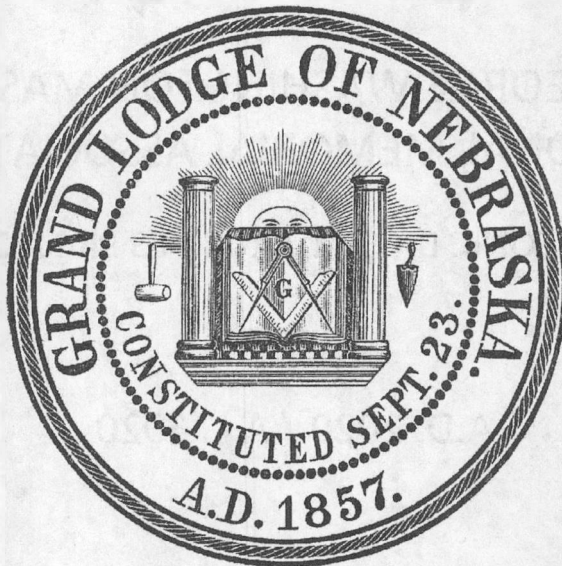


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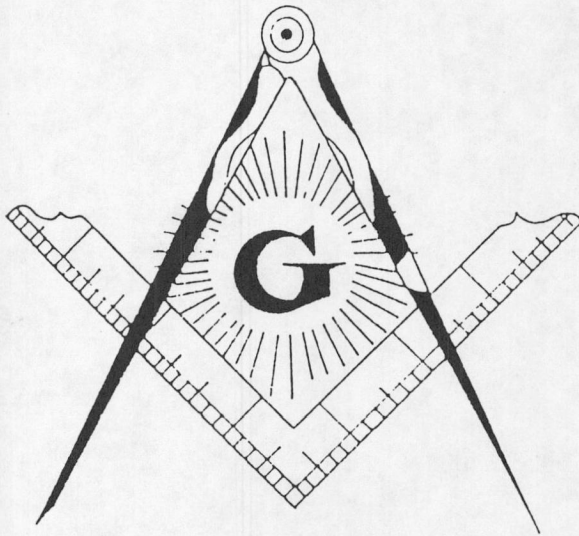
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Jerry L. Rittenburg
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
1995-1996

Masonic History of the 129th Grand Master

Jerry L. Rittenburg

Ancient Craft Masonry — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on January 9, 1958; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on February 13, 1958; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on March 20, 1958, all in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Nebraska. Served as Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1967; served the lodge as Chaplain several years. He has also served on the lodge's Board of Trustees for two terms.

Grand Lodge — Appointed Deputy Grand Custodian in 1984, and served as Grand Custodian from 1985 - 1990. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: James L. Eatmon in February, 1992. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman in February 1993. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in February 1994 under M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon. Installed as the 129th Grand Master of Masons on February 5, 1995.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Missouri — Previously served on Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, Finance and Nebraska Work.

York Rite — Made a Royal Arch Mason in Capstone Chapter, at Lincoln, Nebraska on February 16, 1985. Made a Royal and Select Master in Lincoln Council No. 4, at Lincoln, Nebraska on October 14, 1992. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, at Lincoln, Nebraska on November 17, 1992. Became a member of the Coeur De Lion Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1994.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite — Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska in 1960. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in December 1987.

Shrine — Member since 1963 of Sesostris Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Lincoln, Nebraska. Active in the Hillbilly Club, the Ritualistic Divan and was involved in starting the Proficient Past Masters Shrine Club.

Order of Eastern Star — Member of Lincoln Chapter No. 148 in Lincoln, Nebraska since 1960. Served as Worthy Patron in 1980 and 1986.

DeMolay — Senior DeMolay in Lincoln Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Rainbow — Awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1994.

Other Masonic Bodies — Appointed Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1990. Member of the Board of Directors, Nebraska Masonic Foundation and the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. Member of National Sojourners.



V. Kaye Ramsey
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
1996-1997

Masonic History of the 130th Grand Master

V. Kaye Ramsey

Ancient Craft Masonry — Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on December 12, 1962, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on January 22, 1963, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on February 19, 1963. Entered Apprentice Degree conferred by Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings, Nebraska. Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees conferred by John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, Nebraska. Served as Master of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, Nebraska in 1987.

Grand Lodge — Appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1989 by M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye. Re-appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon. Elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden under M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman in February 1993. Elected and installed as Grand Senior Warden under M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon in February 1994. Elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect under M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg in February 1995. Installed as the 130th Grand Master of Masons on February 2, 1996.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Montana. Previously served on Committee on Fraternal Relations and Committee on Finance.

York Rite — Made a Royal Arch Mason in Delta Chapter No. 60, at Omaha, Nebraska on May 24, 1982. Made a Royal and Select Master in Omaha Council No. 1, at Omaha, Nebraska on October 9, 1982. Dubbed a Knight Templar in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, at Omaha, Nebraska on October 9, 1982.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite — Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska in 1982. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in December 1995.

Shrine — Member since 1988 of Tangier Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Omaha, Nebraska. Active in the Proficient Past Masters Shrine Club.

Order of Eastern Star — Member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 in Omaha, Nebraska since 1981. Served as Worthy Patron in 1984.

DeMolay — Senior DeMolay in Hastings Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Rainbow — Rainbow Dad, Benson Diana Assembly No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska in 1986. Awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1987.

Other Masonic Bodies — Member, Board of Directors, Nebraska Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 1986-1992, Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home since 1990. Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners. Member of Nebraska Veterans Freemasons Association since 1983.

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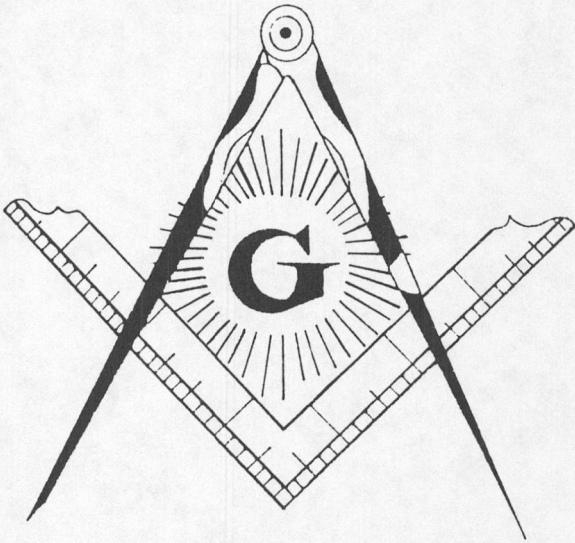
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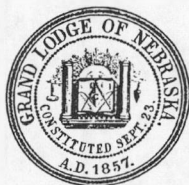
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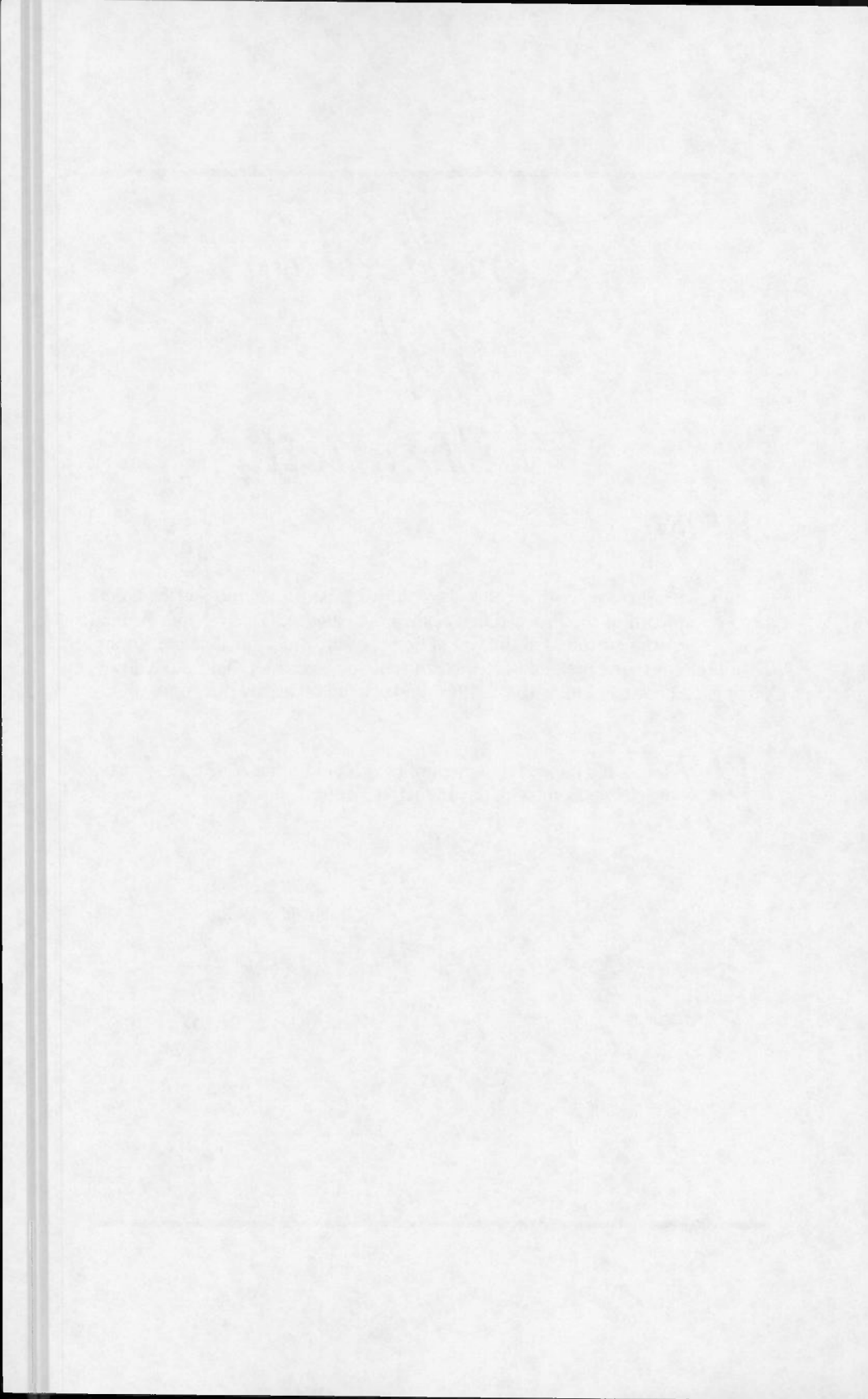
W itness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 8th day of October 1996.

Reginald S. Kuhn

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Most Worshipful Jerry L. Rittenburg
Grand Master

First Day — Opening Session
Friday, February 2, 1996

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 2, 1996.

R.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by St. John Commandery No. 16 — Knights Templar, the M.: W.: Grand Master, Jerry L. Rittenburg, and his Lady, Mary Alice, were presented and given Grand Honors.

First of the dignitaries to be presented to the Grand Master and honored by the Masons assembled were the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

M.: W.: Paul H. Wieck Grand Master of Iowa

- R.: W.: Eric J. Neetenbeek Deputy Grand Master of Minnesota
- M.: W.: John W. Reed Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- W.: Russell W. Hobson Grand Lecturer, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Wright P. Robinson Past Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.: W.: Richard M. Luther Grand Master of South Dakota
- R.: W.: Charles Bryan Senior Grand Warden of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Gerald Johnson Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Robert L. Morrow Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- R.: W.: Jack C. Allord Deputy Grand Master of Wisconsin
- R.: W.: Bruce S. Sim Senior Grand Warden of Wisconsin

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

- Mrs. Jeanine Bryceson Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Brother Robert Rhodes Personal Representative of the Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Miss Tina Kunz Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Mrs. Thelma Domingo Supreme Deputy
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Miss Heather Dishman Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Miss Michelle Paxton Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Mrs. Mary Ritter Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Roger Galusha Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- William Stroud State Master Councilor
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- Brother Michael W. Stuhr State Executive Officer
International Order of DeMolay in Nebraska
- M.: E.: Virgil L. Tubach Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- R.: E.: Donald O. Bickham Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska
- R.: E.: Jay H. Speck Grand Secretary - Recorder
York Rite Bodies of Nebraska
- ILL.: Warren D. Lichty, Jr. Sovereign Grand Inspector General
for the Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and
Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
- Brother James W. Keebaugh Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Alliance
- Brother Ray A. C. Johnson Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Lincoln
- Brother James R. Erixon Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Omaha
- IMP.: Sir John D. VerMaas Deputy Imperial Potentate of the
Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic
Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America

ILL.: Sir Robert A. Metcalf	Potentate of Sesostris Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
ILL.: Sir Charles Watkins, II	Potentate of Tangier Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
ILL.: Sir Rod Page	Potentate of Tehama Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
Dorothy Bower	Queen, Sat-ra Temple No. 59 Daughters of the Nile
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek	Regional Representative National Sojourners for Nebraska and Iowa
W.: Charles A. Folsom	Past National President of National Sojourners, and Past National Commander of the Hero's of '76

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer	1964
Mrs. Margaret Fickes, widow of M.: W.: Russell Fickes	1971
M.: W.: Frank J. Mattoon	1973
M.: W.: Donald R. Swanson	1974
M.: W.: Harold Hultman	1975
M.: W.: Jack H. Hendrix	1978
M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty	1979
M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins	1980
M.: W.: Robert A. Metcalf	1984-85
M.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg	1987
M.: W.: Thomas W. Tye	1989
M.: W.: James N. DeMoss	1991
M.: W.: James L. Eatmon	1992
M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon	1994

V.: W.: Arthur R. Sharp, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Master Rittenburg welcomed everyone to this the 139th Annual Communication.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

W.: Gus Scolaro, Grand Custodian presented the Deputy Grand Custodians:

Arthur S. Dye	District 18
Frank Harris, Emeritus	District 38
John C. Sierks	District 8
Everett K. Dappen, Emeritus	District 30
Roger L. Shillington	District 32
Leslie A. Evert	District 29
Eugene C. Sibley	District 11
Harold W. Noble	District 35
Steven A. Green	District 10
Lloyd Vrtiska	District 7
Ronald Grass	District 5

Gerald D. Verbeek	District 34
Halsey D. Phillips	District 3
Scott J. Krieger	District 20
Don L. Jelinek	District 36
Delmar Jones	District 24
Robert L. Carter	District 13

Richard H. Cooper was commissioned as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 30.

After introductions the following Brothers were recognized: Most Worshipful James L. "Sonny" Eatmon and Scott Krieger received 10 Year Proficiency Pins. Roger L. Shillington, Lynn Doty and Roy L. Smith received 20 Year Certificates of Merit. Most Worshipful Frank J. Mattoon received his 25 Year Proficiency Card. Frank R. Harris received his 40 Year Proficiency Card.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Rittenburg made the following remarks as he presented the 1995 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award recipient:

"We have some stringent criteria that we have established for recognition of these individuals. First of all, we will not award this to more than two individuals in any calendar year. The individual that is entitled to receive this award, and there are many, ... must be a Master Mason and have been such for at least 30 years. He must have been active in at least three of the five following community activities: he could have held a political office such as mayor, city council member, county board member, NRD member, school board member, some other political office, whatever might be available where he resides; he could have been active in his church, either as an elder, a vestryman, deacon, lay leader, lay reader, whatever his particular denomination permits; he could have been denoted as a civic leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, or foundations; he could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the Y, United Way, Scouting, or similar organizations. He could have been involved in such service organizations as Lions, Sertoma, Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists, and so forth. But lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic fraternity. In other words, these are the Masons that make the difference within their community. These awards are presented to them in their local community, and the entire community is invited to be present, particularly those organizations with which they have been involved. This year it was our pleasure to present this award to Most Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha and North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln.

Most Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him.



Miss Heather Dishman, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Michelle Paxton, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter brought greetings from the International Order of Job's Daughters.



GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master read the names, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Rittenburg had the honor of doing the presentations.

- Paul A. Zamiska, Bellevue Lodge No. 325
- Francis J. Ritter, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- James B. Parks, Sr., Covert Lodge No. 11
- Jeffrey D. Holmberg, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Steven A. Hanneman, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- R. Jack Garrison, DeWitt Lodge No. 111
- Edward L. Bliss, Hebron Lodge No. 43
- John R. Butler, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- William L. Swiler, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- William Eric Siburg, Jr., Bellevue Lodge No. 325
- Wayne E. Vian, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
- Shane L. Ham, Lincoln Lodge No. 19
- Ray V. Schwarz, Hickman Lodge No. 256 & North Star Lodge No. 227
- David L. Williams, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- Robert W. Sim, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Jerry Ritchey, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
- Robert E. Watkins, Miloma Lodge No. 328
- Lowell D. Closner, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- Harry H. Hummel, Scribner Lodge No. 132
- Glenn Wagner, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Donald E. "Dutch" Buetgenbach, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Del D. Hamilton, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- Sanford H. Nelson, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Jerry L. Sievers, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- John A. McCaul, Centennial Lodge No. 326
- David Meredith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6

First place went to Brother Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary Pro-Tem and member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, who was the first line signer for 13 petitioners, and second line signer for one petition. Brother Reg was presented with a recognition badge; also his picture and name will be on a plaque which will hang in the Grand Lodge Office.



Miss Tina Kunz, Grand Worthy Advisor was introduced by Grand Master Rittenburg at which time Tina brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GOLD PAN AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Rittenburg displayed the Gold Pan Award, which is, in fact, a pan that was used to pan for gold. It was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It is a beautiful trophy presented each year to that lodge which has shown, in the determination of the selection committee, the greatest overall improvement, or the most significant contribution to Masonry in Nebraska. The Grand Master presented the Gold Pan Award to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.



Brother William Stroud, State Master Councilor was introduced by Grand Master Rittenburg at which time Brother Bill brought greetings from Nebraska Chapter, International Order of DeMolay.

Brother Stroud announced the recipient of the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award. Henry E. Olsen of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln was unable to attend, as he now resides in a Nursing Home in Exeter, Nebraska.



At this time Grand Master Rittenburg presented Jeanine Bryceson, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron Jeanine brought greetings then presented a check from the Fall-In-Gathering to Arthur R. Sharp, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home.



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

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.: W.: Grand Master Rittenburg described the Rock Maul Award as one that is presented to one lodge each year by the Grand Master. The lodge selected should represent the best all around lodge in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. The Rock Maul is a sixteen pound rock maul that has been used in a rock quarry for its intended purpose. It was inscribed and presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in the year of M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins (1980), and has been awarded once a year since then to that lodge determined to have been the recipient by the selection process. The recipient of the Award is unknown until this announcement at Grand Lodge each year. The Grand Master presented the Rock Maul Award to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

GRAND ORATION

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327

Most Worshipful Grand Master Rittenburg, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters and visiting Grand Masters, other visiting Masonic dignitaries, Ladies, friends, Brethren:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Rittenburg, Most Worshipful Judge Spencer, other Past Grand Masters, visiting Grand Masters and other Masonic Dignitaries, Ladies, Brethren, friends. I would like to take a few minutes this morning to reflect a bit over the past year and to look quickly to the future.

Grand Master Jerry, I have admired your dedication to Masonry for a long while. I recall the quality of your efforts through your various Grand Lodge Offices and have considered it a privilege to have served with you as a Grand Lodge Officer and especially to have been of service to you as Grand Orator this past year. On behalf of all of your Grand Lodge Officers, and on behalf of all Nebraska Masons, we thank you for your leadership.

You all have noted in your program that I am to deliver a grand oration to this Grand Lodge Communication. I would like for all of you to pen in two changes in your program. First let the record show that the grand oration was delivered this morning by Most Worshipful Judge Spencer. Second, note that what I am about to present to you are "remarks". Judge Spencer, you are an inspiration to us all. The presentation you have made today to this communication speaks to all of us as to the true value and meaning of the Masonic Fraternity. You have served long and well and continued to give generously with your time. For this Judge Spencer I and all of us salute you. We should all strive to emulate the manner in which you have served our fraternity. You are indeed to be honored and to receive the thanks of all of us for all that you have done for Masonry.

As we reflect during this Grand Lodge Communication over the events of the past year, several accomplishments vividly stand out.

To be sure that they are not brushed over too lightly, I do want to call attention to several major accomplishments this past year that I feel are particularly noteworthy. Let the record show that you have worked very industriously on increasing membership; you have pursued an aggressive visitation schedule; you have laid several cornerstones, among them three cornerstones for the Omaha Home for Boys, a cornerstone for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, a cornerstone for the Edgerton Building in Aurora and a cornerstone for the Methodist Church in Silver Creek.

But to me the accomplishment that I believe will have the longest term and most positive impact is that of your project of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band.

For years, we have witnessed the good work of the Shriners and the positive effects of the annual Shrine Bowl Game. But what's a football game without a band? Grand Master Jerry, we commend you for taking that challenge and proceeding in a most successful way to create a learning opportunity for a

broader spectrum of youth and another way for Masons and local Lodges to be of service to their community and to their fellow creatures. We applaud you for your insight and for your leadership in making the All-Star Marching Band a great success.

I've long been an observer, as we all have been, of an ongoing and ever developing series of concepts and ideas, perhaps best termed philosophical concepts which we see applied to businesses and applied to other organizations. You will recall W. Clement Stone of Combined Insurance Co. and his motto "What the mind of man can conceive and believe, he can achieve".

And, our Masonic brother Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and the Power of Positive Imaging...a positive mental attitude...a concept others have referred to as PMA.

Noted business author Demming defined the quality process with its mission statement, identification of goals and the concept that all work is a process. That organizations could operate with zero defects. If any of you have made a purchase from Mrs. B's Nebraska Furniture Mart, you have seen the application of the quality process.

Some of you may have participated in the process of strategic planning as a means to encourage looking long term...to look beyond ourselves in the planning process and in working for success in an organization or a program.

Some organizations are now engaging in the process of visioning.

Joel Barker is a nationally recognized consultant and author who has clearly identified the visioning process. Some of you might recall last year the Joel Barker video presentation we viewed at one of the Grand Lodge workshops entitled "Paradigm Pioneers". We can talk about Paradigms on another occasion. I personally think we have beat that concept up over time. In any event, Joel Barker has also created excellent presentations on visioning.

Visioning in its elementary terms, if I may take some liberty in definition, is perhaps most simply stated as having a dream or a vision. By focusing on that vision we may gain the tools, the drive, and the power to reach that dream — that vision.

I might stop here to set the record straight, I'm not being "critical" of the processes and concepts I have just outlined. I believe in all of those concepts very strongly. I have touched upon each of the foregoing concepts to examine with you what I see as a common thread between all of those concepts.

As we look back at some of the cornerstones we had the privilege of laying last year I think about the vision that each represented.

The cornerstone at the Silver Creek Methodist Church represented the achievement of that congregation's vision that it could rise up from the tragedy of a fire that destroyed the old church building and, by keeping focused on its vision, reconstruct and rededicate a new building so the congregation could continue God's work.

I hope many of you have or will take the opportunity to visit the Edgerton Educational Center in Aurora where we set a cornerstone last summer. Doctor

Harold Edgerton a noted scholar, scientist and inventor who grew up in Aurora, and who was a brother Mason, took the tool of the strobe light and through his vision was able to develop stop action photography and to develop stroboscopic applications of photography to enable the gathering of military intelligence helping to bring World War II to a more rapid conclusion in Europe.

