy Grand Master's Address	74
 Election of Officers	
Opening of the Ballot	10
Closing of the Ballot	20
Report of Ballot	28
 Gold Pan Award	 24, 163
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Greetings from	3
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Introduction of Representatives of	2
Grand Custodian, Report of the	88

Grand Jurisdiction Representatives..... 186

Grand Lodge Officers..... 136

Grand Lodge Officers from Visiting Jurisdictions, Introduction of..... 13

Grand Master's Humanitarian Award 21, 164

Grand Master's Leadership Award..... 24

Grand Master's Recommendations..... 46, 95

Grand Master's Recruitment Award 25

Grand Oration..... 4

Grand Secretary, Report of the 79

Historical Records and Information 152

 Past Grand Masters 153

 Gold Pan Award..... 163

 Grand Lecturers 157

 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award 164

 Past Grand Custodians 156

 Past Grand Secretaries 156

 Rock Maul Award 162

 Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians..... 157

History of the Grand Master

 Reginald S. Kuhn..... v

 Russell G. Reno..... vii

James L. "Sonny" Eatmon Traveling Gavel..... 77

Job's Daughters, Greetings from 3

Job's Daughters, Introduction of Representatives of..... 2

List of Lodges

 Consolidated 172

 Existing 165

 Extinct..... 178

 Organized in Territories other than Nebraska 177

Lodge Membership Awards..... 24

Masonic Calendar 179

Masonic Charities Golf Tournament Proceeds 22

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Report 86

Membership Activity 147

Membership Banquet – Friday 21

Nebraska Masonic Foundation Report..... 14

Nebraska Masonic Home Report 81

Nebraska Pillar Award..... 25

Necrology..... 4

Opening Session – Friday 8

Past Grand Masters..... 136, 153

Past Grand Masters, Reception of 11

Pending Resolutions, Report of..... 121

Plus Club Certificates..... 25

Presentation of Past Grand Master's Jewel and Apron 121

Printed Reports, Approval of..... 108

Public Opening..... 1

 Grand Oration..... 4

 Necrology..... 4

Rainbow for Girls, Greetings from.....	3
Rainbow for Girls, Introduction of Representatives of.....	2
Report of Ballot.....	28
Report of the Grand Custodian.....	88
Report of the Grand Secretary.....	79
Reports of Committees	
Appropriations - Final.....	29
Appropriations - Preliminary.....	11
Awards.....	119
Business and Rules.....	9
Charters and Dispensation.....	119
Child Identification Program (CHIP).....	85
Codification of the Law.....	122
Credentials.....	33
Finance.....	111
Fraternal Relations.....	92
George Washington Masonic Memorial.....	110
Grand Lodge Office.....	112
Grievances.....	119
Internet and Computer Technology.....	120
Jurisprudence.....	78
Lodge Advisory.....	113
Masonic All-Star Band.....	93
Masonic Education.....	108
Masonic Relief.....	73
Membership.....	114
Nebraska Work.....	16
Public Relations.....	113
Youth.....	12
Representatives of Lodges.....	183
Resolutions	
Report of Pending Resolutions.....	121
Voting on.....	106
Rock Maul Award.....	23, 162
Rules for Masonic Dates.....	179
Scottish Rite Officers, Introduction of.....	19
Second Session – Saturday.....	27
Secretary of the Year Award.....	23
Shrine Officers, Introduction of.....	19
Social Order of the Beauceant, Greetings from.....	3
Social Order of the Beauceant, Introduction of Representatives of.....	2
Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Funds.....	191
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Funds.....	189
Twain Award.....	22
York Rite Officers, Introduction of.....	19

The Next
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
of the
GRAND LODGE
A.:F.: & A.:M.:
OF
NEBRASKA

Will Be Held

FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2010
at the
MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
2009 – 2010**

M.W. Russell G. Reno (Julie)..... 183, 297, 332
4710 Larkwood Rd, Lincoln 68516-5129
E-mail - negm2009@hotmail.com

R.W. John T. Parsons (Pauline) 268, 39
1512 Beechwood Ave, Papillion 68133-2506
E-mail - parsoni1@qwest.net