The cornerstones for the Omaha Home for Boys and the cornerstone for our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont reflect a vision of helping young men and young women to equip themselves to be constructive and productive citizens able to identify their own vision or dream for the future.

Grand Master Jerry's vision of a Masonic All-Star Marching Band resulted in just under 100 young musicians participating in a several day adventure in Lincoln, culminating in marching and playing in the Shrine Bowl Parade and in performing at the Shrine Bowl half-time presentation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I submit to you that Masons have always been dreamers, that Masons have generally had a positive mental attitude, that Masons are visionary and perhaps most importantly we Masons acknowledge and profess a belief in a power greater than ourselves. We believe in God and recognize the enabling power God brings to our lives.

As we engage in this 139th Grand Lodge Communication, let us continue to celebrate the successes and joys resulting from the achievements of the Grand Lodge and the achievements of each of our subordinate Lodges. Most importantly, I challenge each of you and each of your Lodges to create a dream, to create a vision of the future, and to work to be all each of us can be as Masons and as individuals.

Never let a day pass without applying the lessons we have learned as Masons to our daily lives and to our relationships with everyone with whom we come in contact. In so doing, it is my belief that we lift up for everyone to see the caring, energetic, visionary people we each ought to intend to be and in so doing continue to advance Masonic ideals and the health and strength of this great fraternity.

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Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 2nd & 3rd, 1996

First Day — Opening Session
Friday, February 2, 1996

M.:W.: Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg requested that Michael E. Jones, W.: Grand Marshal proclaim the 139th Annual Communication opened in ample form.

M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg announced the appointment of M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon as Parliamentarian for this 139th Annual Communication.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Reginald S. Kuhn, 19

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 members of Nebraska lodges 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 decisions 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 members of Nebraska lodges 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 report was adopted by vote of the delegates assembled.

R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn moved to approve the printed proceedings of the 138th Annual Communication. The motion was seconded and passed.



M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg then appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session with W.: Eugene C. Sibley as Chairman.

Election of Officers

Most Worshipful Grand Master Rittenburg directed that the delegates cast their ballots for the election of the offices of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary. All ballots were then collected by the tellers.



PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, 256, Chairman

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, on behalf of the Appropriations Committee I would like to present the Appropriations Report as printed in your packets starting on page 7. As we have to present a balanced budget this becomes harder and harder; as the membership drops — so does the revenue. I am hoping that the dues increase passes because the only thing we can do is cut expenses if it doesn't. This will mean cutting services to the members and the lodges. The total income that we are projecting is \$404,572.70 with total expenses requested of \$404,111.00.



While awaiting the result of the Election of Officers the following Brothers brought greetings:

- R.:W.: Eric J. Neetenbeek, Deputy Grand Master of Minnesota
- M.:W.: John W. Reed, Grand Master of Prince Hall of Nebraska
- M.:W.: Paul H. Wieck, Grand Master of Iowa
- M.:W.: Richard M. Luther, Grand Master of South Dakota



Deputy Grand Master V. Kaye Ramsey made a motion that approval be granted to hold the 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Holiday Inn of Kearney, Nebraska on February 6, 7 & 8, 1997. Motion was seconded and carried.

Report of Ballot

The Chairman of Tellers, W.: Eugene C. Sibley, presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers. There were a total of 170 ballots cast with the following individuals receiving a majority of votes for offices indicated:

Deputy Grand Master &

- Grand Master-Elect:..... R.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming
- Grand Senior Warden:..... R.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen
- Grand Junior Warden:..... W.: Dwight E. Smith
- Grand Secretary:..... R.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn

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

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



During the Membership Banquet on Friday evening the Degree Team Competition Award was presented by Grand Master Rittenburg to Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln, Nebraska.



State Master Councilor William Stroud presented the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to York Lodge No. 56 of York, Nebraska for all that they have done to support and promote DeMolay in their area.

1996 Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient & Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted
Masons of Nebraska

One Hundred Thirty-Ninth
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 2nd & 3rd, 1996

Second Session
Saturday, February 3, 1996

The R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master called the 139th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 1996.

V. : W. : Grand Chaplain Arthur R. Sharp invoked the blessing of Deity.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, 256, Chairman

The final report of the Appropriations Committee was submitted to the voting delegates of Grand Lodge and adopted by vote of the delegates assembled.

— REVENUE —
LODGE INCOME

2104.000	Dues—Fremont Home	\$10,232.50
2105.000	Dues—Masonic Home	40,930.00
2106.000	Dues—Geo Washington Memorial	10,232.50
4100.000	Membership Dues	163,720.00

4175.000	Perpetual Membership Mgt. Fee	600.00
4200.000	Initiation Fees	4,100.00
4300.000	Surety Bond Premium	3,358.80
4350.000	Liability Ins. Premium	9,413.90
4600.000	Reinstatement Fees	2,500.00
	Sub-total	245,087.70 *

SALES INCOME

4400.000	Supplies	14,000.00
4450.725	Band Clinic Registrations	22,500.00
4460.725	Band Clinic Supplies	2,300.00
4620.400	Banquet Tickets	8,050.00
4625.400	Other Meal Tickets	6,525.00
4630.400	Ladies Luncheon	1,610.00
	Sub-total	54,985.00 *

PARTICIPATORY INCOME

4650.000	NE Masonic Home—Admin Services	10,000.00
4655.000	NE Masonic Home—Newspaper	12,500.00
4660.000	OES & Fremont Home—Newspaper	12,000.00
	Sub-total	34,500.00 *

INVESTMENT INCOME

4700.000	Int & Div—FNB Omaha	68,500.00
4750.000	Int & Div—FirsTier Lincoln	0
4800.000	Gain on Sale of Investments	0
4875.000	Miscellaneous Income	1,500.00
	Sub-total	70,000.00 *

TOTAL REVENUE		404,572.70
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**—EXPENSES —
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

5xxx.400	Annual Communication	38,450.00
	Sub-total	38,450.00 *

INSTALLATION

5xxx.425	Grand Lodge Installation	5,000.00
	Sub-total	5,000.00 *

TRAVEL & RELATED

52xx.000	Office Staff	1,400.00
52xx.100	Grand Master	13,100.00
52xx.150	Deputy Grand Master	4,200.00
52xx.200	Grand Secretary	1,950.00
52xx.250	Grand Custodian	2,600.00
52xx.300	Deputy Grand Custodian	7,450.00
52xx.350	Other Officers	6,700.00
	Sub-total	37,400.00 *

SALARIES & RELATED

5310.250	Grand Custodian	6,752.00
5320.000	Office Staff—Full Time	48,400.00
5320.100	Grand Master Staff	0
5330.000	Office Staff—Temporary	6,500.00
5340.000	FICA Taxes	4,717.00
5350.000	Federal Unemployment Taxes	223.00
5360.000	Nebraska Unemployment Taxes	32.00
5370.000	Employer's Share—401K	3,388.00
5380.000	Office Staff Training	250.00
	Sub-total	70,262.00

OCCUPANCY & RELATED

5400.000	Office Rent	11,000.00
5410.000	Utilities	2,500.00
5412.000	Trash Removal	300.00
5413.000	Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00
5414.000	Building Maintenance	1,000.00
5415.xxx	Telephone	10,825.00
5420.000	Equipment Maintenance	3,500.00
5425.000	Equipment Rental	1,200.00
5430.000	Equipment Purchase	500.00
5435.xxx	Postage	8,050.00
5440.xxx	Printing & Copying	3,000.00
5445.xxx	Office Supplies	3,200.00
5450.000	Office Maintenance	2,400.00
5455.000	Computer Supplies	1,200.00
5460.000	Computer Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00
5465.000	Computer Software Support	1,750.00
5470.000	Dues & Subscriptions	750.00
5475.000	Publication of NE Masons	32,500.00
5480.000	Bank Service Charges	1,000.00
5485.000	Professional Fees	2,375.00
5490.000	Legal Fees	0
5500.000	Supplies for Lodges—Printed	8,000.00
5505.000	Supplies for Lodges—Other	3,500.00
5505.250	Supplies for Lodges—GC	700.00
5510.000	Supplies for Lodges—Year Pins	3,000.00
5515.000	Publication of Secretary's Desk Book	1,500.00
5525.000	Grand Lodge Jewels, Aprons & Collars	1,750.00
5555.000	Retirement—Alice Lallman	3,360.00
	Sub-total	112,360.00

INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE

5600.000	Worker's Compensation	452.00
5605.000	Grand Lodge Staff Medical	12,600.00
5610.000	Surety Bond	3,341.00
5620.000	Directors & Officers Liability	2,925.00
5625.000	Blanket Liability	11,053.00
5635.000	Office Contents & Equipment	803.00
5650.000	Other General Administrative Expenses	1,750.00
	Sub-total	32,924.00

COMMITTEES

xxxx.010	Jurisprudence Committee	50.00
xxxx.450	Masonic Education	1,000.00

xxxx.460	Midwest Education Conference	400.00
xxxx.475	Appropriations Committee	40.00
xxxx.525	Committee on Work	200.00
xxxx.550	Relief	500.00
xxxx.600	Trial Comissions	200.00
xxxx.625	Grievance Committee	0
xxxx.650	Grand Lodge Offices	200.00
xxxx.675	Finance Committee	50.00
xxxx.700	Public Relations	600.00
	Grand Marshal	1,000.00
xxxx.725	Band Clinic	24,800.00
xxxx.730	Insurance Committee	100.00
xxxx.750	Youth	3,000.00
xxxx.800	Membership	1,500.00
xxxx.825	General Session & Social	500.00
xxxx.850	Grand Trustees	100.00
xxxx.900	Awards	400.00
xxxx.910	Freemasonry & Religion	300.00
xxxx.920	All-Masonic Sunday	200.00
xxxx.925	Charters & Dispensations	30.00
xxxx.950	Lodge Advisory	500.00
xxxx.975	Credentials	0
xxxx.995	Masonic Renewal & Leadership	1,000.00
	Sub-total	36,670.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

2104.000	Fremont Homes Dues	10,232.50
2105.000	NE Masonic Home Dues	40,930.00
2106.000	Geo Washington Memorial Dues	10,232.50
5800.000	Masonic Service Assoc Dues	1,300.00
5810.000	NE DeMolay Donation	3,500.00
5811.000	Job's Daughters	1,000.00
5812.000	Rainbow for Girls	1,000.00
5820.000	MSA Hospital Visitation Fund	2,500.00
5830.000	Other Masonic Promotion	0
5835.000	Masonic Relief Association	350.00
	Sub-total	71,045.00
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	TOTAL EXPENSES	404,111.00
	Total Revenue Less Total Expenses	\$461.70

* Denotes Appropriation Item. Other items shown for information purposes only.

NECROLOGY

John F. Dale, 126

We come this morning to remember and to celebrate and to give thanks for those of our brethren, and for members of their families, whose earthly work is ended and who have taken their places in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

What we do now is both very contemporary and very ancient. From time immemorial people have so honored their cherished dead. It was about two hundred years before the time of Christ that a Jewish man of wisdom, probably

living in or near Jerusalem, composed a book which has come down to us as The Wisdom of Jesus, the Son or Sirach or, by its Latin name Ecclesiasticus, The Church Book. In the forty-fourth chapter of that writing we read:

*Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
the heroes of our nation's history,
through whom the Lord established his renown,
and revealed his majesty in each succeeding age.
Some held sway over kingdoms
and made themselves a name by their exploits.
Others were sage counselors,
who spoke out with prophetic power.
Some led the people by their counsels
and by their knowledge of the nation's law;
out of their fund of wisdom they gave instruction.
Some were endowed with wealth and strength
living peacefully in their homes.
All these won fame in their own generation
and were the pride of their times.
Some there are who have left a name behind them
to be commemorated in story.
There are others who are unremembered;
they are dead, and it is as though they had never existed,
as though they had never been born
or left children to succeed them.
Not so our forefathers; they were men of loyalty,
whose good deeds have never been forgotten.
Their prosperity is handed on to their descendants,
and their inheritance to future generations.
Thanks to them their children are within the covenants —
the whole race of their descendants.
Their line will endure for all time,
and their fame will never be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives forever.
Nations will recount their wisdom,
and God's people will sing their praises.*

*Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15
The New English Bible*

How fresh that sounds — like it could have been written yesterday, just for our service of remembering this morning. For so it is with us. Some of those whom we remember and honor today have famous names and notable records in the annals of our fraternity. Some were distinguished in public life and their names appear in books of history.

Others were of more humble record. They were those who faithfully attended and supported and daily exemplified the principles of this ancient fraternity. Some were those whom we seldom saw in the life of the craft, but they too were our brothers. They too had been received and had gathered around our altars and had at some time sat in lodge with us.

We pause and remember and honor each of these as we name them in our hearts.

From the pen of one of the great Poets Laureate of Masonry, Brother Rob Morris, come these lines, entitled:

The Level and the Square

*We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square;
What words of precious meaning these words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them! They are worthy of a thought;
In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.*

*We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
And the poor man finds his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.*

*We act upon the Plumb — 'tis the orders of our Guide —
We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side;
Th' All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true,
That we still try to honor God and give each man his due.*

*We part upon the Square, for the world must have its due;
We mingle with the multitude, a faithful band and true;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green
And we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.*

*There's a world where all are equal—we are hurrying towards it fast,
We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of Death are passed;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring Square.*

*We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion — 'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart —
There's a Mansion and a Welcome, and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the Level and been tried upon the Square.*

*Let us meet upon the Level then, while laboring patient here;
Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe;
Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the Square.*

*Hands round, yet faithful Brotherhood, the bright fraternal chain,
We part upon the Square below, to meet in heaven again!
What words of precious meaning these words Masonic are —
We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square.*

Let us pray:

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for those of our Masonic fraternity, and for members of their families, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us throughout years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens. In the name and spirit of the Eternal God, we pray. Amen.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

John F. Dale, 126, Chairman

*"Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives for ever.
Nations will recount their wisdom,
and God's people will sing their praises."
The Wisdom of Jesus, son of Sirach 44:14-15*

As we come to this Grand Lodge Communication, we recognize and celebrate the lives of 572 of our brethren who have completed their course of this life and now rest from their labors. These were those with whom we sat in lodge in good times and in times of hardship. We extend fraternal sympathy to their families and we give thanks for their faithful service to our beloved fraternity.

Among these honored dead this year were two Past Grand Masters: Most Worshipful Brother Carl R. Greisen, Honorary Grand Master 1966, and Most Worshipful Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, 104th Grand Master in 1969. We give honor to their memory and give thanks for the leadership which they brought to this Grand Lodge. Bringing us great sorrow was the loss of Leone Spencer, wife of Past Grand Master Harry A. Spencer.

The Grand Lodge family was saddened this year by the loss of Worshipful Brother Nelson W. Rittenburg, a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus and the father of our 1995-96 Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Jerry L. Rittenburg. We also lost Sebert "Smoky" Stover, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus and Ralph Gerry, Past Grand Secretary.

*"There's a world where all are equal —
we are hurrying towards it fast,
We shall meet upon the Level there,
when the gates of Death are passed;
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To try the blocks we offer
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and been tried upon the Square."*

Selected from "The Level and the Square" by Brother Rob Morris
Respectfully submitted,
Rev. John F. Dale
Virgil L. Tubach
Rev. Dr. Richard P. Don

W.:B.: John Dale moved for the adoption of the Necrology along with the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Norris Rusmisell, 46, Chairman

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

One more year almost complete and it is again my privilege to bring you the Credentials Committee report for this 139th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

We are pleased to report that all Grand Lodge Officers are present as well as thirteen Past Grand Masters, sixteen Deputy Grand Custodians and representation from the following orders: York Rite, Scottish Rite, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Nebraska, Imperial Shrine, Sesostris, Tangier and Tehama Temples, National Sojourners, DeMolay, Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, Daughters of the Nile, and White Shrine of Jerusalem. Also present are representatives from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Ohio and Prince Hall of Nebraska.

At the time of this report there are no Masters or Wardens registered from the following forty-two Lodges: No's 9, 17, 35, 36, 37, 40, 57, 60, 62, 73, 87, 91, 95, 102, 103, 104, 121, 124, 125, 128, 132, 136, 154, 165, 177, 209, 211, 221, 233, 236, 241, 267, 271, 284, 285, 291, 293, 298, 305, 308, 311 and 320. Of the above named Lodges, nine have now been absent for two years; 17, 87, 124, 165, 236, 241, 285, 293 and 305. The following two lodges have now been absent for three years, 177 and 291. Lodge No. 233 has now been absent for four years.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry Rittenburg on the Credentials Committee and I will personally take this oppor-

tunity to thank the other members who have served and given of their time, they are: Delmar Jones from Kearney, Doyle Berg from Omaha, Frank Dougherty from Lincoln, Roger Anderson of Kearney, Wesley Suggs from Papillion and Bill Hurst from Lincoln.

Finally from the entire Committee, our sincere appreciation to Chris, Carol and Lorie for the excellent cooperation and pre-meeting preparation of forms and records.

Well done GOOD AND FAITHFUL LADIES.

Respectfully submitted,
Norris L. Rusmisell, Chairman

Norris Rusmisell moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

"My brethren, all of the delegates were furnished 45 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, back in late December, a copy of the Grand Master's Recommendations, and as you registered you were given the final printed copy of my address. I would like to highlight just a few things, and go from there. Hearing no objection to that, we will proceed in that regard."

The printed address of the Grand Master is as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA

My Brethren:

In accordance with Article X, Section 2(b), I am submitting to this 139th Annual Communication my written address, including official acts, and general conditions of Masonry, as well as recommendations for such legislation as I deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity. Inasmuch as this address must be published and delivered to the Jurisprudence Committee 45 days before the opening of Grand Lodge, I am preparing this address, to the best of my ability, in early December, with every hope and desire that it will meet with your approval and that of the Craft.

I wish to express to each and every member of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska my gratitude and appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Master this past year. It has truly been a highlight of my life. It is an experience I wish I could share with each of you.

Some time ago, I ran across a quotation that I really liked and I have tried to keep it in mind during this year and conduct myself by its meaning. It is by

George Herbert, an English writer who lived in the sixteenth century and is taken from his work entitled "Jacula Prudentum." The quotation is "A Master must serve." My Brethren, I have tried my very best to serve you.

I feel that much has been accomplished this year, and that if there is any credit due, it must go to the membership of this great fraternity. The cooperation among the lodges, the appendant bodies, the Grand Lodge Officers and the office staff have made possible every positive event during the course of my tenure in office.

We wish to welcome the distinguished guests visiting from other Grand Jurisdictions.

NECROLOGY

Again this year, as every year, we are saddened by the loss of a great number of our Brethren, called by the Great Architect of the Universe to that House not made by Hands, Eternal in the Heavens. This year 572 brethren have departed from this life, to be known no more among men. Their memories and contributions to our Fraternity can never be forgotten.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will be offering a tribute to those who have gone before us, but I will mention here the loss of our 104th Grand Master, Most Worshipful Hugh W. Eisenhart. We also lost Honorary Past Grand Master Carl R. Greisen, who was also the Gold Jordan Medal holder at the time of his death.

Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus Sebert A. (Smoky) Stover, for many years a very hard-working Deputy Grand Custodian, will be missed at the Omaha area schools of instruction. He certainly has heard the words from "Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus Nelson W. Rittenburg departed this life on October 13, 1995. He served 19 years as a Deputy Grand Custodian, as Grand Tyler in 1984/1985, and as my Installing Chaplain. He was Past Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and Past Patron of Lincoln Chapter No. 148, Order of the Eastern Star. He served his beloved craft in many capacities and for many years. At the time of his death he was Chaplain of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and Associate Patron of Lincoln Chapter No. 148, Order of the Eastern Star. He was my teacher in the Masonic ritual, my mentor in life, my role model and my father. He will be missed by all who knew him. His death was untimely and his Brethren mourn. While never one to brag or express such feelings, he was very proud that you had seen fit to elevate me to this high office.

CORNERSTONES

This year the Grand Lodge Officers have been privileged to hold several Cornerstone Ceremonies around the State. At each Ceremony the attendance was outstanding. The work and attention to detail our Grand Marshal, Mike Jones, and of each of the lodges involved, deserve the credit for the smooth flow of each ceremony. This is one of the few ceremonies of Masonry open to the

public and a golden opportunity to make a favorable impression on those non-Masons in attendance.

On April 2, 1995, we were pleased to lay the cornerstone in the Methodist Church in Silver Creek, Nebraska. It was a beautiful spring day, a good crowd was present and the ceremony went very well. The Grand Orator, Phil Lorenzen, had some trouble making himself heard because of coal trains that frequently pass near the Church.

On April 15, 1995, there were two Cornerstone Ceremonies in Aurora. The ceremony in the morning laid a cornerstone for a new Temple for Aurora Lodge No. 68. The Temple is a very functional and beautiful addition to that community and a facility that should serve the members of Aurora Lodge No. 68 for many years in the future.

In the afternoon, we laid a cornerstone in the Edgerton Building. This building, named after Dr. Edgerton, a native of Aurora, will be a wonderful addition to the community as a science and educational center. This ceremony was video taped and the tape can be used by other lodges desiring information on Cornerstone Ceremonies.

On April 23, 1995, we laid a cornerstone for a new facility at the Omaha Home for Boys. The members of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 as well as the Board of Trustees and staff of the Home must be commended for the work that went into making the day such a success. There was a large crowd in attendance, including the Mayor of Omaha, who took part in the Ceremony. The new building will not only be used by the Home, but will be available to others in the community. Truly the Home should be proud of the work they are doing.

On August 27, 1995, the Grand Lodge Officers laid a cornerstone at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. The ceremony was in conjunction with the Annual 4H Achievement Day program. The weather was extremely hot, but in spite of the heat, there was a big crowd. This new facility will allow the children to work with their show animals during inclement weather and under show-ring conditions. With the addition of this building, we will expect to see even more ribbons won by these hard-working young folks in the future.

October 15, 1995, saw a double Cornerstone Ceremony at the Omaha Home for Boys Cooper Farm facility. Two buildings are connected by an arch, each with its own cornerstone. This new facility allows the Omaha Home for Boys to enter into a new venture and provide even more services to those they serve. The Home Board and Staff deserve the appreciation of us all for the fine work they do in serving their community and, especially, the boys.

CONSOLIDATIONS

1. On September 6, 1995, I approved the consolidation of Upright Lodge No. 137 of Burchard into Pawnee Lodge No. 23 of Pawnee City.

2. On December 6, 1995, I approved the consolidation of Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 of Lodgepole into Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 of Chappell.
3. On December 29, 1995, I approved the consolidation of Bassett Lodge No. 254 into Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 of Ainsworth.

BYLAWS APPROVED

On March 10, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plainview Lodge No. 204 allowing their regular communication to be held the second Tuesday of the month, rather than the first Tuesday, in the event of a legal holiday or inclement weather.

On March 14, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Melrose Lodge No. 60 changing their regular communication from the first Tuesday to the first Wednesday.

On March 24, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Barneston Lodge No. 165 to raise their degree fees and their annual dues.

On May 5, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 allowing their regular communication to be held the second Monday of the month rather than the first Monday, in the event of a legal holiday or inclement weather.

On May 18, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Justice Lodge No. 180 to change their regular communication from the second and fourth Mondays to the second Monday only.

On July 24, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to increase their annual dues.

On September 6, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Zion Lodge No. 234 to change the time of their regular communication.

On September 10, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to change the time of their regular communication.

On September 12, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267 to increase their annual dues.

On October 10, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Porter Lodge No. 106 allowing their regular communication to be held the third Tuesday of the month rather than the second Tuesday, in the event of a legal holiday or inclement weather.

On October 23, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ornan Lodge No. 261 to change their regular communication from the first and third Mondays of each month to the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

On October 23, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 to increase their annual dues.

On October 27, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Humboldt Lodge No. 40 to increase their annual dues.

On November 11, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 to increase their degree fees and their annual dues.

On November 15, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hiram Lodge No. 52 to change their regular meeting from the second Thursday of each month to the third Wednesday with the provision that in cases of a legal holiday or inclement weather the meeting would be held on the fourth Wednesday.

On November 28, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Aurora Lodge No. 68 allowing the Worshipful Master at his discretion to move the meeting time or suspend the meeting, not to exceed three in each calendar year.

On December 2, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 to change the time of their regular communication.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 changing the name of their building from Freemasons Hall to Tekamah Masonic Temple.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 increasing the amount paid their secretary.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to bring their bylaws into conformity with Grand Lodge Bylaws regarding the process of the members appeal of the Master's decisions.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to increase the amount of charitable relief for any worthy applicant.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to delete the amount paid their treasurer.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to change the manner of disbursement of lodge funds.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to clarify the secretary's duties and increase the amount paid the secretary.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to clarify the duties of the senior deacon.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to delete Section 12 of Article III regarding stewards.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to delete all reference to compensation for the tyler.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to raise their degree fees.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to they bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to delete Section 2 of Article V regarding candidates.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to delete Section 3 of Article V regarding candidates.

On December 17, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to increase their annual dues.

On December 18, 1995, I disapproved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 pending clarification of setting up a new committee.

On December 22, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Perkins Lodge No. 308 to change their regular communication from the fourth Monday to the third Monday.

On December 29, 1995, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge 256 allowing their regular communication to be held the third Thursday of the month rather than the first Thursday in the event of the regular communication of the Grand Lodge or inclement weather.

On January 3, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Canopy Lodge No. 209 to change their regular communication from the second Monday to the second Wednesday.

On January 8, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 to increase their annual dues.

On January 8, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 adding to the duties of the Master the authority to appoint a Chairman of the Investigating Committee.

On January 8, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 changing the makeup of the Investigating Committee.

On January 8, 1996, I disapproved two amendments to the bylaws of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 because they were in conflict with Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On January 9, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Sutherland Lodge No. 299 to change the time of their regular communication.

On January 17, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Humboldt Lodge No. 40 to change the time of their regular communication.

On January 17, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Humboldt Lodge No. 40 to raise their degree fees.

On January 23, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to bring their bylaws into conformity with Grand Lodge Bylaws regarding delinquent dues.

On January 24, 1996, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lotus Lodge No. 289 to increase their annual dues.

REINSTATEMENTS

I approved on the dates shown, the reinstatement to membership, in lodges shown, of the following individuals based upon satisfactory approval by the respective lodges of petitions therefor:

February 17, 1995	Robert W. Johnson	Highland No. 194
March 10, 1995	Douglas F. Jones	North Star No. 227
April 9, 1995	Floyd J. Flader	East Lincoln No. 210
April 21, 1995	Richard G. Miller	Lincoln No. 19
May 12, 1995	John C. Delavan	Solomon No. 10
June 7, 1995	Emil R. Kasner, Jr.	Bee Hive No. 184
June 13, 1995	Lavern L. Needham	Wahoo No. 59
June 20, 1995	Billy G. Fox	Wisner No. 114
June 30, 1995	Kenneth L. Dahl	Wayne No. 120
July 17, 1995	Warren D. Joy	Cedar River No. 89
July 17, 1995	Eldean B. Stewart	Utica No. 96
July 24, 1995	J. Daniel Schirmer	Oshkosh No. 286
August 22, 1995	Todd A. Beam	Lincoln No. 19
August 22, 1995	Robert Barie	Lincoln No. 19
September 15, 1995	Gailyn K. Taylor	Florence No. 281
September 24, 1995	Thomas E. Jones	Nebraska No. 1
October 3, 1995	Robert C. Bailey	Bee Hive No. 184
October 10, 1995	Calvin E. Hubbell	Liberty No. 300
October 23, 1995	John W. O'Brien	Rob Morris No. 46
October 27, 1995	Raymond E. Williams	Liberty No. 300
October 31, 1995	George W. Otto	John J. Mercer No. 290
October 31, 1995	Edward E. Spencer	John J. Mercer No. 290
November 21, 1995	Gordon Patterson	Cairo No. 324
December 12, 1995	Donald M. Lafler	Frank Welch No. 75
December 12, 1995	Craig Glinsman	Solomon No. 10
December 22, 1995	Henry E. Kumpost	Blue Valley No. 64
January 17, 1996	Don E. Westwood	Utica Lodge No. 96

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

I granted, on the dates shown, absolute waiver of Nebraska jurisdiction over the individuals listed in favor of named lodges operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.:F.: & A.:M.::

April 25, 1995 - Elmer James Denker to North Riverside Lodge No. 662

July 21, 1995 - Robert Charles Long to Morningside Lodge No. 165

August 14, 1995 - Robert Sean Heckert to Red Oak Lodge No. 162

I granted, on the dates shown, absolute waiver of Nebraska jurisdiction over the individuals listed in favor of named lodges operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota A.:F.: & A.:M.::

October 13, 1995 - Frederick G. Blumenstock to Pioneer Lodge No. 219

October 13, 1995 - Jerry L. Mercer to Pioneer Lodge No. 219

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

At the recommendation of our Grand Custodian, Gus Scolaro, I commissioned W.:B.: Robert Carter, a Past Master of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and a dual member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 13 on June 6th, 1995. I know W.:B.: Bob will work hard to serve his lodges and will be a credit to the fine corps of Deputies.

On September 22, 1995, I was pleased to be allowed to attend and address the annual meeting and school of instruction, held by the Grand Custodian in Grand Island. Having lived with a Deputy Grand Custodian for some time (my father), and having served for a short time as a Deputy Grand Custodian, I can tell you that these are the hardest-working Masons in the State. I am continually impressed at their willingness to do whatever they can to adapt their schedule to conform to the desires of the lodges they serve. They are out in all kinds of weather, even when road conditions are extremely bad, to serve you. At least one deputy covers an area that is one hundred miles long, so you know he puts in long hours to get to and from his lodges. These brethren rarely receive the credit they deserve for the work they do serving the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The next time a Deputy Grand Custodian visits your lodge, take a minute to let him know that you appreciate his efforts.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

Steven A. Green	Alberta
Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr.	New Brunswick
Kevin L. Rittenburg	Germany
Charles M. Godwin	Philippines
Steven F. Mattoon	Colorado
Reginald S. Kuhn	Argentina
Del D. Hamilton	Mexico, Nuevo Leon
Eugene H. Kirchhoff	Finland
Paul C. Bulling, Jr.	Rhode Island
Sanford H. Nelson	South Carolina

Jay H. Speck	Brazil, Bahia
Robert L. Carter, Jr.	Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman
Ted McNeese	North Dakota

Also during this year it has been my pleasure, at the request of other Grand Masters, to commission the following individuals to be Grand Representatives of Nebraska near their Grand Jurisdiction:

Thomas P. Zinkevich	New Jersey
Lee S. Donahue	Quebec
Carlos Marban	York Grand Lodge of Mexico

CENTENNIALS

There were seven lodges Chartered in 1895, but only three have survived to celebrate their centennial this year. Each of these three lodges went to great lengths to have a good program and celebration to commemorate the occasion.

On June 10, 1995, North Star Lodge No. 227 held a dinner at the Shrine Building in Lincoln to celebrate their centennial and to present a 70 year pin to M.:W.:B.: Harry A. Spencer. As Grand Master, I was pleased to present the Centennial Certificate to the Lodge and to have a part in the presentation of the 70 year pin. The following day, the officers and members held an open house at the lodge building to display memorabilia and welcome members and visitors.

On June 17, 1995, Comet Lodge No. 229, in Ceresco, celebrated their centennial with a dinner and also presented several 50 year pins. This dinner was very well attended. I presented the Centennial Certificate to the Master of the Lodge and took part in the pin presentations. Our Grand Orator, W.:B.: Phil Lorenzen, was the principal speaker for the program and, as usual, did a fine job.

On September 9, 1995, Bartley Lodge No. 228 celebrated their centennial with a program and lunch. The program was well attended. In going through the old minute books which the Lodge Secretary had put out for display, I discovered that my great grandfather had belonged to that Lodge and had been an officer of the Lodge during the early 1900's.

These three lodges are very active and, even after one hundred years, show no signs of aging. The members should be proud of their heritage; and while learning from their past, continue to look to the future of their lodges and the communities they serve. It was a pleasure to be a part of their Centennial programs and to get to know the brethren who are the active members of these lodges.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

January 1995

- 2 Installed Officers of North Star Lodge No. 227-Lincoln
- 3 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 4 Attended Appropriations Committee Meeting-Lincoln
- 4 Practice for Installation of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 5 Attended Business Meeting, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 5 Grand Lodge Office
- 7 Installed Officers of Comet Lodge No. 229-Ceresco
- 8 Installed Officers of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 9 Grand Lodge Office
- 10 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 11 Attended Hiram Club Dinner-Lincoln
- 12 Attended Installations of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Liberty Lodge No. 300-Lincoln
- 14 Attended Capitol Lodge No. 3 Installation and presented Gus Scolaro with Mason of the Year Award-Omaha
- 14 Installed Officers of Hickman Lodge No. 256-Lincoln
- 15 Installed Officers of Bennett Lodge No. 94-Lincoln
- 15 Practice for Installation of Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 16 Grand Lodge Office
- 17 Installed Officers of Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 20 Met with Kearney Holiday Inn staff & Steve Mattoon
- 20 Installed Officers of College View Lodge No. 320-Lincoln
- 21 Attended Installation of Sesostris Shrine-Lincoln
- 25 Line Officer meeting-Grand Lodge Office
- 25 Attended Dinner with the Sesostris Ritualistic Divan-Lincoln
- 26 Lunch at AASR Temple-Lincoln
- 26 Attended East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 28 Attended Installation Columbia Chapter No. 275 OES-Lincoln
- 28 Attended Sweetheart Ball-DeMolay-Lincoln
- 30 Attended Proficient Past Masters-Lincoln

February 1995

- 1 Drive to Grand Lodge-Kearney
- 2 Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communication-Kearney

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- 5 Installation of Grand Lodge Officers-Lincoln
- 6 Grand Lodge Office
- 7 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 9 Grand Lodge Office
- 9 Attended Business meeting, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 12 Eiche Chapter DeMolay Installation-Lincoln
- 13 Installation Rainbow Assembly No. 6-Lincoln
- 16 Guest Night speaker for Humboldt Lodge No. 40-Humboldt
- 17 Grand Lodge Office
- 18 Grand Masters Conference-Fargo, ND
- 19 Grand Masters Conference-Fargo, ND
- 20 Grand Masters Conference-Fargo, ND
- 21 Grand Masters Conference-Fargo, ND
- 22 Grand Masters Conference-Fargo, ND
- 23 Grand Lodge Office
- 24 Presented 60 year pin to Bill Placek-Wahoo
- 25 Attended Masonic Unity Meeting-Grand Island
- 26 Presented 50 year pin to Dean Walker-Brownsville
- 28 Grand Lodge Office

March 1995

- 2 Presented two 50 year pins at Stella Lodge No. 105-Stella
- 4 Attended Dodge County Masonic Meeting-Fremont
- 7 Kansas Awards Presentation-Hiawatha KS
- 8 Received as Grand Master at Central School-Lincoln
- 9 Received as Grand Master at Central School-Omaha
- 14 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 14 Attended Central School-Lincoln
- 15 Presented 40 year Proficiency Card at Central School-Omaha
- 16 Attended Grand Lodge of Kansas-Salina, KS
- 17 Attended Grand Lodge of Kansas-Salina, KS
- 18 Attended Grand Lodge of Kansas-Salina, KS
- 18 Attended Potentate's Ball-Tangier
- 20 Attended Central School-Lincoln
- 21 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln

- 22 Attended Ritualistic Divan Dinner-Lincoln
- 23 Presented Picture to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 25 Attended Prince Hall Fish Fry-Lincoln
- 26 DeMolay Installation-Hastings
- 27 Personnel Committee Meeting Masonic Home Board-Plattsmouth
- 27 Attended Central School-Omaha
- 30 Attended Central School-Lincoln

April 1995

- 2 Methodist Church Cornerstone-Silver Creek
- 4 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 6 Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 7 Grand York Rite-Columbus
- 8 DeMolay Roundup-Kearney
- 9 DeMolay Roundup-Kearney
- 10 Individual Proficiency Exam at Lancaster Lodge No. 54-Lincoln
- 11 Guest Night speaker at Bennett Lodge No. 94-Lincoln
- 12 Attended Hiram Club Ladies Night Dinner-Lincoln
- 13 Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 Lodge proficiency-Lincoln
- 14 Attended Lancaster Lodge No. 54 Ladies night-Lincoln
- 15 Cornerstone Ceremony at Aurora Lodge No. 68-Aurora
- 15 Cornerstone Ceremony at Edgerton Building-Aurora
- 18 Meeting with Holiday Inn staff-Kearney
- 21 Attended Ken Jackson Past Masters Dinner-Lincoln
- 22 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES Dinner-Lincoln
- 23 Cornerstone Ceremony at Omaha Home for Boys -Omaha
- 25 Met with Jerry Sharp-Agenda for planning meeting-Lincoln
- 26 All City Masonic Guest Night speaker-Lincoln
- 29 Attended Sesostris Potentate's Ball-Lincoln
- 30 Held planning meeting-Kearney Holiday Inn

May 1995

- 2 Met with Chuck Godwin & Chris Rudder regarding Band Camp
- 2 Attended Initiation Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 4 Presented Joe Ballard Non-Mason of the Year Award for Hickman Lodge No. 256-Lincoln
- 6 Attended Potentate's Ball-Tehama

- 7 Attended Ritualistic Divan Pancake Feed-Lincoln
- 7 Attended AASR Reunion Banquet-Omaha
- 9 Attended Grand Chapter OES, Public Opening-Lincoln
- 10 Attended Hiram Club Dinner-Lincoln
- 11 Grand Chapter OES Installation-Lincoln
- 12 Set-up and practice for Shrine Ceremonial-Lincoln
- 13 Served as Potentate for Sesostris Ceremonial-Lincoln
- 13 Attended St. John's Research Lodge-Geneva
- 16 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 20 Gave 3rd Section of MM lecture and presented five 50 year pins at Crescent Lodge No. 143-Primrose
- 21 Attended AASR Foundation Meeting-Lincoln
- 22 Attended Proficient Past Masters Dinner-Lincoln
- 24 Omaha AASR Spring Outing-Omaha
- 31 Installation Rainbow Assembly No. 6-Lincoln

June 1995

- 1 Attended Business meeting East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 4 Attended reception for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-OES in Columbus
- 5 Met with Thone, Metcalf and Spencer regarding Masonic Foundation Building-Lincoln
- 6 Commissioned Robert Carter as Deputy Grand Custodian-Lincoln
- 6 Presented 50 year Proficiency Plaque to Joe Brown, Lancaster Lodge No. 54-Lincoln
- 7 Nebraska Masonic Foundation meeting-Grand Lodge Office
- 10 Attended Rainbow Grand Assembly-Crete
- 10 Presented Centennial Certificate and M.: W.: Harry A. Spencer with his 70 year pin at North Star Lodge No. 227-Lincoln
- 14 Attended Lincoln Chapter DeMolay Installation-Lincoln
- 15 Attended Past Masters Dinner and presented 50 year pin at Victory Lodge No. 310-Valley
- 17 Presented Centennial Certificate at Comet Lodge No. 229-Ceresco
- 19 Met with Shrine Bowl Committee regarding All-Star Band
- 23 Presented 50 & 60 year pins & Jordan Medal at Wayne Lodge No. 120-Wayne
- 25 Masonic Home Assoc. Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 26 Masonic Home Assoc. Meeting-Omaha
- 26 Masonic Home Assoc. Meeting-Fremont

- 27 Masonic Home Assoc. Dinner-Omaha
- 28 Presented Jordan Medal to Lawrence Johnson on behalf of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265-Lincoln

July 1995

- 1 Presented Jordan Medal at Golden Rule Lodge No. 236-Allen
- 2 Imperial Shrine-Indianapolis, IN
- 3 Imperial Shrine-Indianapolis, IN
- 4 Imperial Shrine-Indianapolis, IN
- 5 Imperial Shrine-Indianapolis, IN
- 6 Imperial Shrine-Indianapolis, IN
- 9 Presented Gold Jordan Medal at Osceola Lodge No. 65-Osceola
- 13 Grand Lodge Officers retreat-South Sioux City
- 14 Grand Lodge Officers retreat-South Sioux City
- 15 Grand Lodge Officers retreat-South Sioux City
- 18 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting-Fremont
- 18 Attended Pawnee Lodge No. 23 meeting to consider consolidation-Pawnee City
- 21 Attended DeMolay Conclave at UNL-Lincoln
- 22 Attended DeMolay Conclave at UNL-Lincoln
- 23 Attended DeMolay Conclave at UNL-Lincoln
- 29 Attended Caring Club Dinner-Plattsmouth

August 1995

- 2 Masonic All-Star Band Camp-Lincoln
- 3 Masonic All-Star Band Camp-Lincoln
- 4 Masonic All-Star Band Camp-Lincoln
- 4 Shrine Bowl Pre-Game Dinner at Sesostris Temple-Lincoln
- 5 Masonic All-Star Band Camp-Lincoln
- 5 Shrine Bowl Parade and Game-Lincoln
- 5 Attended Naphis Temple Daughters of the Nile Dinner-Lincoln
- 5 Attended All Masonic Youth Dance-Lincoln
- 7 Attended Daughters of the Nile dinner-Omaha
- 12 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES Dinner-Lincoln
- 17 Held Critique of Band Camp-Grand Lodge Office
- 18 Attended Midwest Conference of Grand Masters-Milwaukee, WI
- 19 Attended Midwest Conference of Grand Masters-Milwaukee, WI

- 20 Attended Midwest Conference of Grand Masters-Milwaukee, WI
- 21 Meeting with Sesostris Potentate & Masters of Lincoln Lodges
- 23 Pig Roast-AASR-Omaha
- 26 Red Cross of Constantine-Kearney
- 27 Cornerstone Ceremony at Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children-Fremont
- 29 Appointed Reg Kuhn of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem

September 1995

- 6 Presented Mason Awards at Wahoo Lodge No. 59-Wahoo
- 7 Central States Shrine Association-Omaha
- 9 Presented Centennial Certificate at Bartley Lodge No. 228-Bartley
- 9 Confer Master Mason Degree on Bill Stroud-DeMolay State Master Councilor at Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-Sidney
- 10 Returned from Sidney
- 12 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 12 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6-Rehearse for Degree-Plattsmouth
- 14 Received at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 15 Grand Lodge Office
- 16 Presented 50 year pin at North Bend Lodge No. 119-North Bend
- 17 Social and Planning Committee Meeting-Kearney
- 18 Presented year pins at Melrose Lodge No. 60-Orleans
- 19 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 20 Presented 50 year pin at Bellevue Lodge No. 325-Bellevue
- 21 Presented Rusty Nail Degree at Liberty Lodge No. 300-Lincoln
- 22 Attended Custodians school-Grand Island
- 22 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting-Grand Island
- 24 Attended Weeping Water Rainbow Installation
- 26 Presented MSA Certificate at Craftsmen Lodge No. 314-Lincoln
- 27 Attended Ritualistic Divan Dinner-Lincoln
- 30 Conferred Master Mason Degree at Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6-Plattsmouth
- 30 Past Masters Dinner at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln

October 1995

- 1 Ritualistic Divan Pancake Brunch-Lincoln

- 2 Attended Past Masters night at Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6- Plattsmouth
- 3 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 5 Attended Grand Lodge of Illinois-Springfield, IL
- 6 Attended Grand Lodge of Illinois-Springfield, IL
- 7 Attended Grand Lodge of Illinois-Springfield, IL
- 10 Grand Lodge Office
- 14 Presented Humanitarian Award to Judge Harry Spencer-Lincoln
- 15 Double Cornerstone Ceremony at the Omaha Home for Boys-Omaha
- 22 DeMolay Grand Master's Class-Hastings
- 24 Attended Business Meeting at Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 -Wilber
- 25 Meeting regarding Knight Masons
- 30 Attended Proficient Past Masters Dinner-Lincoln
- 31 Judged chili cooking contest at Craftsmen Lodge No. 314-Lincoln

November 1995

- 1 Meeting regarding One-Day class degrees-Lincoln
- 2 Meeting regarding One-Day class degrees-Lincoln
- 2 Attended Business meeting at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 6 Guest Night speaker at Albion Lodge No. 78-Albion
- 7 Attended Lincoln Chapter No. 148 OES-Lincoln
- 9 Committee on One-Day class-Lincoln
- 11 Class Night Dinner at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
- 14 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
- 15 Met at AASR regarding One-Day class-Lincoln
- 16 Met regarding One-Day class-Lincoln
- 17 Attended Office Committee meeting-Grand Lodge Office
- 17 Pre-One-Day registration at SAC building-Lincoln
- 18 One-Day Class-AASR-Dinner at Pershing-Lincoln
- 21 Sojourners meeting at Legion Club-Lincoln
- 30 Attended Open Discussion meeting at Liberty Lodge No. 300-Lincoln

December 1995

- 1 Attended KCCH Ceremony-Scottish Rite-Lincoln
- 1 Attended Business Meeting at Lancaster Lodge No. 54-Lincoln
- 2 Attended Comet Lodge No. 229 Annual Dinner-Ceresco
- 15 Attended Installation of Commandary No. 1-Omaha

- 29 Attended Proficient Past Masters Dinner-Lincoln

January 1996

- 1 Granted Dispensation to Fellowship Daylight Lodge-Lincoln
3 Met with Gus Scolaro to sign and seal certificates-Lincoln
4 Attended Business Meeting at East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
5 Committee meeting, Nebraska Masonic Home-Plattsmouth
7 Installed Officers of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210-Lincoln
9 Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meeting-Plattsmouth
11 Installed Officers of Fellowship Lodge U.:D.:
11 Attended Joint-Installation of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster
Lodge No. 54 and Liberty Lodge No. 300-Lincoln
12 Attended Installation at Comet Lodge No. 229-Ceresco
13 Attended Installation at Shiloh Lodge No. 327-Omaha
14 Installed Officers of Mid-West Lodge No. 317-Hastings
15 Attended Installation of North Star Lodge No. 227-Lincoln
16 Attended Installation of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 and
presented Bronze Jordan Medal and 70 Year Pin-Omaha
17 Attended Masonic Home Board Committee -Plattsmouth
17 Attended Alpha Chapter OES Installation-Bellevue
20 Installed Officers of Nebraska Lodge No. 1-Lincoln
21 Attended Sesostriis Breakfast-Lincoln
23 Attended Myrtle Chapter OES Installation-Lincoln
28 Received DeMolay Legion of Honor-Lincoln
31 Traveled to Grand Lodge-Kearney

PERMISSIONS & DECISIONS

On February 14, 1995, I gave permission to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Scottsbluff to participate in the Oregon Trail Parade during Oregon Trail Days in July.