R.W. E. David Watts (Becky) 65, 314, 332, 256
3211 NW 39th St, Lincoln 68524-2028
E-mail - davew@wattselectriccompany.com

R.W. Bruce A. Baker (Susie) 317
2510 S Deer Trail, Hastings 68901-7497
E-mail - bsbaker74@charter.net

R.W. Bruce A. Watkins (Pat) 300
3711 S 57th St, Lincoln 68506-4509
E-mail - watkinslms@aol.com

V.W. James C. Lapaseotes (Debbie)..... 285
HC 85 Box 192, Bridgeport 69336-9540
E-mail - jimlapaseotes@bbcwib.net

W. Patrick D. Barger (Diane) 5, 54, 332
1526 Otoe St, Lincoln 68502-4653
E-mail - patrick.barger@gmail.com

W. Ben F. Hughes (Carolyn)..... 96, 332
927 N 5th St, Seward 68434-1523
E-mail - ben@hughesbros.com

M.W. Scott J. Krieger (Tammy) 317, 332, 33
1323 Pershing Rd, Hastings 68901-2850
E-mail - scottkrieger@windstream.net

W. Joe D. McBride (Lori) 224
HC 65 Box 138, Ainsworth 69210-9436
E-mail - ranchland@threeriver.net

W. Rex J. Moats (Diane) 102, 290
131 S 202nd St, Elkhorn 68022-4896
E-mail - rexmoats@aol.com

W. Thomas L. Hauder (Ann)..... 332
7718 Phares Dr, Lincoln 68516-6758
E-mail - tomshop1@mac.com

W. John T. Maxell (Debi)..... 327
15205 Drexel St, Omaha 68137-3862
E-mail - john.maxell@galarson.com

W. John B. Ferguson (Liz)..... 294
511 S Webster St, Kimball 69145-1447
E-mail - ferguson4563@embarqmail.com

W. Philip O. Edwards (Doris)..... 326
14830 Holmes St, Omaha 68137-1312
E-mail - podaedwards@cox.net

GRAND MASTER
Res. 402-420-1270
Bus. 402-473-3284

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
Res. 402-339-7565
Bus. 402-232-6951

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN
Res. 308-548-2862
Bus. 402-470-2775

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN
Res. 402-462-8170
Bus. 402-462-4611

GRAND SECRETARY
Res. 402-489-4317

GRAND CHAPLAIN
Res. 308-262-0288
Bus. 308-262-0217

GRAND ORATOR
Res. 402-421-7139
Bus. 402-294-5860

GRAND HISTORIAN
Res. 402-643-3766
Bus. 402-643-2991

GRAND CUSTODIAN
Res. 402-463-4602
Bus. 402-462-5757

GRAND MARSHAL
Res. 402-387-1214
Bus. 402-387-2724

GRAND SENIOR DEACON
Res. 402-289-0615
Bus. 402-871-1060

GRAND JUNIOR DEACON
Res. 402-421-7436
Bus. 402-403-7643

GRAND SENIOR STEWARD
Res. 402-896-1060
Bus. 402-861-0000 x108

GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD
Res. 308-235-4563
Bus. 308-235-5404

GRAND TYLER
Res. 402-895-3781

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Bro. Mark K. Clinton 54, 332
3300 S 27th St, Lincoln 68502-5104
E-mail - mclinton1@unl.edu

W. S. Todd Harris (Cheryl) 183
820 W 9th St, Alliance 69301-2820
E-mail - tcharris61@msn.com

W. Dennis E. Rix (Nan) 15
1860 Phelps Ave, Fremont 68025-4425
E-mail - therixs@aol.com

W. Gerald F. Sieck (Roberta)..... 91
103 N Park Ave, Oakland 68045-1227
E-mail - rjsieck@hntel.net

GRAND MUSICIAN
Res. 402-423-2119
Bus. 402-472-2985

PERSONAL REP OF THE GM
Res. 308-762-4346

PERSONAL REP OF THE GM
Res. 402-721-3076
Bus. 402-398-5856

PERSONAL REP OF THE GM
Res. 402-685-5385