On February 28, 1995, I gave permission to Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora to temporarily move their charter to Friendship Lodge No. 239 in Chapman on March 7, 1995 since the new building would not be completed.

On March 3, 1995, I gave permission to Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora to incur indebtedness, not to exceed \$30,000 for construction of their new lodge building.

On March 16, 1995, I gave permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney to temporarily move their charter on March 31, 1995 to the Ramada Inn for the purpose of conducting a Table Lodge.

On March 16, 1995, I gave permission to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha to temporarily move their charter on May 20, 1995 to an appropriate site for the purpose of conducting an outdoor degree.

On March 16, 1995, I gave permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha to temporarily move their charter on April 4, 1995 to the Omaha Club for the purpose of conducting a Table Lodge.

On March 31, 1995, I gave permission to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln to temporarily move their charter on July 22 and 23, 1995 to Brooks Hill Country Estate in Missouri for the purpose of participating in a Multi-State Degree Festival.

On April 13, 1995, I received a letter regarding a member of Covert Lodge No. 11 who had been suspended for non-payment of dues in 1982 and passed away in 1983. The family of the member was requesting permission to pay the dues and have his record restored. On April 20, 1995 I issued my decision that according to Section 3-906 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws the record could not be changed, vacated or annulled.

On May 18, 1995, I wrote to M.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg, Chairman of the Lodge Advisory Committee concerning the following decision: During the 1995 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Report of the Charters and Dispensations Committee recommended that the Charter of Gilead Lodge No. 233 in Butte should be lifted. No representatives of Gilead No. 233 had attended the last two Annual Communications. The report of the committee was approved by Grand Lodge. After studying the Grand Lodge Bylaws, I ruled that the wrong committee made the recommendation. For many years the wrong committee has been meeting with the lodges that have missed two successive communications. The particular bylaw of interest is "Section 1-327 Lodge Advisory Committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to advise and work with any subordinate lodge which seems to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It shall also be the duty of this committee to process all applications to surrender a charter and no charter may be surrendered except upon the recommendation of this committee." Therefore, in my letter of May 18, 1995, I asked the Lodge Advisory Committee to meet with the members of Gilead Lodge and provide some guidance to the lodge, hopefully to allow them to keep their charter, and after meeting with them to submit a recommendation. I also asked the committee to be prepared to meet at Grand Lodge in 1996 and meet with the lodges experiencing difficulties and who have not attended for two successive years.

On May 30, 1995, I gave permission to Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson to temporarily move their charter on May 31, 1995 to Bassett for the purpose of holding a special meeting.

On June 1, 1995, I gave permission to Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson to temporarily move their charter on June 1, 1995 to Garfield Lodge No. 95 for the purpose of holding a special meeting.

On June 12, 1995, I gave permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte to display their Masonic Family float in the Nebraskaland Parade on June 17, 1995.

On July 26, 1995, I denied permission to Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson to temporarily move their charter to Garfield Lodge No. 95 for the purpose of holding a special meeting. Permission was denied because Atkinson Lodge is dark during August.

On August 21, 1995, I gave permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to solicit any or all Nebraska Lodges for the purpose of providing provisions for the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck.

On September 7, 1995, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to do a mailing, with labels furnished by the Grand Lodge Office, to all lodges in Nebraska for the purpose of raising funds to provide gifts for the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 27, 1995, I gave permission to Sanford H. Nelson, Potentate of Sesostris Temple to obtain a set of mailing labels for specific zip codes from the Grand Lodge Office to contact lodges in that area to encourage active involvement in Masonic activities and to strengthen membership in that area.

On October 10, 1995, I gave permission to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln to temporarily move their charter on February 2 and 3, 1996 to the Holiday Inn of Kearney for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Master Masons for the 139th Annual Communication.

DISPENSATIONS

On February 6, 1995, I granted dispensation to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice to install their Chaplain out of time.

On February 6, 1995, I granted dispensation to Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege to install their Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On February 9, 1995, I granted dispensation to Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City to waive the proficiency requirement of the Fellow Craft Degree and immediately confer the Master Mason Degree on a candidate on the night of February 9, 1995 provided that the proficiency examination for the Fellow Craft Degree be completed within 60 days.

On February 9, 1995, I granted dispensation to John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha to install their Treasurer and Chaplain out of time.

On February 9, 1995, I granted dispensation to Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore to install their Senior Deacon out of time.

On February 14, 1995, I granted dispensation to Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln to install their Secretary out of time.

On February 14, 1995, I granted dispensation to Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln to install their Junior Warden, Senior Deacon and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 14, 1995, I granted dispensation to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine to install their Senior Deacon and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 28, 1995, I granted dispensation to Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha to install their Secretary and Chaplain out of time.

On March 10, 1995, I granted dispensation to Union Lodge No. 287, Palmyra to install their officers out of time.

On June 16, 1995, I refused a Petition for Dispensation for the formation of a special purpose lodge to perform the following duties. (1) To perform funeral services for sojourning Masons, when called upon to do so. (2) To assist Lodges in the time honored funeral ritual, when called upon to do so. (3) To assist in ritual and perform degrees for other Lodges, when called upon to do so.

On September 3, 1995, I granted dispensation to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth to conduct multiple candidate degrees on a trial basis subject to the following limitations and prohibitions.

- (1) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.
- (2) No multiple candidate degree may involve more than (5) five candidates.
- (3) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must give the three raps and be received individually.
- (4) There will be no multiple candidates in the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree.
- (5) Your officers or ritual team must discuss the manner in which you will conduct each degree with W.:B.: Gene Sibley or myself prior to each degree.
- (6) Each multiple candidate degree must be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Nebraska Work and a Grand Lodge Officer.

On September 19, 1995, I granted dispensation to Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to temporarily move their Charter to the Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln on November 18, 1995.

On September 19, 1995, I granted dispensation to Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln to confer the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, one time, using an exemplary candidate, and multiple candidates witnessing the ceremony from the sidelines within the limitations following:

- (1) Candidates must have been elected to receive the degrees in a Nebraska Lodge.
- (2) The Lodge doing the work must have a request from the candidate's lodge requesting courtesy work.
- (3) There must be at least one member present from the candidate's lodge to witness the degrees.

- (4) Any who have previously received the Entered Apprentice degree may receive the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason degrees. Any who have received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees may receive the Master Mason degree.
- (5) All work must conform to the requirements as attached and be witnessed by one member of the Committee on Nebraska Work and one Deputy Grand Custodian.
- (6) There will be a proficiency examination before advancing to the next degree.
- (7) Aprons and other usual lodge amenities will be distributed at the new members home lodge.
- (8) Dues cards must be distributed to the candidates as soon as possible following their receiving of the degrees.
- (9) Since this will be an all day event, a suitable lunch will be served.
- (10) A list of candidates must be in the hands of the host lodge at least 3 days prior to the receiving of the degrees.
- (11) A count of those attending, including candidates should be in the hands of the host lodge 3 days prior to the conferring of the degrees.
- (12) Each lodge is responsible for collecting their own dues and fees. The host lodge will not collect money for any other lodge.

Under no circumstance should this dispensation be interpreted to eliminate or lessen the requirement for candidate proficiency before proceeding to the next degree.

On September 30, 1995, I granted dispensation to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 to conduct multiple candidate degrees on a trial basis subject to the following limitations and prohibitions:

- (1) Dispensation is granted for one multiple candidate degree in the Entered Apprentice, one multiple candidate degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and one multiple candidate degree in the Master Mason Degree.
- (2) No multiple candidate degree may involve more than (5) five candidates.
- (3) With regard to the Entered Apprentice Degree, each candidate must give the three raps and be received individually and asked the required question when conducted to the center of the Lodge and caused to kneel.
- (4) There will be no multiple candidates in the second section of the Master Mason Degree.
- (5) Your officers and Deputy Grand Custodian must discuss the manner in which you will conduct each Degree with a representative of the Committee on Nebraska Work, prior to the Degree.

- (6) Each Degree must be witnessed and observed by a member of the Committee on Nebraska Work and a Grand Lodge Officer.

October 13, 1995, I granted dispensation to Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair to read and ballot on the Application for Reinstatement for Brother Joseph E. Parker due to extenuating and unfortunate circumstances pertaining to Brother Parkers payment of dues.

On November 17, 1995, I granted dispensation to Palisade Lodge No. 216 to elect officers out of time.

On November 19, 1995, I granted dispensation to Alliance Lodge No. 183 to conduct multiple candidate degrees with the following limitations:

- (1) Dispensation is granted for one multiple Candidate Degree in the Fellow Craft Degree and the First Section of the Master Mason Degree.
- (2) No multiple Candidate Degree may involve more than (5) five candidates.
- (3) Each candidate must take an active part in the Degree the same as if there were only one Candidate.
- (4) There will be no multiple Candidates in the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree.

On November 21, 1995, I granted dispensation to Atkinson Lodge No. 164 to elect officers out of time.

On November 21, 1995, I granted dispensation to Culbertson Lodge No. 174 to elect their Junior Warden out of time.

On December 6, 1995, I granted dispensation to Aurora Lodge No. 68 to install their officers out of time on December 27, 1995.

On December 6, 1995, I granted dispensation to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 to elect officers out of time.

On December 6, 1995, I granted dispensation to Liberty Lodge No. 300 to elect and install a Junior Warden for 1995 out of time.

On December 15, 1995, I granted dispensation to Cement Lodge No. 211 to elect their officers out of time at their regular communication in December.

On December 18, 1995, I granted dispensation to Wausa Lodge No. 251 to conduct multiple candidate degrees with the following limitations:

- (1) Dispensation is granted for one multiple Candidate Degree in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one in the Fellow Craft Degree and one in the First Section of the Master Masons Degree.
- (2) No multiple candidate degree may involve more than five (5) candidates.
- (3) Each candidate must take an active part in the Degree the same as if there were only one candidate.

- (4) There will be no multiple candidate in the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree.

On December 19, 1995, I granted dispensation to Euclid Lodge No. 97 to elect their Master at their regular communication in January.

On December 27, 1995, I granted dispensation to Ornan Lodge NO. 261 to install their officers out of time.

On January 1, 1996, I granted dispensation to twenty-one Master Masons to operate a lodge of Master Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska which will hold regular communication during daylight hours to be called Fellowship Daylight Lodge U.:D.:.

On January 25, 1996, I granted dispensation to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to install their officers out of time.

On February 1, 1996, I withdrew the dispensation granted on January 1 giving twenty-one Master Masons permission to operate a lodge of Master Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska, to hold regular communication during daylight hours.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

On April 17, 1995, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 and a member of that lodge. Awaiting judgment of the Commission.

On December 27, 1995, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Jachin Lodge No. 146 and a member of that lodge. Awaiting judgment of the Commission.

On December 27, 1995, pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the bylaws I appointed a Trial Commission to conduct a Masonic Trial in a matter involving Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and a member of that lodge. Awaiting judgment of the Commission.

GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE

This year, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America convened on February 19th in Fargo, North Dakota. This annual meeting continues to be the premiere conference on Masonry in North America.

Your Grand Master was pleased and honored to have been asked to present a paper on long-range planning. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is known and respected as being a leader in Masonry and the eyes of many other Grand Jurisdictions continue to be on us. I also served on the "Time and Place Committee" for the Conference.

Since each jurisdiction is sovereign unto itself, nothing can be passed at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America that is binding on the member

jurisdictions. The conference is attended by virtually every Grand Jurisdiction in North America plus several other countries and the exchange of ideas that takes place is extremely important. We should continue to support this conference by our attendance and participation.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

On August 19th and 20th, the Mid-West Conference of Grand Masters met in Wisconsin. This is a real, working conference involving only a few jurisdictions near Nebraska. Attending this conference with me were our Deputy Grand Master, V. Kaye Ramsey, and the Grand Senior Warden, Kenneth Fleming.

At this conference, I had been asked to present a paper on the "Recognition of Prince Hall Masonry." Again, we are seen as a leader in the Masonic Community, and other Grand Jurisdictions are watching us and following our lead. Several other Grand Jurisdictions have now granted recognition to one or more Grand Jurisdictions of Prince Hall Masonry.

Other papers presented were on "Grand Lodge Finance," presented by the Grand Master of Iowa, and "One Day Classes," presented by the Grand Master of Kansas.

Nebraska will be responsible for the program for this conference in 1998 and will host the conference the following year.

THE CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

1. Membership

Our membership continues to decline despite the efforts of many individuals and lodges that have worked very hard sponsoring guest nights, open houses and similar programs. Of particular concern to me is the number of individuals suspended for non-payment of dues. This year letters were written to every member suspended at the end of 1994. I received responses from a large percentage of those individuals. Some had fallen on hard times and could not, in good conscience, deprive their families by using the money to pay their lodge dues. In these cases, I wonder what happened to our vows of assisting our Brethren. Most of us are proud and it would be embarrassing to have to ask for assistance. In several instances, brethren in nursing homes, maybe even not capable of knowing that dues were delinquent, were suspended without any inquiry as to their well-being. Even members who had died during the course of the year were suspended because no one contacted them to see why they didn't pay their dues. Many of the letters and phone calls I received indicated that no dues notice had been sent, no letters written, not even a phone call to inquire about the well-being of the brother. This is, as I see it, a major problem. When the lodge ignores the member, we should not be surprised that the member chooses to ignore the lodge and fails to pay his dues.

2. Directorate Leadership

Your Grand Lodge Officers continue to believe in and practice Directorate Leadership, whereby the Grand Master voluntarily relinquishes his power and authority for the good of the Fraternity. Appointments or programs of more than one year duration or decisions that will impact the budget require the entire Grand Lodge Line endorsement. We would encourage the line officers of the subordinate lodges to adopt a similar program. This does not require that bad ideas be continued but assures that good programs will not be dropped.

3. Imperial Shrine

This year I attended the Imperial Shrine session in Indianapolis, as a guest of the three Shrine Temples in Nebraska. I wish to express my gratitude to them for the courtesies extended to my wife and me. I was very impressed with the interest in and support of Symbolic Masonry. Their membership program called "Slam dunk" provides rewards to those signing petitions. The reward for signing a petition for the Symbolic Lodge is three times as great as for signing a petition for the Shrine. This can only be viewed as support for the entire fraternity. The divisive element that was evident in the Shrine a few years ago is apparently gone and cooperation among all the members of the Masonic family can be expected for the next several years. The current Imperial Potentate is also the Senior Warden of his lodge.

4. Area Meetings

Again this year, during the fall, your Grand Lodge Line Officers held area meetings throughout the State. There were two purposes for these meetings. First, to allow every lodge officer a chance to meet and get to know at least one Grand Lodge Officer. Second, to encourage all delegates to Grand Lodge to discuss and question every item of legislation that will come before Grand Lodge this year. I wish to thank my officers for taking their time to attend these meetings and also thanks to those lodges that acted as hosts for their area.

5. Band Camp

This year, with the approval of the Grand Lodge Line Officers, we tried something new. The idea to hold a band camp at the same time and in conjunction with the Shrine Bowl Football Classic was borrowed from the Grand Lodge of Kansas. My thanks to the Grand Lodge of Kansas for their cooperation and assistance in getting us started on this worthwhile project. We also thank the Shrine Bowl Committee for their cooperation and encouragement. It was our desire to have as many lodges or other members of the Masonic family as possible sponsor one or more students from their local high school band. Since this was a marching band we asked that each student have the endorsement of his or her band director to assure getting the best possible marching students. The band members were housed in dormitories on the campus at the University of Nebraska. There were two students to a room with the boys on two floors and the girls on two separate floors. There were two chaperons on each floor. The instructors were graduate assistants with the Cornhusker Marching Band. The instructors had the music program laid out ahead of time and each student had

his or her music in time to practice before coming to camp. The practices were on the field at Memorial Stadium on the University of Nebraska campus. By the date of the beginning of the camp we had ninety-nine band members enrolled, each with a Masonic sponsor. One student had an emergency arise and had to cancel at the last minute. The students were registered and room assignments made on Wednesday, August 2nd. That evening, the first practice was held and the only word to describe the atmosphere was "intense." By the end of the evening, the instructors had every student assigned to his or her place and the students were familiar with the music. Practices were held Thursday morning, afternoon and evening. On Friday, practice was again held in the morning but part of the afternoon practice was canceled because of the hard work of the band members. That evening the band had dinner at the Shrine Mosque with the members of both football teams and then played a concert for the benefit of the football players and coaches. Saturday morning, the band members had to eat breakfast, check out of their dormitory rooms and be ready to march and play in the Shrine Bowl Parade. The first "Masonic All-Star Marching Band" was the lead unit in the parade. It was an honor to lead the parade and the band did an outstanding job. They were great. Following the parade, the members of the Tehama Temple Shrine Band provided lunch for the student band members under the north end of the stadium. The "Masonic All-Star Marching Band" marched onto the Memorial Stadium Field during the Shrine Bowl half-time and they were great. They sounded just as good as the Cornhusker Marching Band. They looked good in their white shorts and blue shirts with a square and compass on the front. After the half-time performance, the band members were free to go back home. Each band member was given a photograph and a press release and requested to deliver it to his or her hometown newspaper. At the last count, I had sixty clippings from all over the State, with a positive message about Masonry. We have also received many very positive letters from the band members or their parents regarding the instruction they received and the good time they had. This was a very successful venture and one I hope is continued in the future.

6. Grand Secretary

Late this summer Right Worshipful Virgil L. Tubach found it necessary to resign his position as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. Virgil served as Grand Secretary for three years giving not only of his time but of himself to this particular office for which we shall be eternally grateful.

On August 29, 1995, I appointed Worshipful Brother Reginald S. Kuhn to serve as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem. Reg is a member of Solar Lodge No. 134 and Lincoln Lodge No. 19, where he has served as Lodge Secretary for several years. Reg's wealth of knowledge and experience has been an asset to this Grand Lodge during his tenure as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem.

7. One-Day Class

On August 21, 1995, I met with the Potentate of Sesostris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, representatives of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Lincoln Valley, Worshipful Masters of Lincoln area

Lodges and others to discuss the possibility of conducting a "One-Day Class"; the One-Day to include the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. We all agreed that it was a good idea but that because of the short time before the end of the year, it would be difficult to get enough petitions and plan a successful initiation. The joint decision was made to go ahead with the One-Day plan. It was successful beyond our wildest expectations. Even though the ritual had to be abbreviated somewhat, those in attendance agreed that the ritual was well done. Because of the number of candidates, the flawless ritual, the size of the crowd and the impressiveness of the Scottish Rite Temple, the initiates received a very favorable impression of Masonry. Each candidate was told, during the initiation, and by letter from the Grand Master, that it would be necessary for him to go to his lodge to sign the bylaws and to receive his apron or other amenities each lodge might normally provide.

This One-Day class has convinced me that we need to examine, very carefully, our process for joining the fraternity. The one-day class may not be the best course to follow for the future, but the old way is not working. We need to devise a way to shorten the joining process, from the time a petition is signed, to the conferring of the Master Mason Degree.

8. Humanitarian Award

On October 14, 1995, it was my great pleasure to present the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to Most Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer. This award was started by Most Worshipful Brother Tom Tye during his tenure as Grand Master and is a fine program. It allows the Grand Master to recognize those outstanding Masons who have made significant contributions to Masonry, as well as to their community. This award may not be given to more than two recipients per year. Most Worshipful Brother Spencer is extremely well qualified to receive this award. His service to his lodge, church, service club, Boy Scouts, as well as serving several elected offices make him uniquely qualified. At the current time he is still serving on the State Retirement Board; as President of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home; and chairs the Grand Lodge Jurisprudence Committee. This is an important award and one I hope will be continued for many years to come. There are many of our brethren across the state who deserve the thanks and recognition this award attempts to deliver.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the provision of Article X, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, I make the following Recommendations, which in my opinion and the opinion of the Grand Lodge Officers, are deemed necessary and expedient for the future welfare of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

Recommendation No. 1 — Grand Secretary

I recommend Section 1-201 and Section 1-321, Paragraph (c) of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to reflect the narrowing of duties where the Grand

Secretary is no longer spending full time at the Grand Lodge Office. The said sections will then read:

"Section 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 Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. 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 1-321 - GRAND LODGE OFFICES - The Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing 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 insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year; 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."

Recommendation No. 2 — Certificate Required

I recommend that Section 2-1302 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended replacing the term certificate of transfer with Certificate of Good Standing. The said section would then read:

"Section 2-1302 - CERTIFICATE REQUIRED - A subordinate lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing, as hereinafter provided, or demit or its equivalent, provided that when the petitioner has lost his demit or Certificate of Good Standing which has been issued him from a lodge which has become extinct, he may make application to the Grand Secretary and upon proper showing receive from him a duplicate demit which certificate shall accompany the petition for affiliation. A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction or one authorized by law of another Grand Jurisdiction shall not become a member of the lodge petitioned until he is elected and his demit or its equivalent has been obtained by said lodge.

Recommendation No. 3 — Enumerated

I recommend that Section 3-102, Paragraph (g) of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to add High Twelve International, Inc. The said section would then read:

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

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

Recommendation No. 4 — Qualifications of Candidates

I recommend that Section 2-902 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended by deleting paragraph 5 which addresses physical defects. The said section would then read:

"Section 2-902 - QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES - Each candidate for the degrees in Masonry must:

1. Be a man, free born.
2. Be nineteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.
3. Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, and no other religious test shall be required or allowed.
4. Be able to read and write English.

Conclusion

It is difficult for me to realize that a year has gone by since I was installed as your Grand Master. It has been a busy year but there is still work that needs to be completed. I know that, with Grand Master-Elect V. Kaye Ramsey as your Grand Master, the work will continue and that I am leaving this Grand Jurisdiction in very capable hands. The fine corps of officers that will be continuing will be just as supportive of Kaye as they have been of me and we can expect good things to happen in the future.

There are several people I wish to thank for the support and encouragement given to me during the last several years and, especially, this past year. First, to my wife, Mary Alice, who accompanied me on as many lodge visits as possible. I usually forgot to introduce her and she was always very understanding. I always had clean clothes to wear and dinner on the table when I came home from work. A very big thank you for all you have done to make this such a memorable experience.

To the Grand Lodge officers for the support you have shown to me personally and for all of the work you do for this Grand Jurisdiction. Together, we have made a difference this year.

To our Grand Lodge Office Manager Chris Rudder, Administrative Secretary Carol Schroeder and Office Assistant Lorie Lindenmuth, for their hard work; especially, during the Band Camp. You went far above and beyond the call of duty and your job descriptions.

To the members of my lodge, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, for their support and for my top hat. For all of the work during my installation and the opening and closing of this Annual Communication, Thank You.

To all of the Grand Masters under whom I have been privileged to serve. Starting with M.: W.: Robert Metcalf, who appointed me as Grand Custodian Pro-Tem. M.: W.: Charles Amidon, who appointed me as Grand Custodian. M.: W.: Wayne Luenenborg, M.: W.: Paul Eveland and M.: W.: Tom Tye, who each re-appointed me to continue in this position. M.: W.: John McHenry, who started me in the Grand Lodge line and each of those Grand Masters since. M.: W.: James DeMoss, M.: W.: James Eatmon, M.: W.: Donald Pohlman and M.: W.: Steve Mattoon. It has been an honor to know and to serve with these very distinguished Masonic leaders.

Most of all, I wish to thank the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the trust and confidence you have shown in me by allowing me to serve as your Grand Master. It has been a wonderful experience and one that I will never forget. Thank You.

Fraternally,

Jerry L. Rittenburg
Grand Master

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

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master V. Kaye Ramsey presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye reported that the Jurisprudence Committee stated that the committee did review all recommendations being made by the Grand Master and found that Recommendations 1 - 4 are all in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

Recommendation No. 1 — Grand Secretary

"Section 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 Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. 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 1-321 - GRAND LODGE OFFICES - The Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing 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 insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year; 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."

Following discussion Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 — Certificate Required

"Section 2-1302 - CERTIFICATE REQUIRED - A subordinate lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing, as hereinafter provided, or demit or its equivalent, provided that when the petitioner has lost his demit or Certificate of Good Standing which has been issued him from a lodge which has become extinct, he may make application to the Grand Secretary and upon proper showing receive from him a duplicate demit which certificate shall accompany the petition for affiliation. A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction or one authorized by law of another Grand Jurisdiction shall not become a member of the lodge petitioned until he is elected and his demit or its equivalent has been obtained by said lodge.

Following discussion Recommendation No. 2 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 — Enumerated

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

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

Following discussion Recommendation No. 3 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 — Qualifications of Candidates

"Section 2-902 - QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES - Each candidate for the degrees in Masonry must:

1. Be a man, free born.
2. Be nineteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.
3. Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, and no other religious test shall be required or allowed.
4. Be able to read and write English.

Following discussion Recommendation No. 4 was adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Virgil L. Tubach, 54

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

I assisted in the laying of cornerstones at Silver Creek, Aurora and the Omaha Home for Boys.

I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Secretary's Conference of North America held February 19-21, 1995 at Fargo, North Dakota. With the Grand Master and other distinguished Masons of Appendent Bodies of Nebraska, I attended the Northeastern Kansas Masonic Honors Festival the evening of March 7th at Hiawatha, Kansas. I was recognized as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska York Rite Masons where on Friday afternoon, April 7th, I had the pleasure of receiving and introducing Most Worshipful Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, upon being installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

A "special thank you" to the Grand Lodge Office Staff, you have been most kind, courteous and helpful to me. To you, the Members of this Grand Lodge, I wish to "thank you" for the support and confidence you had in me by electing me twice as your Grand Secretary. I will continue to attend this Grand Lodge, to support it and to serve it as I am asked to do so and my ability will permit.

It has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Lodge as either an appointed Officer or as an elected Officer these past eight years. A special "thank you" to Most Worshipful Brother Paul R. Eveland, who as the incoming Grand Master in 1988 appointed me as his Grand Orator, and to Most Worshipful Brother James L. Eatmon, who during his term as Grand Master in 1992 appointed me as Pro-Tem Grand Secretary. Life never stands still, it continues to move through time, so too must all good things come to an end. Thus, I submitted my resignation as Grand Secretary to Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg in July, 1995, to free me for other Masonic commitments at a different level.

I had the pleasure of being at Lincoln Lodge No. 19 the night that Worshipful Brother Reginald S. Kuhn was officially "chained" as the Pro-Tem Grand Secretary. I ask that you give Worshipful Brother Kuhn your support as the Grand Secretary. He is most deserving and is a great asset to the Grand Lodge Family.

May the Great Creator ever let his GRACE fall upon this Fraternity and upon this Grand Lodge in particular.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil L. Tubach, Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY PRO-TEM

Reginald S. Kuhn, 134 & 19

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

I would like to express my appreciation to Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg for the confidence which he placed in me and the honor which he bestowed upon my home Lodges through my appointment as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem. This appointment is a tremendous honor, and it is with great humility that I accepted his gracious invitation to serve our Fraternity.

I would also like to express my thanks to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for your many words of support and welcome. I have appreciated your patience during the past months of transition, and it is a privilege to be able to speak and correspond with so many of you. A special thanks to our dedicated Secretaries throughout the state for your tireless efforts on behalf of our Fraternity. As Secretary of my own Lodge, I am aware of the great commitment that many of you make to Masonry in Nebraska.

One of the most important components of my smooth transition has been the help of Chris Rudder and Carol Schroeder in the Grand Lodge office. Without the support and hard work of these two fine individuals, the workings of this Grand Lodge would not take place. The Nebraska Grand Lodge is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals associated with us, and I hope that you will convey your personal words of appreciation and thanks to each of them.

Since my appointment as Grand Secretary Pro-Tem, I attended the cornerstone ceremonies for the Omaha Home for Boys on October 15, 1995, and the Grand Custodian's School in Grand Island on September 29, 1995. I also had the opportunity to present a Bronze Jordan Medal on behalf of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 on November 27, 1995.

Number of Lodges	Final 1994	Preliminary 1995
181		
Initiated	321	399
Passed	323	397
Raised	324	425
Affiliated	68	74
Dual Membership	42	36
Reinstatements	172	281
Consolidations	121	85
Other	2	1
Total Gains	729	902
Deaths	711	633
Demits	66	71

Suspensions	545	576
Withdrawals	6	1
Consolidations	121	85
Termination of Dual	20	17
Other	2	0
 Total Losses	 1471	 1383
 Net Membership Changes	 (742)	 (481)
 Membership 12/31/93	 21207	
Membership 12/31/94	20463	
 Preliminary Membership as of 12/31/95		 19,982

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

- 322— 50 year pins presented
- 42— 60 year pins presented
- 16— 70 year pins presented

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Reginald S. Kuhn
Grand Secretary Pro-Tem

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The annual report of the Grand Custodian is hereby respectfully and fraternally submitted. To date this year seventy lodges have received their certification of proficiency. As the final reports from the Deputy Grand Custodians come in this number will undoubtedly increase. The lodge that certified this year after a lapse of one or more years was:

Charity Lodge No. 53

This lodge and its officers along with its respective Deputy Grand Custodian should be congratulated for making the extra effort required to certify its lodge.

To date the following lodges have been certified for sixty or more years in succession:

- Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (72)
- Fremont Lodge No. 15 (65)
- Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (61)
- Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (67)
- Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (62)
- Crete Lodge No. 37 (63)
- Hastings Lodge No. 50 (72)
- Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (74)
- Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (71)
- Hooper Lodge No. 72 (71)
- Utica Lodge No. 96 (67)
- Euclid Lodge No. 97 (65)
- Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 (70)
- East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (62)
- North Star Lodge No. 227 (63)
- John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (64)
- Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (72)

I congratulate all these lodges and officers in the special effort they set forth in continuing this fine tradition.

As of the writing of this report there are 335 certified brethren, however this will change as final certifications are mailed in.

The following brethren received their original certificates of proficiency during the 1995 Masonic year. They each deserve special congratulations for their outstanding accomplishment.

- Elsworth L. Abbott, Falls City Lodge No. 9
- Randall L. Hart, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Landmark Lodge No. 222
- John G. Haeberle, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
- Dean Papenhagen, Hastings Lodge No. 50
- Keith E. Attebery, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- James P. Franson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Waldron G. Heany, Thistle Lodge No. 61, Crescent Lodge No. 143
- John R. Butler, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Monte D. Dietrick, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
- Richard L. Harriger, Oasis Lodge No. 271
- David A. Kipp, Florence Lodge No. 281

The following brethren received ten year pins of proficiency:

- Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
- Jon L. Milne, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
- John M. Weidner, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
- Jerry G. Niday, Comet Lodge No. 229
- Gene F. Peterson, Comet Lodge No. 229

Robert L. Carter, Jr., Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, East Lincoln Lodge
No. 210
Deon D. Eberly, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

Twenty year certificates of merit were presented to the following brethren:

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

The following brethren completed their 25th year of proficiency:

A. Russell Jensen, Tekamah Lodge No. 31
Dale E. Kube, Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Donald H. Rood, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Thomas H. Lutey, Kimball Lodge No. 294
Jimmie L. Brown, College View Lodge No. 320
Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

The following Brethren completed their 30th year of proficiency:

Robert E. Wolf, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Herman O. Hansen, Capitol Lodge No. 3
Marshall C. Spradlin, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Frank W. Brooks, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Melvin E. Hatfield, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Cecil L. Ristau, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Herbert L. Graham, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Lanny F. Godsey, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Paul Sacks, Centennial Lodge No. 326, Shiloh Lodge No. 327

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency:

Donald S. Mack, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Harold O. Milburn, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Charles E. Connors, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Robert M. Higgs, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Charles W. Amidon, Florence Lodge No. 281, Shiloh Lodge No. 327

The following brethren completed their 40th year of proficiency:

Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Albert W. Watsek, Humboldt Lodge No. 40
Richard B. Hobson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Victor D. Hunt, Keystone Lodge No. 62
Joseph J. Aschenbrenner, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Robert O. Ihnen Jr., Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Norman L. Sorensen, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184

Elner A. Olander, North Star Lodge No. 227
Harold P. Loveless, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Capitol Lodge No. 3

The following brethren completed their 45th year of proficiency:

Nels H. Ostergaard, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Edward F. Grabe, Papillion Lodge No. 39
Justin F. Fauss, Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110
James W. Gray, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Blue River
Lodge No. 30

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

Harry A. Spencer, Sr., North Star Lodge No. 227, Bee Hive
Lodge No. 184 (65)
Frank H. Newton Jr., Blue River Lodge No. 30 (64)
T. Ross Magowan, Arcana Lodge No. 195 (61)
Warner W. Miller, Victory Lodge No. 310 (59)
Louis V. Sylvester, Florence Lodge No. 281 (58)
Herbert A. Ronin, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (56)
Francis L. Lehr, George Washington Lodge No. 250 (56)
G. Irwin Osterloh, Hooper Lodge No. 72 (52)
Ray W. Andersen, Victory Lodge No. 310 (51)
Joseph F. Brown, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (50)

During the year I examined Worshipful Brother Robert L. Carter of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and recommended that he be commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian of District No. 13. He was commissioned by Most Worshipful Jerry Rittenburg on June 6, 1995.

On November 14, 1995, I examined Brother Richard H. Cooper of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 and have recommended that he be commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian of District No. 30 during February 1996 Grand Lodge Session.

As of this writing the active Deputy Grand Custodians are:

District No. 1 — Roy L. Smith
District No. 2 — Herbert M. Chambers
District No. 3 — Halsey D. Philips
District No. 4 — James E. Cornish
District No. 5 — Ronald D. Grass
District No. 7 — Lloyd F. Vrtiska
District No. 8 — John C. Sierks
District No. 9 — Lloyd I. Edwards
District No. 10 — Steven A. Green
District No. 11 — Eugene C. Sibley
District No. 13 — Robert L. Carter
District No. 16 — Lynn Doty
District No. 17 — Victor D. Hunt
District No. 18 — Arthur S. Dye

- District No. 20 — Scott J. Krieger
- District No. 21 — Wayne E. Beatty
- District No. 24 — Delmar A. Jones
- District No. 25 — Richard W. Linnemeyer
- District No. 26 — Arthur J. Ferguson
- District No. 27 — Keith B. Leibhart
- District No. 28 — V. Rosenberger
- District No. 29 — Leslie A. Evert
- District No. 30 — Everett K. Dappen
- District No. 31 — John M. Weidner, Sr.
- District No. 32 — Roger L. Shillington
- District No. 34 — Gerald D. Verbeek
- District No. 35 — Harold W. Noble
- District No. 36 — Don L. Jelinek
- District No. 37 — Albert A. Wise
- District No. 38 — Frank R. Harris

These fine men are one of the hardest working group of Masons in the state and deserve the utmost courtesy and respect for their diligence and devotion to duty. They spend many evenings away from home and their families in order to perform their duties. It is indeed a pleasure to work with such a fine group of dedicated brethren.

The current list of Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti are:

- Louis V. Sylvester
- Clifford D. Webster
- Glenn W. Binder
- Curtis J. Griess
- Harold A. Tilton
- Willard I. Lewis Jr.
- Herman O. Hansen
- Richard L. Mauch
- Everett K. Dappen
- Frank R. Harris
- Alfred V. Peltzer
- Ben D. Fussell
- Ralph McNulty
- A. W. Clark
- D. Wayne Erickson
- Mervin E. Ransom Sr.

Again this year, I along with the Deputy Grand Custodians of various districts held twenty-five schools of instruction. In traveling across the state I find the brethren have a strong interest in the ritual and all are following the same as set by the committee on Nebraska Work. At this time I would like to thank the Deputy Grand Custodians and Worshipful Masters who made these schools possible.

In addition to the twenty-five schools of instruction throughout the state a custodial school was held in Grand Island September 22nd and 23rd. It was attended by Deputy Grand Custodians, Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti, Grand Lodge Officers, and several Past Grand Masters. During this school the floor work and all lectures were covered in their entirety.

This year three lodges participated in degree competition on October 7, 1995 at Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney. I would like to thank Rob Morris Lodge for the outstanding job they did in hosting this event.

Your Grand Custodian also participated in six cornerstone ceremonies, a humanitarian award, one area educational meeting and various other functions around the state.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Committee on Nebraska Work this year. They have been very helpful and supportive of the efforts of the Grand Custodian.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg for the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge as your Grand Custodian this year.

This report is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally
Gus Scolaro
Grand Custodian

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

LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wayne G. Lueneborg, 32 & 39

A visit was made to Gilead Lodge No. 233 located at Butte, Nebraska for the purpose of determining its present status and what action, if any should be taken so far as advice or assistance is concerned and the problem of their absence at the Grand Lodge Communication the past three years.

At this writing, no action has been taken. A letter was written to Most Worshipful Jerry Rittenburg concerning the conditions at Butte. A meeting of the entire Committee will be held at the 1996 Grand Lodge Session and recommendations made to the Grand Master.

Also letters were written to the following lodges informing them of their absence:

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| Fairmont Lodge No. 48 | 2 years |
| DeWitt Lodge No. 111 | 2 years |
| Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 | 2 years |
| Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 | 2 years |
| Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 | 2 years |

Diamond Lodge No. 291	2 years
Gilead Lodge No. 233	3 years

Respectfully submitted,
 M.:W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg
 Chairman Lodge Advisory Committee

Most Woshipful Brother Wayne Lueningborg moved for adoption of the report of the Lodge Advisory Committee. The Report was adopted by a vote of the delegates present.

REPORT OF THE BAND COMMITTEE

Charles M. Godwin, 210, Chairman

In the fall of 1994 when Deputy Grand Master, Jerry L. Rittenburg began the proceedings to organize the first Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band to perform at the annual Shrine Bowl, August 5, and to march in the parade in Lincoln prior to the game, he asked W.:B.: Charles M. Godwin to head up this endeavor.

Since the Grand Lodge of Kansas had successfully sponsored a similar program for eight years, contact was made with Brother Jerry K. VanAllen, Executive Director of the Kansas Masonic Foundation. Brother VanAllen responded with copies of letters, announcements, guidelines, etc. and these were used in developing the Nebraska program.

No official committee was formed, and all planning, organizing and the final activities were coordinated by W.:B.: Charles M. Godwin, M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg and Grand Lodge Office Manager Chris Rudder. It was Chris Rudder who was responsible for all the details of the project, and she should be commended for her outstanding contributions to the first successful Masonic All-Star Marching Band in Nebraska. She received fine assistance from Carol Schroeder, Administrative Secretary.

The Grand Lodge Officers were consulted by M.:W.: Rittenburg, and they endorsed the program. It was then that the organizing of the project began. W.:B.: Godwin contacted the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Housing Office and several members of the music department. The Housing Office provided information on the availability of dorm housing during the specified time, guidelines and rates. A time schedule was developed, as a band clinic preceded the Shrine Bowl. The high school students involved in the program had never marched and/or played together. Therefore, it was necessary to build a cohesive group that could perform well.

Contracts were signed with the Housing Office and a search for band directors took place. W.:B.: Godwin was able to secure the services of David Harrison, graduate student at UNL and one of the staff members for the University of Nebraska Marching Band. Mr. Harrison selected two graduate assistants, both

music majors and experienced with high school marching bands, John DeStefano and Neal Schnoor. M.:W.: Rittenburg secured a number of chaperones to supervise the students in the dorm.

On March 4, 1995, W.:B.: Godwin addressed the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association to explain the program and to enlist their support. Mailing labels with names and addresses of all high school band/music teachers in Nebraska were purchased from the Nebraska Department of Education. Letters were sent to all high schools explaining the program and stating the criteria for selection.

Letters were sent to all Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic Organizations requesting their support in sponsoring a student in the amount of a \$150.00 scholarship. The response was excellent and all 98 high school participants were sponsored by a Masonic Organization and/or in a few cases, by their high schools.

The band clinic began on Wednesday, August 2, with the students reporting in by 4 p.m., with registration directed by Chris Rudder. A pizza supper was served and a 3 hour clinic led by the instructors followed. Most of Thursday and Friday provided additional time for clinics and practicing on the field in the football stadium. This was arranged with Butch Hug, Events Manager Facilities and Events at UNL. Evening activities for the students included a dance, swim party and interaction with the Tehama Temple Band.

On Saturday morning, the band led the parade through downtown Lincoln. Tehama Temple from Hastings provided the lunch. The band was seated in the east stadium and gave a ten minute half-time performance with part of the show broadcast on ETV.

The participating students received blue and white T-shirts designed by Chris Rudder, plastic water bottles, name tags, and room and board as part of the \$150.00 fee. There were honorariums for the music instructors, and the chaperones received their board and room and T-shirts.

Other details such as liability insurance, parental permission, expenses, copies of letters, announcements and bulletins and all communications are on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

A final thank you to Glenn Wagner from the Shrine Bowl Office and his staff for their assistance with the project.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted,
Charles M. Godwin, 210

In the absence of W.:B.: Godwin, Most Woshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg presented the report and a 20 minute video of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic. The Report of the Band Committee was adopted by a vote of the delegates present.

VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 —

I recommend that the annual per capita tax in Section 2-601 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be increased one Dollar (\$1.00) for the use of the Grand Lodge General Fund because it is apparent that future operating costs will increase.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence finds that Resolution No. 1 is in proper form containing the required signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

M.: W.: Grand Master Rittenburg called for a signer of Resolution No. 1 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. Ivan Vrtiska, a member of the Appropriations Committee spoke in favor of the Resolution and moved for adoption. Grand Master Rittenburg opened the floor for discussion. Being none the vote was called for.

By a show of hands the resolution carried.

Resolution No. 2 - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Lodge Bylaws be and they hereby are amended as follows:

CHAPTER IV — GRAND LODGE FUNDS

Section 1-401 — INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of three (3) members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. Vacancies shall immediately be filled by the Grand Master. A majority of such Board shall, as it deems wise and prudent, 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 Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment or banking field. All trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed immediately.

(c) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman and secretary from its membership.

(d) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel rooms and meals. They are also 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.

(e) The Board of Grand Trustees 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 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 Board of Trustees may employ such firm. Any professional management firm may be terminated and a new one employed, utilizing the same procedure.

(f) 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 Board of Grand Trustees 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 Board of Grand Trustees. An annual written report of the professional investment management firm and Board of Grand Trustees shall be made at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) 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 Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees.

(h) The Board of Grand Trustees 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.

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

Section 1-405 — GENERAL FUNDS, SPECIAL FUNDS AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FUND — That hereafter the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be the following: General Funds, 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 shall be separate and distinct from all other funds.

There is hereby established a Special Fund, which shall consist of monies gifted or bequeathed 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.

The Committee on Jurisprudence does find said resolution in proper form containing the required signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

Grand Master Rittenburg called for a signer of Resolution No. 2 to approach the microphone at the Altar and state their position and move for the adoption of the resolution. Paul Kenyon of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 spoke in favor of the resolution and moved for adoption. There being no further discussion, a show of hands was called for and the resolution passed.

It is the understanding of the Committee on Jurisprudence that an insufficient number of Lodges approved the proposed Constitutional Amendment and that therefore this resolution cannot be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184, Chairman

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 1996, by Chairman Harry A. Spencer, with the following members present: Jack H. Hendrix, Steven F. Mattoon, and Thomas W. Tye. John M. McHenry, a member of the committee was unable to attend. Also in attendance were the following Grand Lodge Officers: Jerry L. Rittenburg, Grand Master; V. Kaye Ramsey, Deputy Grand Master; Kenneth G. Fleming, Grand Senior Warden; Don E. Rasmussen; Grand Junior Warden; Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary Pro-Tem; Arthur R. Sharp, Grand Chaplain; Philip A. Lorenzen, Grand Orator; Don A. Mears, Grand Historian; Augustine Scolaro, Grand Custodian; Dwight E. Smith, Grand Senior Deacon; James F. Brown, Jr., Grand Junior Deacon; Ken D. Beebe, Grand Senior Steward; Scott J. Krieger, Grand Junior Steward; and Ted McNeese, Grand Tyler. The following Past Grand Masters were also in attendance: James N. DeMoss and James L. Eatmon.

Everyone present was welcomed by Chairman Spencer and invited to participate in the proceedings of the Jurisprudence Committee with the right to ask questions and participate in every way in the discussions, actions, and proceedings of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Chairman Spencer appointed Thomas W. Tye as Secretary for the Committee for the purposes of this meeting and asked that Brother Tye present the report on the floor of Grand Lodge on his behalf.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee on Jurisprudence was approved as printed.
2. A report of the Committee on Business and Rules was received and reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. The business of the 139th Annual Communication will be governed by the rules therein set forth. The Committee found the report and rules to be in proper form, and approved the report without change.
3. The Committee then began a review of the Grand Masters Report and in so doing reviewed all of the Permissions, Decisions, Dispensations and Bylaw changes as set forth in the printed Address of the Grand Master. Clarification of the bylaws change approved on November 28, 1995, for Aurora Lodge No. 68 set forth on page 5 of the Grand Master's printed report was corrected. The bylaw change approved authorizes the Worshipful Master to advance the hour of the regular meeting of their Lodge, if announced in advance, and that it shall be permissible with the consent of the Brethren to suspend any regular scheduled meeting not to exceed three in each calendar year. With this correction the Permissions, Decisions, Dispensations and Bylaw changes were approved unanimously.

The Committee then reviewed the Grand Master's Supplemental Address containing Consolidations, Bylaws approved or disapproved, and Dispensations rendered by the Grand Master from the date of his published report up to and including February 1, 1996. The Committee on Jurisprudence unanimously approved the Bylaw changes as well as the Dispensations set forth therein.

Your Committee then reviewed the recommendations of your Grand Master being Recommendations 1 through 4. With reference to Recommendation No. 1 - Grand Secretary - the Committee finds that the recommendation is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

With reference to Recommendation No. 2 - Certificate Required - the Committee finds that said recommendation is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

With reference to Recommendation No. 3 - Entitled "Enumerated" dealing with High Twelve - your Committee finds that it is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

With reference to Recommendation No. 4 - Qualifications of Candidates - the Committee on Jurisprudence finds that it is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication. The Grand Master advised that he will be asking the Grand Lodge to unanimously approve a change in Recommendation No. 4 striking the words "free born" and if unanimous approval is obtained your Committee on Jurisprudence finds that Recommendation No. 4 in that form is in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

At the 138th Communication concluding on February 4, 1995 there were properly submitted two (2) resolutions to change the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge. The first resolution deals with the Amendment of Section 2-601 asking that the dues be increased by \$1.00 and your Committee on Jurisprudence finds that said resolution is in proper form containing the required signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

The second resolution presented at the close of the 138th Annual Communication was entitled "Investment Management and Board of Grand Trustees" and your Committee on Jurisprudence does find that said resolution is in proper form containing the required signatures and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

There was one resolution offered at the close of the 138th Annual Communication to amend the Constitution allowing Past Masters to be members of Grand Lodge. It is the understanding of the Committee on Jurisprudence that an insufficient number of Lodges approved the proposed Constitutional Amendment and that therefore this resolution cannot be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

The Committee took particular note that Grand Master Rittenburg did, on several occasions throughout his year of office, request opinions of your Committee on Jurisprudence and that we were most pleased and happy to convene, study and advise our Grand Master and his officers with reference to those matters throughout the past year. The Committee continues to offer its

aid and assistance whenever requested and does congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Rittenburg on a very successful Grand Lodge year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Thomas W. Tye moved for adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee report. The report was adopted by the delegates assembled.



REPORT OF CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE

Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

No action was brought before the Charters and Dispensations Committee during this Masonic year.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Rittenburg presented the report in the absence of the chairman and moved for adoption. The report was adopted by the delegates assembled.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman

Thanks to the leadership of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and seven other Grand jurisdictions in substantially increasing their contribution to the Memorial, we are beginning to be able to start catching up with our needs. We have provided lighting for the driveways, sidewalks and parking lots, substantially increasing safety, replaced the serpentine sidewalks leading up to the main entrance, substantially enhancing the view we present to the public, waterproofed many places where water leaked into the building, redecorated where damage had been done, upgraded the dioramas and tower display, painted and air conditioned the dining room, this making it usable in the Summer, air conditioned and provided window covering for the library, this providing temperature and climate control to preserve our library material and upgraded electrical power and lights in the elevator machine room.

We have been able to engage Paul Bessel as a part-time librarian and he, with the Research Lodge which has been working on it, is nearing completion of the job of cataloguing all the books, including the collection left to us by G. Wilbur Bell. The catalogue is all on computer. This also ties in with the project to provide a home for the new Masonic Leadership Center being put together by Brother Allen E. Roberts and which is reported on at page 131 of the December 1995 issue of *The Philalethes*. At present, desk and computer space are being provided Brother Roberts in the Library, but it is hoped that the Leadership

Center will grow to the point where it will be able to provide itself with an office in space in the Memorial, which can be available when it reaches that point. The Center is in the process of collecting all of the research, development and educational material relating to Masonic leadership, growth and knowledge which has been developed by the Grand Lodges and other bodies over the years, for the purpose of being a clearing house to make all of this material plus proceedings and transactions available to all Bodies and to all Masons. The Center is already a great resource and it will be even more so as it gains support and grows. We are happy that it is located at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

To consider the needs of the handicapped who wish to visit the Memorial, we have installed handicapped ramps from the parking lot to the main floor of the building. Also, a lift has been put in to allow wheelchair access to the elevator, which is up two steps on that level. For many years, we have known that a large mansion occupied the top of the Shooters Hill in Colonial times, which survived until sometime prior to the Civil War. George Washington, on numerous occasions, mentions in his writing visiting Mr. DuLaney at his mansion on Shooters Hill. This last Summer, the City of Alexandria Archeological Department, with our permission started a dig which uncovered the foundations of that mansion, together with a well which served it. They will recommence the dig this Summer and we expect many interesting artifacts to come to light. Those deemed to be appropriate will be displayed in our museum.

These improvements would not have been possible without the leadership of Nebraska Masons. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Major Charles A. Folsom, 15
Orval Cooley, 323
Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman

Duke Lichty moved for adoption of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee report. The report was adopted by the delegates assembled.



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

Committee on Nebraska Work
Fraternal Relations
St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330
Insurance Review
Report of the Board of Grand Trustees
Committee on Masonic Relief
Masonic Education Committee
Committee on Finance
Committee on Grand Lodge Offices
Committee on Public Relations

Grand Lodge Membership Committee
Grand Lodge Youth Committee
Committee on Grievances
Awards Committee
Masonic-Eastern Star Home For Children
Nebraska Masonic Home

Motion was seconded and passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman

During the fall of 1995, the Committee received a request from the Grand Custodian for a ruling on the proper time to make presentations during degree work.

As the Committee on Nebraska Work operates under direction of the Grand Master, an opinion was presented to the Grand Master stating that the proper time for presentations is after the Candidate is seated following the Charge in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow craft degrees and following the signing of the subordinate Lodge's Bylaws in the Master Mason degree. The statement is contained on page 48 of the CONTINUOUS FLOOR WORK MANUAL.

The Grand Master subsequently mailed a letter to all subordinate lodges advising them that this opinion was correct and to govern themselves accordingly.

The Annual Custodian School of Instruction held in Grand Island, Nebraska on September 22 and 23, 1995, was attended by a member of the Committee continuing the excellent relationship between both bodies.

Degree Competition in the Entered Apprentice Degree was held in Kearney, Nebraska on Saturday, October 7, 1995.

The Committee is indebted to W.:B.: Scott Krieger, Deputy Grand Custodian and W.:B.: Ralph McNulty, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus for their willingness to stand in as Judges in the 1995 competition. They were assisted by the Chairman of the Committee on Work.

Although five lodges had indicated intentions of entering the competition, only three teams competed last year, Platte Valley No. 32, Rob Morris No. 46 and Hickman No. 256. The results of the judging were forwarded to the Grand Master shortly thereafter. Time and place of the announcement of the winner was left to the discretion of the Grand Master.

Due to the apparent lack of interest in annual competition, and the expense in holding this event for only three contestants, it is recommended that none be held during the 1996 year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles W. Amidon, PGM, Chairman, 281 & 327
Eugene C. Sibley, PM, 54
John C. Sierks, PM, 4

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Michael E. Jones, 51, 173, Chairman

No activity has been conducted in 1995 pending the legal interpretation requests that have been made and not yet received. As soon as legal information has been passed to the review committee, we can then look at structuring some alternative programs to be bid from various carriers of interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Virgil L. Tubach, 54, Chairman

Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135

James Ross, 82

The Committee this year has received no requests for recognition from any Grand Lodge.

It is interesting to note that the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England at their Quarterly Communication in March 1995 withdrew recognition from the Grand Lodge of Spain when the Grand Lodge of Spain restored recognition to the Grand Orient of Italy. Then, at their June Quarterly Communication, restored recognition to the Grand Lodge of Spain when Spain withdrew its' recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy. The Commission on Recognition from the Conference of Grand Masters has never recommended withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy although at least one Grand Lodge of North America has done so, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The United Grand Lodge of England now recognizes the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which they indicate to be the "Mother Prince Hall Grand Lodge", and all other Grand Lodges of Prince Hall Masons taking their authority from them.

Jess Minton, Grand Secretary of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge (Germany), in his remarks to the members of the Grand Secretary's Conference of North America held this past February in Fargo, North Dakota had these remarks which I think you will find interesting:

The Grand Lodges of Austria, France, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland have been active and working steadily and there seem to be no questions concerning their regularity or operation.

Spain has been progressing very nicely. The United Grand Lodges of Germany have been visiting Spain quite frequently and the Grand Lodge is growing steadily.

Portugal is a fantastic place to visit. Its' members are extremely wealthy and Worshipful Brother Minton has been informed that when visiting there you are well treated.

Yugoslavia is a big problem for Germany because the United Grand Lodges of Germany fostered and instituted the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia. With the initiation of the Civil War and the division of the country, along with irregularities on the part of the deposed Grand Master of the Former Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia, Masonry in that area has been struggling.

Masonry in Czechoslovakia and Hungary is relatively undeveloped and growth is very slow.

There are only 19 known members in all the Polish Lodges (2/95).

Mail to the Grand Lodge of Romania comes back undelivered and you can spend days dialing their fax number and not get through.

This Committee was asked by Worshipful Grand Master Rittenburg to begin discussion with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, PHA, about exchanging representatives. Prince Hall Grand Lodges do not use the "representative" system and so it was decided to pave the way by working first with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska (PHA) before contacting the other Prince Hall Grand Lodges we are in unity with. Discussion continues.

Fraternally submitted,
Virgil L. Tubach, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1, Chairman

Usually these reports follow the pattern of prior years. This year is different. For the 1995 audit report the Grand Lodge, upon the Recommendation of Dana F. Cole and Company, adopted the statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117 "Financial Statements for Not-For-Profit Organizations" and the statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 124 "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations."

Neither Standard changes the basic facts but both change the "presentation" of the facts.

The main change under Rule 117 is to classify assets under new headings. The Emick Scholarship Fund, the Stephen C. Houghton Fund, the Disaster Relief Fund, and the Perpetual Membership Fund are still here but "classified" under new headings (see below).

Under Rule 124 the main change is that assets are stated at market value instead of cost. The same information was in the old audits but in a note. The only drawback to using market value on the "front page" is that market value bounces around a lot more than cost. 1995 was an especially good year in the market,

but sooner or later there will be bad market years. Then that downer will be, so to speak, right on the front page of the financial statements. Both the ups and downs may be misinterpreted by some readers.

In past years in these reports, we have shown comparisons of certain information for the current and three prior years. This year, with the changes mentioned above, the accountants have done 1995 under the new rules and have "restated" 1994 on the same basis, so we are reporting using only these two years below.

Unrestricted (essentially the old heading Grand Lodge General Fund)

Year Ended	<u>12/31/95</u>	<u>12/31/94</u>
Revenue	\$372,186	404,288
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>60,181</u>	<u>39,702</u>
Total	\$432,367	\$443,990
Total Expenses	\$401,494	\$394,020
Increase in Net Assets	\$30,873	\$49,970
Net Assets (Using Market Values)	\$1,530,463	\$1,266,341

Remember in reading this there are new names, new classifications.

Temporarily Restricted (at present only the "Disaster Relief Fund" is included here).

Year Ended	<u>12/31/95</u>	<u>12/31/94</u>
Investment Income	\$2,762	\$3,104
Net Assets Released from Restrictions*	\$35,030	\$15,446
Net Assets	\$9,665	\$41,933

*These amounts went into the general fund and are reported there as distributions.

Permanently Restricted (these are the Perpetual Membership Fund, the Stephen C. Houghton Fund, and the Emick Scholarship Fund)

Year Ended	<u>12/31/95</u>	<u>12/31/94</u>
Perpetual Membership Dues	\$25,340	\$28,250
Investment Income	\$40,868	\$32,223
Net Assets Released from Restrictions*	\$25,151	\$24,256
Net Assets	\$861,738	\$690,755

*These funds are shown as transferred to the general fund and are reported there as distributions.

The full audit report for the year ended 12-31-95 is on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Grand Trustees
By: Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman

Your Committee on Masonic Relief considered two (2) requests for assistance during this Masonic Year. Both requests were approved. Canopy Lodge No. 209, located in Elmwood was granted \$22,000.00, to assist in repairing the lodge hall after it was damaged by fire. Western Star Lodge No. 2, located at Nebraska City, was granted \$13,000.00, to assist in repairing the roof of their building after damage sustained by water. The \$35,000.00 dispersed this year is from the Disaster Relief Funds received during the 1993 Masonic Year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald Verbeek, 15, Chairman
Gary L. Martin, 46 & 293
Jerry L. Sievers, 256
David G. Otte, 119
Ron W. Osborne, 256

MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Chairman

Anti-Masonic activity continues to be a threat to Masons throughout the U.S.. Three national events are worth noting. First, a National Leadership Conference on Ministry to Masons was held in Atlanta, Georgia on June 2-3, 1995. One part of the program was entitled "1995 Anti-Masonic Seminars." Second, a conference was held in Fayetteville, Georgia on September 21-23, 1995, and was self-described as "a national conference on cults and the occult." This conference was sponsored by the "Ministers to New Religions" and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). The real story behind this conference is the continued effort by the Southern Baptist Convention to discredit Freemasonry. There is still a determined effort by some within the SBC to force the Convention to condemn Freemasonry. Lastly, John Salvi who is accused of murdering two women in abortion clinics has stated in a rambling and at times incoherent statement, that Masons persecute Catholics and that Masons "...run society and have a good system for themselves but seek to keep the Catholic Church from printing a currency and having the same system." Although we realize that this statement is totally untrue, the judge has ruled Salvi competent to stand trial; thus, Freemasonry will surely be mentioned again.

If you encounter similar attacks on the integrity of Freemasonry in your communities, help is available. Contact the Masonic Information Center, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A list of material which has been prepared by the Masonic Information Center follows:

1. A Response to Critics of Freemasonry
\$.05 each plus shipping
2. Facts About Freemasonry
\$.05 each plus shipping
3. There is No Sin in Symbols
\$.25 each (PPD), plus shipping
4. Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?
\$3.50 each (PPD)

Dr. Gary Leazer who was the keynote speaker at our last Grand Lodge session also publishes a newsletter called "Masonic Quarterly Report." This newsletter is designed to assist its readers in understanding the continuing controversy between the Masonic Fraternity and individuals intent on securing the condemnation of Freemasonry. For information about subscribing please contact: Masonic Quarterly Report, PO Box 870523, Stone Mountain, GA 30087-0014.

Not all of the news is negative! The Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Program entitled "Friend to Friend" is extremely successful. Approximately twenty Grand Lodges, both in this country and internationally, are using the program as an education tool to inform non-members of the significance of our Craft. Used properly the "Friend to Friend" program acquaints good men with the craft. The man must still ask, and the member must still vouch for the quality of the man, but the benefit is that the message of Freemasonry is passed to potential members.

Always remember that the brotherly bond between members has been one of the strongest factors which has led to our success. Freemasonry has coupled the Brotherhood of Man with the Fatherhood of God, and the result has been the greatest Fraternity of all time. Remember that the world needs Freemasonry and its philosophy. We must let the world know that we exist!

Respectfully submitted,
James F. Brown Jr., 54, Chairman
Abbot George Burke, 317
Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314
Arsenius Coolik, 317
John M. Weidner Sr, 33 & 75
Wayne G. Luenenborg, 32 & 39

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman

The Committee on Finance met during the past year to perform the duties of the Committee as outlined in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Those duties include a periodic review of the books and records of Grand Lodge following procedures which included:

1. A comparison of canceled checks to the check register including an examination of endorsements to assure proper application of payments.
2. Examination of support documents including invoices, expense records and other evidences of obligations to ensure proper payment was made.
3. Review of accounts to which items were charged selecting all items in excess of \$500 and randomly reviewing other disbursements of lesser dollar amounts.
4. Review of the monthly bank statement reconciliations to verify the accuracy of the work of the Grand Lodge Office Staff in preparing bank statement reconciliations.
5. Review of income items including lodge assessments.
6. Review of Perpetual Membership and Scholarship accounts.
7. Discussion and review of monthly financial statements.

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

Revenues for calendar year 1995 totaled \$374,065.54. The budget estimated revenues at \$376,686.50 resulting in actual revenues being \$2,620.96 less than projected. Only a few line items were slightly in excess of budgeted expenses and overall, no category of expenditure was in excess of budgeted amounts. During 1995, the Grand Lodge operated carefully and kept budget expenditures well within budgeted appropriations. Total budgeted expenditures in 1995 were \$376,248.50 while total actual expenditures equalled \$336,011.79, \$40,236.71 under budgeted amounts.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for all expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to complete its auditing and review process in a timely manner thanks to the well maintained files and help and assistance provided by Chris Rudder as the Office Manager and the Staff of the Grand Lodge Office. All expenditures for travel and other related expenses incurred by Grand Lodge Officers in performing their duties on behalf of the Grand Lodge are properly documented and accounted for with receipts and other appropriate verification of such expenses being on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

Communication was had during the year with members of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers and other

committee members as needed in keeping one another informed of the business activities of the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge revenues and expenditures. Lastly, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, your committee chairman extends to each of the members of the Finance Committee a thank you for your service and attention to detail in reviewing the financial activity of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Philip Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman
David L. Knutson, 302
John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317
John M. Dick, 15

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICES

Eugene C. Sibley, 54, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Office is busy with the many routine and special projects that are a daily part of it's regimen. The dust has settled after the move into new quarters at 1530 South Street.

The past year has brought some new changes in updating the main computer software. As we approach the year 2000 efficient and selective automation is a necessity. Our updated PC, printer and software will substantially increase our desktop publishing capabilities while at the same time decrease our costs dramatically.

The office staff, under the guidance of Office Manager Chris Rudder, have all worked in cross training for the many tasks that are required in the operation of the office. The office staff was very instrumental in making our first Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band project a tremendous success.

A great deal of time has been spent in updating the Grand Lodge computer data base. The project has been tedious. However, when completed, the filing, retrieval and referencing of all records will be greatly improved.

The services of the Grand Lodge office continue to improve in efficiently addressing the many inquiries and requests by the subordinate lodges. The Grand Lodge office is committed to giving courteous and accurate assistance to all reasonable requests in a timely and efficient manner.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit your Grand Lodge Office or meet the staff, please take the time to do so.

Due to Grand Lodge budget constraints this committee sets the mileage to be paid for those attending Grand Lodge and entitled to mileage at \$0.00.

Gene Sibley, Chairman
Grand Lodge Office Committee

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman

The Public Relations Committee continues to try to determine ways in which the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges can enhance the image of Masons and the Masonic Fraternity. We are most pleased and grateful to Committee member Russ Reno for his continued efforts to provide timely and appropriate news releases for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Russ has also continued to work with the Grand Lodge Office and Staff in keeping currently available forms for news releases for use by local subordinate lodges.

One of the changes in the last year has been the inclusion of news release forms in 50, 60 and 70 year pin packages to encourage subordinate lodges to promptly and easily work to publicize those important events.

A highlight of the past year has been Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry Rittenburg's implementation of the program to create the Masonic All-Star Band. This very successful effort has done more, in the opinion of the Public Relations Committee, to publicize and promote the Masonic Fraternity than any other activities of recent times. Everyone who had a role in the achievements of the Masonic All-Star Band is applauded by the Committee and I hope by each individual Mason in Nebraska. It is the hope of the Public Relations Committee that every Lodge will work to make the program an even greater success in 1996.

The Committee maintains an editorial review and support process for the Nebraska Mason. The Committee also extends its thanks to Chris Rudder and her staff in the Grand Lodge Office for the high quality of the publication and its prompt distribution to all Masons throughout the state. It will be helpful to the Nebraska Mason if subordinate lodges will submit materials for consideration. Space and editorial responsibility will of course limit the use of items, but it is requested that lodges make an effort to submit articles and photographs for consideration.

Philip A. Lorenzen, 10 & 327, Chairman
Donald W. Bryant, 210
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173
Russell G. Reno, 297

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Douglas B. Johnson, 19, Chairman

Many times this year, I have heard our M.: W.: Jerry Rittenburg state how "catsup used to come in glass bottles. Now it comes in plastic squeeze bottles. It's more convenient to use, but the catsup it contains didn't change." This, he concludes, is the challenge before us, to make access to Masonry more convenient without changing our content.

On November 18, 1995 the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Lincoln Valley of Scottish Rite, and Sesostri Shrine joined forces to raise 147 candidates in one day. This program goes a significant way toward arresting the continuing 2-3% annual decline in our membership. Ours was not the first jurisdiction to try this program, though this was the first time for Nebraska. Only time will tell whether this program should be continued, expanded or abandoned.

Again this year, the membership committee continued the program of presenting a Masonic pin to each newly raised Master Mason across the state. The purpose of this program remains unchanged: to increase the visibility of members within their communities, thus helping to produce interest in our organization.

The video tape series and manual prepared by the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America has been purchased by about ten lodges. The series is excellent and can be obtained from the Grand Lodge for \$202.50. The series can be used not only as an important recruitment tool, but also as an integral part of your Lodge Education program.

Also, everyone should consider using the many other videos which are available free through the Grand Lodge Office for up to two weeks. Two outstanding videos in the collection are *Opening the Doors to Freemasonry* prepared by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and *What It Means to Be a Mason* prepared by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. These were shown during a Lincoln Valley Guest Night in the spring by the Lincoln Masters & Wardens Club. Reports on the videos were enthusiastic. We encourage everyone to make increased use of this resource.

Finally, we continue to suffer with an unfortunate amount of suspensions, many of whom are retired or infirmed. For the first time, the number of suspensions nearly equals the number of deaths among our members. At the beginning of the year, our Grand Master wrote to all our suspended brethren to inquire why their dues had not been paid. The most common response was that the Brother had not received his dues notice. The second most common response was financial hardship. And the third most common response was that the Brother had died. Obviously, we need to and can correct this situation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

Ivan Vrtiska, 327, Chairman

The future of our Masonic Family is dependent to a large extent upon our youth. It is of utmost importance that we create a good image in their sight. Our actions create this image. Our support of our Masonic Youth groups reinforces and contributes to this image. Therefore, we adults need to do all we can to foster their growth and to support their activities, functions and regular meetings.

Our Grand Lodge continues to sponsor scholarships of \$750.00 to outstanding members of each of our three Masonic Youth organizations. These scholarships were presented by our Grand Lodge Officers at the annual meetings of each youth group. Each applicant is required to prepare a brief essay, "How my Youth

Organization has prepared me for continuing my education." Their essays indicate that there are many benefits gained from their involvement in our Masonic Family. They really appreciate the opportunities they experience and will undoubtedly continue their Masonic commitment.

This year seventeen applications were received from Job's Daughters, three from the Order of Rainbow and three from the Order of DeMolay. The quality of the applications received makes it extremely difficult to select only one winner from each organization; however, it makes us extremely proud of our youth. What great young people they are!

The scholarship to the International Order of Job's Daughters was presented to Michelle Ann Paxton of Bethel No. 63, Lincoln, Nebraska. Michelle has been active in her Bethel for over seven years; has held more than 12 different offices including Honored Queen; chaired many committees; participated in seven Grand Sessions and five Supreme Sessions. She is very active in ritualistic work and fine arts, having won several first places in competitions at both Supreme and Grand Sessions. She does not limit her talents to Job's Daughters but shares them with her school (cross country, track, speech team, choir, drama, etc.) She has been active in Kitaki Kid, Camp Council, Sweetheart, all while holding a part-time job and maintaining a GPA of 3.97. She organized a major hike for HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) which raised \$4,000+ and received much publicity for the Masonic Family through newspapers, television and from Lincoln Sertoma Clubs. She is currently Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter and was second runner-up to Miss International Job's Daughter.

The scholarship recipient for the International Order of Rainbow was Kelly Jo Stackhouse of Westside Assembly No. 22, Omaha, Nebraska. Kelly has held many offices including Worthy Advisor within her Assembly. Being chairman and serving on many committees and participating in most all activities of her Assembly has kept her very active during her membership. She has been Grand Nature and Grand Representative to California, Ohio and Japan. Participation in Grand Assembly, Grand functions and Supreme Assembly add to her experiences. Kelly is active as a Sunday School Greeter, Church Nursery Helper, Soul Seekers Choir (4 years), UMYF, Younger's Teen Ambassador, Western Heritage Museum Volunteer, Red Coat Volunteer at Clarkson Hospital, DECA, Millard Public Library Tutor, Robin's Nest, National Honor Society, Spanish Club and DeMolay Chapter Sweetheart. Kelly has a GPA of 3.41 and plans to attend UNL majoring in physical therapy.

The scholarship for the Order of DeMolay was presented to Evan Gary Peterson, Crusade Chapter, Omaha, Nebraska. Evan has served his chapter in numerous offices, including Master Councilor. He has been extremely active on many committees and activities within his chapter in addition to participating in numerous state activities. At the time of his application, Evan was State Junior Councilor. His activities include Soul Seekers Youth Choir, UMYF, Honey Sunday volunteer, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, assisting the Election Commissioner, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Highway Beautification, National Honor Society, soccer, Athletic Student Trainer, Junior Class Board, basketball,

Spanish Club and intramural basketball. Evan has a GPA of 3.35. He plans to attend UNL majoring in engineering.

James Franson states the thought of our committee members: "You have probably heard it before, however, I can't help but say, *"This was tough!"*. I have always known that our Masonic youth were GREAT. This is a truly fantastic collection of OUTSTANDING young adults. The selection process took me over 10 hours. It is extremely difficult to choose a winner when not one loser can be found in the entire bunch!" AGREED!!!!

This year, we again invited the youth groups to have promotional tables at Grand Lodge. All three organizations did so. We also continue our efforts to photograph the three state youth leaders and display the picture in the Grand Lodge Office.

Our report is concluded by again encouraging all Masons and their Lodges to do all you can for the good of our youth organizations. **THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.** Support them in all their functions, activities and membership campaigns. Attend their meetings. Ask them to participate in your activities and to perform their ritual work for you. They do an excellent job and we can learn much from them. As before — we are truly a Masonic Family and must work together as a unified family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Frank J. Mattoon, 75, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matters of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the year of 1995-1996 of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Submitted this 10th day of January, 1996.

M.:W.:B.: Frank J. Mattoon
For the Committee:
W.: B.: John McQuinn
M.:W.:B.: Donald L. Pohlman
M.:W.:B.: Frank J. Mattoon, Chairman

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Jerry Sievers, 256, Chairman

This committee is charged with consideration of Grand Lodge awards, recommendations for changes, initiation of additional awards and their implementation, and nominations to the Grand Master for those awards for which he is responsible.

Five awards are the main target for the Awards Committee. They are the Rock Maul, the Gold Pan, the Mason, the Non-Mason and the Membership Recruitment Award. The Rock Maul and Gold Pan Awards allow a lodge the ability to be able to nominate itself if certain criteria are met.

The Mason Award allows a lodge to recognize Brethren in their lodge or community who have unselfishly given of their time and talent toward a goal in their lodge or community.

The Non-Mason award allows a lodge to recognize an individual who has promoted the Masonic ideas without benefit of membership.

Either of these awards allow a lodge to say to the person receiving such, "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant — We are Proud of You."

As of December 31, 1995, lodges have awarded 27 Mason Awards and 7 Non-Mason Awards. We are very pleased with this and hope that many more lodges will put to use this valuable working tool to promote Masonry.

Both of these awards are sponsored by Grand Lodge but are given by the individual lodges and are self-funded. The Awards Committee is in great hopes that these awards will serve as public relation tools which will enhance our ideas among ourselves and our communities.

To the Grand Master, we express our appreciation for appointment to this committee and our humble acceptance of the mandates we were given. To the Grand Master-Elect we pledge our time and talents to see our committee's task completed. To the Craft, we seek to work both with you and for you.

It was very rewarding to see that many lodges were submitted for the Gold Pan and/or Rock Maul Award. To the lodges that won we say "Congratulations". To the remaining lodges we give a hearty "Job Well Done" and "Try Again Next Year".

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee; it is our hope that this committee's efforts were deserving of your confidence.

Jerry Sievers, 256, Chairman

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Brothers all:

Again it is a pleasure for me to bring you greetings from the Children and Staff and the Board of Directors of the Masonic- Eastern Star Home for Children at

Fremont. Our Executive Director Ben Harvey and his very capable staff have been very busy this past year. They did a superb job of making our Home operate efficiently, and had the additional task of having the Home buildings and grounds in picture perfect condition for hosting the visit of the Masonic Homes Executive Association of North America.

Our current resident count is 32 with 4 empty beds ready to be occupied. We are enjoying the use of our new Multi-purpose 4H Barn which was finished this summer and put to use immediately. It was on August 27th at our Achievement Day program when the Grand Lodge performed a very well attended Cornerstone Laying Ceremony dedicating the building for its intended use. It was a very hot, muggy day, but the 300 plus people attending were afforded shade and some relief from the heat while the Ceremony, and the 4H animal showing and awards program took place.

We are in the final stages of our long-range renovation plans, and we are enjoying the many nice comments as to the over-all appearance, and of the many changes to the Home campus. The current rebuilding and expansion of Highway 77, bordering the West side of the grounds, is going to change the appearance again. Following its completion we will address that area and continue with the landscaping portion so as to make it equally attractive. We are currently planting a tree border along the North half of our east property line, and will extend that border planting to the South half in the future. Also in the future, it is planned to add a new machine shed in the area now occupied by the old garage and root cellar near the Handcraft/Machinery Shop building. We gratefully appreciate those benefactors who specify their funds be used for these purposes. Your board members, past and present, seeking to improve with change, are proud to have been involved in these worthwhile endeavors. We very much appreciate your continuing support.

As always, proper care and secure investment of all of our donated funds is a prime task of our Board's Finance Committee along with its appointed Financial Adviser, James N. DeMoss, PGP and PGM. Brother Jim has served us without compensation since May 1984, and we are well pleased with what his expertise has accomplished for the Home. The Committee and the Board are most appreciative of his dedicated service, and wish him well as he enjoys his well deserved retirement from active business. After researching other alternatives, the Board has signed a year to year renewable agreement with Brother Jim allowing him a nominal fee for his continuing advisory services as of January 1, 1995.

Our Board and Jim have always shared the same philosophy — frequent review, with careful and safe investment of funds to secure the present and the future of the Home. Through our budgeting process we endeavor to return for investment a portion of earned income annually so as to insure the continued growth of those funds.

Masonic and Eastern Star members have been very generous with their gifts, and we can't say "THANK YOU" enough, but we must always do our part to use them wisely. Please be assured that every monetary, material, or labor gift,

no matter how large or small, is received, recorded and acknowledged with the same care and appreciation.

On June 24th through 28th, our Home hosted the 65th Conference of the Masonic Homes Executive Association of North America, as it met at the Red Lion Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. This is the second time a Nebraska Home has been host, and was only the third Conference hosted nationally by a Childrens Home, and the 1st since 1951. Ben Harvey was the Conference Host Chairman. Our Home and the Plattsmouth Masonic Home provided a tour and fine meal at each of the two Homes on different days for all who attended the Conference. These Conferences are accredited learning/sharing seminars with outstanding speakers. Masons and Eastern Stars of North America have been providing the highest of quality care for the aged and children, for over 100 years, and are pre-eminent in their expertise for this endeavor. Our Board encourages its members to attend, and become familiar with all facets of this endeavor. Again we have learned that our Home continues to operate with the lowest total employees, lowest ratio of employees to residents, and lowest operating budget — even as it continues to rise at a rate comparable to the Cost of Living index, of all of the childrens home members of the conference.

I proudly speak for the devoted members of the Board, the Staff, and the Children, when I say THANK YOU from the bottom of our collective hearts. It's because of their hard work and your un-ending support that our Home Family continues to thrive and grow. Truly, a most wonderful example of Masonry at work.

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Nebraska Masonic Home Plattsmouth, Nebraska

TO: Stockholders & Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home

The year 1995 was indeed a very busy one for the staff of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Our administrative and management personnel were faced with a number of challenges which made this past year a memorable one. Virtually every department has been working short-staffed during at least part of the past year. While we seem to have an abundance of applications in answer to our "help wanted" advertisements, there is definitely a shortage of qualified and desirable applicants to fill our open slots. As a result of this, our administrative staff is looking at some new and innovative ways to maintain the excellence of care that we have long been noted for with fewer personnel and professional primary care. We are also in the process of conducting a cost study comparing

the costs of contracting out our laundry as opposed to doing our own laundry in-house.

Our staff has also been challenged by the many studies and many hours spent in working with the architects and kitchen planners in attempting to analyze the future needs of The Nebraska Masonic Home in terms of the possible addition of an Alzheimer's Unit and future kitchen renovations.

It goes without saying that Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia disorders are one of the most emotionally and financially disabling maladies of our time which strike adults of all ages. Current estimates reveal that nearly 5 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's Disease, and nearly 50 percent of the elderly living in long-term care facilities suffer from some form of irreversible dementia.

Despite these sobering statistics, few healthcare providers possess the expertise to provide the type of care needed by these dementia-afflicted residents. We have been working very hard at educating ourselves and providing training for the entire employee base concerning this devastating illness. During the past year, two of our department supervisors and I attended a four-day educational conference on Alzheimer's Disease. This was, without a doubt, the most intensive and educational conference I have ever attended with learning tracks in all phases of the disease. My hope is to be able to send additional staff members to future educational conferences such as this in order that we may be better equipped to handle the many challenges which our residents present to our staff and employees every day.

One of the highlights of 1995 was hosting the delegates to the annual conference of the Masonic Home Executives Association of North America. What an honor it was to have 150 delegates and their spouses share the evening meal with us in our dining room and tour our Home on Sunday, June 25, 1995. The evening ended with musical entertainment from a group out of Omaha. The other Masonic Home Directors across the nation were very impressed with our operation and gave us many fine compliments.

During this past year we installed a Secure Care System for our residents' safety. This system, through the use of an electronic ankle bracelet worn by the wandering resident, will alert our Nursing Staff, Maintenance Crew, and other designated staff members immediately as to the specific outside door that one of our wandering residents has exited. This system is a virtual necessity as our assisted living program allows many of our residents to live independently in an apartment much longer than previously.

Thanks to an anonymous donation from one of our resident's children we were able to construct the "Pin Oak Patio" which is located just outside the west door of the Third Floor Spencer Wing. This patio allows our more restricted residents much more freedom to be out of doors when the weather permits.

In December we made a much-needed addition to our present computer system that allowed us to automate payroll. With this addition, we will also be able to continue to modernize and update our accounting system. These improvements

will allow us to continue our progress toward a more efficient and economical use of all of our resources — mainly Human Resources which accounts for nearly two-thirds of our total budget.

This year I would like to extend a very special thank you to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jerry L. Rittenburg, who is also a member of our Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Admissions Committee. This past year has been a very busy time for our Admissions Committee as there have been several complex issues to be dealt with and solved. I would also like to thank the Grand Lodge office staff for their help and cooperation.

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to our Board of Trustees. Truly, this is a dedicated group of Masonic brothers who are always ready to lend their expertise to me and the members of our staff. Their knowledge extends into numerous fields, and they are always willing to share that knowledge for the good of The Nebraska Masonic Home. I would like to especially thank Mr. Dave Knutson and Mr. Gary Radil for the many hours they worked on and spent in meetings regarding the termination of our defined benefit pension plan. Their help and good counsel was sincerely appreciated.

My personal thanks must go to our Assistant Director, Mrs. Mary Stapp, for the many extra hours of devoted service she gives to her job. No task is too laborious nor hour too late to find her at her desk, or on the telephone, with a resident or prospective applicant. Thanks also to the rest of our administrative and management staff. They are all very dedicated and conscientious about their given responsibilities. Their work never seems to be finished; however, they can always be counted on to do that little bit extra. These are the people who make The Masonic Home the extra special place that it is.

Once again this year on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving, the Robert W. Boon Memorial Food Truck made its annual appearance at The Nebraska Masonic Home. This marvelous contribution of food products from the Masons of central Nebraska amounted to nearly \$8,400 and will directly reduce our food costs by that same amount. We are very grateful to Brother Adolph Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island for spearheading this very worthy project along with all the lodges and individuals who contribute to its success.

A very special thank you must go to Worshipful Brother Ben Harvey, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home in Fremont for the wonderful day he provides for our residents by bringing several children and their 4-H animals to The Home for our residents to enjoy. Now that this has become an annual event, our residents look forward to that day each summer with great anticipation. It is difficult to tell which our residents enjoy more — the children or the animals.

I would also like to thank Mr. Jim Chapin, President, and Mr. John Furstenberg, Executive Director, of the Omaha Home for Boys, for the contributions they have made to The Nebraska Masonic Home. They are always willing to help out when we need a clown to entertain our residents or a large charcoal grill to cook Caring Club steaks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A very special thanks must also go to the various Masonic bodies who have collectively given so much of their time, resources, and effort for the enjoyment of our residents:

- to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha for furnishing the gifts and poinsettias for our resident's Christmas party and for the Omaha *World-Herald* subscriptions which give our residents so many hours of enjoyment.
- to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for always being there when we need them for special projects as well as always welcoming our male residents to lodge meetings and occasionally furnishing transportation for them to attend lodge. We are especially proud of Mr. David Meredith, the husband of our Director of Nursing, Sonia Meredith, who has served as Worshipful Master of Plattsmouth Lodge during 1995.
- to Home Chapter No. 189 OES for the delicious fried chicken picnic in The Home's dining room for our residents each summer and for always welcoming our residents and furnishing transportation to chapter meetings.
- to Narcissus Chapter No. 269 Kensington for the covered dish picnic which has become an annual event that brings so much enjoyment to our residents.
- to the Nebraska Grand York Rite officers for their annual visit to The Home to have lunch and visit with our residents as well as have an information session and tour of The Home.
- to the Plattsmouth Area Ministerial Association for their dedication to meeting the spiritual needs of our residents by offering communion and providing weekly chapel services.
- a very special thank you must go to Mrs. Jeanine Bryceson, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Robert Carhart, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Shirley Frink, Grand Secretary; and the Grand Family of the Order of Eastern Star for the help and support they have given our Masonic Home. Our residents truly enjoy their annual visit and their attendance at many of The Home's functions and events.
- and finally, to all the Masonic bodies and their membership for the hundreds of contributions in terms of time, talent, and hard work in order that our residents' lives may be made more comfortable and enriched.

I cannot let this past year come to a close without mentioning that The Nebraska Masonic Home and I lost a very good friend on December 16, 1995. On that date Mrs. Leone M. Spencer passed to her eternal reward. Mrs. Spencer was always interested in what was going on at The Home and many times told me that when she could no longer live at their home that she wished to become a resident of our Home. To me that was the highest compliment that she could bestow upon us. I'll miss her friendly smile, even though certainly many times she did not feel like smiling during those many months of declining health. I'll miss the cookies she always had on hand for her children, grandchildren, and anyone else who came to visit. But most of all, I'll miss the wonderful conversations we used to have about everything from world affairs to how the

flowers in the Judge's garden were getting along. She was truly a wonderful lady and wonderful friend. We will all miss her very much.

Finally, let me say what a pleasure it has been for me to serve The Nebraska Masonic Home over the past eight years. They have truly been the most rewarding years of my life in terms of job satisfaction and sense of accomplishment. The help and support I have received from the staff and the Board of Trustees has made the job much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur R. Sharp

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees Plattsmouth, Nebraska

TO: Stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home

Once again as President of The Nebraska Masonic Home it is my privilege and responsibility to present this brief accounting of some of the activities and problems for the past year. I do this on behalf of the Board of Trustees who in addition to myself are as follows: First Vice President, Frank V. Lawson Jr.; Second Vice President, Gary W. Radil; Third Vice President, Jerry L. Rittenburg; Secretary, Jay H. Speck; Dr. Robert L. Bass, Richard E. Brasel, Marlo Burg, James R. Erixon, David L. Knutson, Sanford H. Nelson, John M. McHenry, Robert A. Metcalf, V. Kaye Ramsey, and John S. Pierce now deceased.

Brother John left us for his life eternal on September 23, 1995. He was a dedicated Mason and a strong supporter of our Home.

On October 16, Nelson W. Rittenburg, the father of our Third Vice-President and present Grand Master, left to join his wife in God's paradise. Nelson, who was a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, was a gentle and compassionate man who exemplified our Masonic philosophy in his every activity.

December 16 was the darkest day of my life as I watched my inspiration, my helpmate, and companion of 70 years leave to join the Grand Master of us all. It is only the memory of her love and devotion that enables me to believe she is not dead; she is just away.

At our November meeting we elected James F. Brown of Lincoln to fill the unexpired term of John Pierce. Worshipful Brother James is the present Grand Junior Deacon of our Grand Lodge. His professional background will make him a very valuable member of our Board.

Our Executive Director, in his report, will give you an accounting of the annual meeting of the Masonic Home Executives Association of North America which met in Omaha, Nebraska. We hosted the group on Sunday, June 25, with a tour of our facility and an evening meal and program.

In my last report I advised you that our Insurance Committee after reviewing the escalating costs of our Home's Pension Plan (which was a defined benefit plan) recommended terminating it and enhancing our 401(k) plan. Your Board of Trustees voted to do so. We engaged Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation to provide actuarial and other services attendant on the termination of our Pension Plan effective as of April 30, 1995, with any excess funds to be allocated to participants in the Pension Plan. These funds are to be distributed on a nondiscriminatory basis. All this was dependent on the approval of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the Internal Revenue Service. We have been advised that both groups have approved the termination of our Pension Plan as of April 30, 1995. Ameritas is in the process of complying with the 60-day termination notice required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1994.

In my last report, I also mentioned the appeal of the Barkdoll decision in our favor to the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision and the land has been sold. There is nothing new to report on the Palmer tax matter.

I also advised you at our last Stockholders Meeting that Most Worshipful Brother Tom Tye had submitted his resignation as Executive Director of our Foundation to be effective April 30, 1995. I prevailed on Most Worshipful Brother Tom to give us another year which he did, but we must find a suitable replacement starting May 1, 1996. Most Worshipful Brother Tom has done an exceptional job for us and will not be easy to replace, but we cannot impose on his devotion to Masonry any longer. He is maintaining a home in Arizona and needs to be relieved of the responsibility so he can spend more time there. I assure you he will always be available for consultation when necessary.

Your Board has been increasingly aware of the need for remodeling or rebuilding several of the physical areas of The Home and the relationship which exists between these areas. We are thinking primarily of Alzheimer's care, kitchen modernization and the development of a plan for necessary physical plant modification and parking for the immediate future. To this end, I have appointed a special Facilities Planning Committee — Marlo Burg, Chairman; Dick Brasel; Jerry Rittenburg; and James Erixon. They have been meeting, and I expect they will have a report at our Trustees meeting today.

Each stockholder has received a copy of amended Articles of Incorporation to be voted on at this meeting. It is essential that this be done to maintain our status as a tax-free corporation. Since 1959 the Nebraska Non-profit Corporation Law has provided that a non-profit corporation shall not have or issue shares of stock. I assume this provision was ignored because no dividends have ever been paid on the stock. If this situation was called to the attention of the proper authorities,

we could lose our non-exempt status. For that reason, we must amend our articles to avoid any question which could arise.

Our budget for 1995-1996 exclusive of depreciation is \$3,583,200. This compares with \$3,602,500 for last year's budget or a decrease of \$19,300. While this is a small decrease, it is the first one in several years and indicates your Trustees, with the assistance of staff, are keeping close watch on the budgets of their respective committees. However, our revenue budget which we estimate will increase \$136,000 will raise only \$1,692,000 leaving a shortfall of \$1,891,200 which must be raised from other sources. The projected income from the investments held by The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation is \$1,626,000 leaving a shortfall of \$265,200 for which amount we must invade the principal of that fund.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is the main charity of Nebraska Masons. Every Nebraska Mason contributes \$2 from his dues to the support of The Home. The amount this year should be \$42,400. No other Grand Lodge funds are received for the operation of The Home. We pay \$10,000 annually for the support of the Grand Lodge office and contribute \$12,500 for the support of The Nebraska Mason, our Grand Lodge newspaper. I mention this to show that more than 99 percent of our budget must be raised by the Trustees from other sources. To do this we need the help of every Nebraska Mason. It is only because of the past generosity of those Masons and their female relatives who contributed to the support of our Endowment Fund, which is now The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, that we have been able to keep our Home operating at its present level. It is for this reason that I urge each and every one of you to remember The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation in your last will and testament and to urge all of your Masonic associates to do likewise.

I have asked the Executive Director of The Foundation, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Tye to give you a report of his activities and to include therein the funds or bequests we have received from estates which have been closed during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry A. Spencer, President
The Nebraska Masonic Home
Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

To Harry A. Spencer, President and the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation.

I am pleased to be able to submit this report to you at your annual meeting in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, January 9, 1996. This past year has been a difficult year for your Director as well as for the Board. Fully anticipating that my successor

would be in place by May of 1995, I had not anticipated another year as your Executive Director. At the urging of your President and the Board, I did agree to continue but for only one more year until a replacement could be found and oriented. This will take place by May 1, 1996.

This past year has been a great learning experience for all of us, particularly in the area of needs for our residents suffering from dementia. It is estimated that at least one half of our future residents will suffer from some form of dementia and we must be ready to meet those needs by way of physical structure as well as very highly trained personnel to care for those residents. Alzheimer's is one of three neurodegenerative diseases that will be the challenge of the new century. In order to meet these needs and to continually update and modernize our Home, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home is presently involved in an extensive study of current and future needs involving the construction of a "State of the Art" Alzheimer's Unit, kitchen modernization, food delivery, care needs and many other necessary requirements to keep our Nebraska Masonic Home the very best that we can provide.

Now, more than 40,000 Nebraskans have Alzheimer's disease. By the year 2000, there will be enough Alzheimer's patients in Nebraska to fill Memorial Stadium. The primary goal of the Nebraska Masonic Home is to help our residents achieve the best possible quality of life. To this end, our continuing need for funds grows year by year. The necessity of an annual giving program is vital to the continuation of the Home. We must continue our efforts to seek support through wills and trusts as well as annuities from our benefactors, for it is only through their support that we can continue. An active annual giving program is one of the best ways to make people aware of our Home and of our need. The planned giving program is necessary to continue to urge people to consider the Home in their wills, trusts, annuities and gifts, for this is our major source of funds. Last year our annual giving program, the Caring Club brought about \$60,000.00 to the Home. We currently have about \$30,000.00 received in 1995, set aside in a restricted fund for the future purchase of a handi-bus which is necessary to transport our residents for various purposes. Last year, we received over \$165,000.00 from wills and bequests. There is pending, in estates or trusts to be received in the future, over \$1,000,000.00. For these gifts to our Home, we all are eternally grateful.

Care at our Nebraska Masonic Home should be patient centered, and offer residents safety, security, medical care, emotional support, reasonable privacy, access to appropriate activities and assistance with the activities of daily life. This year the annual appeal has gone out to our membership and friends, asking for any amount of help because of the anticipated needs and costs of our future residents and particularly those who may suffer from some form of dementia. The response has been tremendous! The size of the gifts may not be great but the number of those responding has been greatly increased. Reminders of the need and the possibility of remembering the Home in their wills or trusts are seeds well planted, which will bear fruit in years to come. This fall, from the first part of November, we have received over \$33,000.00 in gifts to the Caring

Club and the amount should continue to increase over the next few months so that by this July, the amount should double.

This past year the Caring Club Dinner was held at the Home in Plattsmouth. An excellent dinner was served by the very fine staff at the Nebraska Masonic Home. After presentations, a program was given in the Chapel of the Home for those in attendance. I wish to thank Dr. Robert Bass, one of our Trustees, and a very fine physician, for his presentation on Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Bass spent many hours in preparing a program for our guests and it was very well received and most informative for all of us. Joining him on our program was Mr. Jeffrey W. Anderzhon, of Folgers Architects & Facility Design who is recognized nationally in the design of Alzheimer's units and facilities. The presentations of both Dr. Bass and Mr. Anderzhon gave us a glimpse of the future needs and responsibilities necessary to care for our residents, both personally and financially.

I have very much enjoyed working for the Foundation and hope that I have made some contribution to the Home and its continuation by making people aware of the Home and its needs. There is a great deal yet to do, but I feel that the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation will continue to grow and be able to care for our residents in a manner that would make us proud. It is time for new ideas, and youthful exuberance to see those ideas to fruition. I shall always have great interest in the Nebraska Masonic Home and its future. To quote Brother, and General Douglas MacArthur:

"I promise to keep on living as though I expected to live forever. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul."

Fraternally,

Thomas W. Tye, Executive Director
Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

St. John The Baptist Lodge of Research

Father Arsenios Coolik

"Multum in parvo" is a Latin motto meaning "much in little." This is a fitting description of the first year of Saint John the Baptist Lodge of Research. Although our membership is small and we only have three Lodge meetings each year, our members' research has been prolific: fifteen presentations were made in our Lodge this year. These presentations have covered a wide range of aspects of Freemasonry, and can be divided into four categories:

1) History of Freemasonry. The most memorable historical presentation this year was a talk and slide presentation by the Master of our Lodge, Arsenios Coolik, on the Masonic mysteries of Chartres Cathedral. W.:B.: Morgan Hartman gave a thorough exposition on the history of Masonry in Germany, and

Brother Simeon Davis related the circumstances of the infamous Morgan incident and its relevance for Masons today in light of current Anti-Masonry.

2) Historical Degrees and Rituals. We have added to our Lodge library many texts of ritual work dating as far back as the seventeenth century. These were the sources for several ritual demonstrations given in our Lodge this year, including the proving up for the Entered Apprentice and the Master Mason taken from an English text dated 1760.

3) Masonic Music. The history of the use of music in Masonic ritual is one of the central interests of our Research Lodge. Brother Macarius Washburn gave several talks on Masonic music this year, with accompanying musical performances.

4) Masonic Philosophy and Lore. Presentations in this area of Masonic research included an exposition by W. B. Virgil Tubach on the significance of the letter G in Masonry, and an enlightening (and humorous) talk by W. M. Arsenios Coolik on Masonic poetry.

This May our Lodge hosted the third annual Masonic Convocation and dinner for the heads of all the Masonic bodies in Nebraska. In addition to representatives from the Grand Lodge and the York Rite Bodies of Nebraska, we were honored by the presence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

We are pleased to report that the musical research of our Lodge continues to have a far-reaching benefit for Freemasonry in the United States and Canada. We have received orders from brothers and Lodges in over twenty-five states. Some Grand Lodges have purchased large quantities for sale and distribution within their state; the Grand Lodge of Minnesota obtained twenty sets, and the Grand Lodge of Arizona purchased fifteen sets. Macoy Publishing Company, the largest outlet for Masonic supplies in the United States, now features our "Music for the Masonic Degrees" tape set in their catalog, and sold over 100 sets in 1995.

The interest and attraction that Masonic music has for Masons in America has been further evidenced by the many enthusiastic letters and publicity our Lodge's music research has received. Besides numerous personal letters (some from as distant places as the one from a Master in Brussels, Belgium), we have also been sent copies of articles on our Research Lodge and its music tapes that have appeared in *Emessay Notes*, *Philalethes Magazine*, and the *North Carolina Mason*.

We encourage all brothers interested in learning more about the rich tradition of our Craft and in sharing their Masonic experience and knowledge with their brother Masons to consider membership in our Research Lodge. Initial membership is \$100.00, and \$50.00 each year thereafter. Membership entitles one to attendance at the Lodge meetings, and includes the cost of dinner. Associate memberships for out-of-state members who are not able to attend our meetings are also available for an annual fee of \$25.00.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW**

Dwight E. Smith, 205, Chairman

The Committee on Codification of the Law respectfully submits its report relative to amendments and additions to the Bylaws of this Grand Lodge as enacted at this communication.

As a result of approval of Recommendation No. 1, Section 1-201 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read 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 Committee on Fraternal Relations and the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices. 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.

And

Subparagraph (c) of Section 1-321 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

(c) The Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing 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 insure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year; 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.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2, Section 2-1302 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1302 — CERTIFICATE REQUIRED — A subordinate lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing, as hereinafter provided, or demit or its equivalent, provided that when the petitioner has lost his demit or Certificate of Good Standing which has been issued him from a lodge which has become extinct, he may make application to the Grand Secretary and upon proper showing receive from him a duplicate demit which certificate shall accompany the petition for affiliation. A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction or one authorized by law of another Grand Jurisdiction shall not become a member of the lodge petitioned until he is elected and his demit or its equivalent has been obtained by said lodge.

And

Sec. 2-403 — REFUSING EXAMINATION — A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination in the Master Mason degree as provided in Section 2-402 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing, demit, diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make applicaiton to or join any lodge, society, or institution enumerated in Section 3-102, Sub-section (g) of this Code until he has complied with said Section 2-402; provided that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to a brother whose only lodge membership is in a lodge in a Masonic Jurisdiction other than Nebraska.

And

Sec. 2-1401 — APPLICATION FOR — Any brother desiring to affiliate with another subordinate lodge of Freemasons must apply in writing to his lodge for a Certificate of Good Standing for the purpose of securing a demit. Such application must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the law, is clear on the books and is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Master shall order such certificate issued, and the secretary shall make a record of such action.

Upon notice by another lodge through the return of that portion of the certificate which officially certifies as to his election to membership therein, the Master shall order that a demit be issued and mailed to the lodge which elected him to membership. The secretary shall make record of the issuance of such demit; provided, however, such demit shall not be issued by the parent lodge for a brother who signed a petition for a charter for a new lodge, who desires dual membership in both the parent lodge and the new lodge.

And

Sec. 2-1405 — **DUPLICATES** — A subordinate lodge may issue a duplicate Certificate of Good Standing or a demit, being fully satisfied that the original is lost or destroyed. The duplicate must state that an original has been previously issued.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3, Paragraph (g) Section 3-102 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-102 — **ENUMERATED** — Masonic Offenses shall consist of, but not be limited to:

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

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4, Section 2-902 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-902 — **QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES** — Each candidate for the degrees in Masonry must:

1. Be a man, free born.
2. Be nineteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.
3. Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, and no other religious test shall be required or allowed.
4. Be able to read and write English.

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 1, the first sentence of paragraph 3, Section 2-601 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar

year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) as per capita tax.

And

Sec. 1-406 — ALLOCATION OF FUNDS — The per capita tax of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) shall be divided as follows:

- To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children \$.50
- To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial \$.50
- To the Nebraska Masonic Home \$2.00
- To the General Fund \$9.00

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

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 2, Section 1-401 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge is deleted in its entirety, and the following is substituted as Section 1-401 of the Bylaws:

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

- (a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of three (3) members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. Vacancies shall immediately be filled by the Grand Master. A majority of such Board shall, as it deems wise and prudent, 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 Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment or banking field. All trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be a resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed immediately.
- (c) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman and secretary from its membership.
- (d) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel rooms and meals. They are also 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.

(e) The Board of Grand Trustees 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 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 Board of Trustees may employ such firm. Any professional management firm may be terminated and a new one employed, utilizing the same procedure.

(f) 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 Board of Grand Trustees 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 of 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 Board of Grand Trustees. An annual written report of the professional investment management firm and Board of Grand Trustees shall be made at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) 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 Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees.

(h) The Board of Grand Trustees 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.

(i) Except as provided in the contract with the professional investment management firm, the Board of Grand Trustees shall designate the

depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

And

Section 1-405 — 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.

W.: Dwight E. Smith moved for adoption of the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law. Motion was seconded and passed.



R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn announced that he had received the following resolutions, which according to the bylaws will be read and laid over until the session next year.

RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned, Master Masons of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, respectfully propose that line 2, of

Section 2-902 (qualifications of candidates), of Chapter IX, be changed to read as follows:

Each candidate for the degrees in Masonry must:

2. Be eighteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.

RESOLUTION

May it be resolved that Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually. Location of said communication will:

1. be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his term as Grand Master, and
2. must be approved by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION

May it be resolved that Section 1-101 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS — The stated annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved that Section 2 of Article XII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2 — Upon the petition of fifteen or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a subordinate lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons, and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new subordinate lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the Grand Master is satisfied that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new subordinate lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Fraternity, and that a safe and suitable lodge room has been provided therefor, nor unless the Grand Custodian shall certify that the three principal officers are competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry in a suitable and impressive manner. Such dispensation shall terminate on the thirty-first day of December preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and shall then be returned

to the Grand Secretary, together with the Bylaws, book or records, and returns of the new subordinate lodge to that date.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Article X, Section 1, subsection (d) of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended to read as follows:

(d) to grant dispensation to waive the requirements of proficiency in a preceding degree before a degree is conferred upon candidates.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Section 2-1208 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1208 — DISPENSATION — A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each degree must be paid before a dispensation be issued to waive the requirement of proficiency in a preceding degree before a degree is conferred. Provided that the Grand Master may in the exercise of his discretion, waive the requirement of the fee in cases where such dispensation is made necessary by reason of the candidate being called to the military service of the United States.

RESOLUTION

Section 2-902 — QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Each candidate for the degrees in Masonry must:

1. Be a man.
2. Be nineteen or more years of age at the time of signing his petition.
3. Believe in the existance of a Supreme Being, and no other religious test shall be required or allowed.



Grand Secretary Pro-Tem Reginald Kuhn presented Most Worshipful Brother Rittenburg with a plaque from the Masonic Service Association for his support of the Hospital Visitation Program.

W.: Scott J. Krieger presented the Grand Master with a beautiful set of cuff links as a token of Brotherly Love from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Scott had recently been to Ireland where the Provincial Grand Master of the area of Galway asked him to present the cuff links to the Grand Master of Nebraska.

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

M.: W.: Past Grand Master Robert A. Metcalf made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg.



V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Arthur R. Sharp led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg then closed the 139th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.



M.:W.: Thomas W. Tye proclaimed, "In the name and by the authority of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, I hereby proclaim the officers of the Grand Lodge duly installed for the year 1996-97."

**Organization
of
Grand Lodge**

A.:F.: & A.:M.:

of Nebraska



Kearney, Nebraska

February 1, 2 & 3, 1996

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.:	Jerry L. Rittenburg	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.:	V. Kaye Ramsey	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.:	Kenneth G. Fleming	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.:	Don E. Rasmussen	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.:	Reginald S. Kuhn	Grand Secretary Pro-Tem
V.: W.:	Arthur R. Sharp	Grand Chaplain
W.:	Philip A. Lorenzen	Grand Orator
W.:	Don A. Mears	Grand Historian
W.:	Augustine S. "Gus" Scolaro	Grand Custodian
W.:	Michael E. Jones	Grand Marshal
W.:	Dwight E. Smith	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:	James F. Brown, Jr.	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:	Ken D. Beebe	Grand Senior Steward
W.:	Scott J. Krieger	Grand Junior Steward
W.:	Ted McNeese	Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

HERBERT A. RONIN, 210	..... (96th).....	1961
4645 Bryan Circle, Lincoln 68506		
ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 32	..... (97th).....	1962
Box 303, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227, 184	..... (99th).....	1964
1500 Crestview Drive, Lincoln 68506		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	..... (100th).....	1965
801 South 52nd, No. 2105, Omaha 68106		
FRANK J. MATTOON, 75	..... (108th).....	1973
2613 El Rancho Road, Sidney 69162		
DONALD R. SWANSON, 54	..... (109th).....	1974
1615 South 44th, Lincoln 68506		
HAROLD HULTMAN, 39	..... (110th).....	1975
9 Whitwick Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714		
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174	..... (113th).....	1978
1528 Centennial Drive, McCook 69001		
WARREN D. LICHTY, JR., 314	..... (114th).....	1979
P.O. Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559		
BYRON C. JENKINS, 325	..... (115th).....	1980
3402 Mirror Lane, Omaha 68123		
PAUL R. PIERCE, 50	..... (117th).....	1982
518 Oswego, Hastings 68901		
BEVIN B. BUMP, 158	..... (118th).....	1983
Box 1140, Chadron 69337		
ROBERT A. METCALF, 210	..... (119th).....	1984-85
1440 Imperial Drive, Lincoln 68506		
CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	..... (120th).....	1986
1706 Hillside Drive, Omaha 68114		
WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32, 39	..... (121st).....	1987
2202 West 'D', North Platte 69101		
PAUL R. EVELAND, 119	..... (122nd).....	1988
RR 4 Box 151, Ames 68621		
THOMAS W. TYE, 46	..... (123rd).....	1989
4225 S. Wescotta Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614		
JOHN M. McHENRY, 19	..... (124th).....	1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426		
JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325	..... (125th).....	1991
92-1025 Makakilo Dr, #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385		

- JAMES L. "SONNY" EATMON, 294 (126TH) 1992
 PO Box 70, Kimball, NE 69145
- DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41 (127th) 1993
 1206 North 27th Street, Norfolk 68701
- STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75 (128th) 1994
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1995

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per § 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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James Ross, 82, RR 1 Box 164, St. Paul 68873, 308-754-4993

Fraternal Dead (§1-307: 3 to 5 members)

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Rev. Dr. Richard P. Don, 9, 1318 Stone St., Falls City 68355, 402-245-2398
Virgil L. Tubach, 54, 2235 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-9041

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

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Gary L. Martin, 46 & 293 (1998), 1 Wedge Way, Kearney 68847, 308-236-9490
Jerry Sievers, 256 (1999), 3500 Prescott Ave., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408
David G. Otte, 119 (2000), RR 1 Box 157A, Linwood 68036, 402-666-5863
Ron Osborne, 256 (1996), 5950 Elk Crest Drive, Lincoln 68516, 402-471-4545

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

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Robert J. Piper, 6 (1997), 515 15th Avenue, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-3170
Ivan Vrtiska, 327 (1996), 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-337-7669

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

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Abbot George Burke, 317 (1996), RR 1, Box 75, Geneva 68361, 402-759-4952
Br. Arsenios Coolik, 317 (1998), RR 1, Box 75, Geneva 68361, 402-759-4952
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Dennis Brydl, 287 & 314 (1997), 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502, 402-423-6982
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Lodge Advisory (§1-327: 3 members —3 year term)

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Worthy Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star

Membership (§1-328: 5 members)

- Chm. Doug B. Johnson, 19, 4600 Birchhollow Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-421-7006
- Steve B. Wetzel, 227, 6130 NW 9th Street, Lincoln 68521, 402-435-3502
- Del Hamilton, 256, 3530 J Street, Lincoln 68510, 402-475-1268
- Dennis Brydl, 287 & 314, 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502, 402-423-6982
- Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-237-9234

Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

- Chm. Ivan Vrtiska, 327, 9411 Corby, Omaha 68134, 402-397-7669
- Bruce D. Curtiss, 248 & 204, PO Box 697, Plainvieww 68769, 402-583-3838
- James P. Franson, 54, 616 S. 51st St., Lincoln 68510, 402-488-6578
- Gregory L. Gass, 192, 200 Green St., Valentine 69201, 402-376-1521
- Michael W. Stuhr, 314, 13814 Arbor, Omaha 68144-2462, 402-691-9415

Codification of the Law (§1-315: 3 to 5 members—3 year term)

- Chm. Dwight E. Smith, 205 (1997), 16950 Rd. 16, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2215
- Bruce D. Curtiss, 248 & 204 (1996), PO Box 697, Plainvieww 68769, 402-583-3838
- Thomas W. Tye II, 46 (1998), PO Box 636, Kearney 68848, 308-234-9763

Regular Committees

Grievances (§1-316: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Frank J. Mattoon, 75, 2613 El Rancho Rd., Sidney 69162, 308-254-5595
John C. McQuinn, 297, 1100 N. 37th St., Lincoln 68503, 402-441-7200
Donald L. Pohlman, 41, 1206 N. 27th Street, Norfolk 68701, 402-379-1130

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

Chm. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, 3402 Mirror Lane, Omaha 68123, 402-291-5429
Don Madsen, 11, 5322 N. 45th St., Omaha 68104, 402-451-1057
Joseph R. Doyle, 11, 5625 Grand Avenue, Omaha 68104, 402-451-6911

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

Chm. Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, 3412 4th Ave., Kearney 68847, 308-237-2319
Delmar Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234
Doyle E. Berg, 281, 3605 Old Maple Rd., Omaha 68134, 402-493-1107
Wesley O. Suggs, 39, 506 Fleetwood Dr., Omaha 68133-2357, 402-331-4567
Ralph Gerry, 284 & 302, 9314 Burt St. #2, Omaha 68114, 402-393-3553
Frank S. Dougherty, 297, 3510 N. 73rd, Lincoln 68507, 402-464-5045
James Lee Hoover, 325, 1121 Fairfax Rd., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6572

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests (§1-323: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229, David City 68632, 402-367-3674
Scott J. Krieger, 317, 810 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-4491
Ken D. Beebe, 119, RR 1 Box 60, North Bend 68649, 402-652-3380

Special Committees

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

Grand Lodge Program Committee

Chm. V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317 (1999), 14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116, 402-498-2821

(1995-1996)

Eugene Kirchhoff, 210, 2311 South 39th Street, Lincoln 68506, 402-488-2238
Allen Hartley, 35 & 250, PO Box 4616, Lincoln 68504-0616, 402-464-0749
Arthur R. Sharp, 54 & 6, 7161 Englewood Drive, Lincoln 68510, 402-489-4654

(1995-1997)

Monte Olmstead, 290, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124, 402-391-7081
Harold Olmstead, 290, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124, 402-391-7081
Tim E. Wroot, 302, 14518 L Street, Omaha 68137, 402-896-2290
Richard E. Brasel, 290, 10111 O St., Omaha 68127, 402-339-7466

(1995-1998)

James R. Eberly, 75, 217 West Drive, Sidney 69162, 308-254-4913
Thomas W. Tye II, 46, PO Box 636, Kearney 68848, 308-234-9763
Dale W. Anderson, 158, 7184 Hwy 20, Chadron 69337, 308-432-5285

(1995-1999)

Lamoine G. "Hoagy" Carmichael, 135, 1503 Norris Ave., McCook 69001, 308-345-4753
Michael R. Sidlo, 239 & 50, 211 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2580

Grand Lodge Social Committee

Chm. Jerry Ann Sharp, 7161 Englewood Drive, Lincoln 68510, 402-489-4654

(1995-1996)

Jerre Kirchhoff, 2311 South 39th Street, Lincoln 68506, 402-488-2238
Bonnie Hartley, PO Box 4616, Lincoln 68504-0616, 402-464-0749
Tish DeMoss, 3861 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-3858
Mary Alice Riitenburg, 3540 Daniel Rd., Lincoln 68506, 402-486-3940

(1995-1997)

Marge Olmstead, 10764 Grover Street, Omaha 68124, 402-391-7081
Kim Wroot, 14518 L Street, Omaha 68137, 402-896-2290
Bonnie Brasel, 10111 O St., Omaha 68127, 402-339-7466

(1995-1998)

Terri Eberly, 217 West Drive, Sidney 69162, 308-254-4913
Mikki Tye, PO Box 636, Kearney 68848, 308-234-9763
Pam Anderson, 7184 Hwy 20, Chadron 69337, 308-432-5285

(1995-1999)

Donna Carmichael, 1503 Norris Ave., McCook 69001, 308-345-4753
Cyndie Sidlo, 211 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2580

Awards Committee

Chm. Jerry Sievers, 256, 3500 Prescott Avenue, Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408
Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2015
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, 233 S. 13th, Ste. 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229 David City 68632, 402-367-3674
John C. McQuinn, 297, 1100 N. 37th St., Lincoln 68503, 402-441-7200

Insurance Review Committee

Chm Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229, David City 68632, 402-367-3342
Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-483-5443
William Keller, 250, 2525 S. 36th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-5966
Dwight E. Smith, 205, 16950 Rd. 16, Chappell 69129, 308-874-2215

Freemasonry and Religion Committee

Chm. Roy L. Kiser, 143, 810 W. Cedar Street, Cedar Rapids 68627, 308-358-0488
Fr. Donald F. Davidson, 26, 520 N. 5th Street, Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4531
Rev. John Dale, 126, PO Box 427, Stromsburg 68666-0427, 402-764-5411

Band Clinic Committee

Chm. Charles M. Godwin, 210, 711 N. 30th St., #1, Lincoln 68503, 402-477-9436

Grand Custodian

Augustine S. Scolaro
801 5th Street North
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005-4303

Deputy Grand Custodians and Their Districts

NAME APPOINTED

District #1

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

District #2

Herbert M. Chambers, 288, 3724 Ames, Omaha 68111, 402-455-9938 . . . 1991
Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281,
Omaha; Omaha #288, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah
#302, Omaha

District #3

Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496 . . . 1990
Capitol #3, Omaha; Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268,
Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328,
Omaha

District #4

James E. Cornish, 31, RR 2 Box 102, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-1135 1976
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland;
Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

District #5

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

District #6

To Be Appointed
Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Relief #219,
Coleridge; Golden Rule #236, Allen; Laurel #248, Laurel

District #7

Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 108, RR 1 Box 99, Table Rock 68447, 402-839-2955 . . . 1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40,
Humboldt; Stella #105, Stella; Table Rock #108, Table Rock; Upright
#137, Burchard

District #8

John C. Sierks, 4, RR 1 Box 15, Brownville 68321, 402-825-6061 1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Tecumseh #17,
Tecumseh; Auburn #124, Auburn; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

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

District #10

Steven A. Green, 54, 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055 1988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; East Lincoln #210,
Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln; Liberty #300,
Lincoln

District #11

Eugene C. Sibley, 54, 5221 S. 67th, Lincoln 68516, 402-421-2711 1984
Lancaster #54, Lincoln; Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping
Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George Washington #250, Lincoln;
Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

To Be Appointed

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

District #14

To Be Appointed

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson; Gilead #233, Butte;
Bassett #254, Bassett; Ornan #261, Spencer

District #15

To Be Appointed

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

District #16

Lynn Doty, 251, Box 173, Wausa 68786, 402-586-2341 1977
Ionic #87, Niobrara; Plainview #204, Plainview; Bloomfield #218,
Bloomfield; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond #291, Orchard

District #17

Victor D. Hunt, 62, 403 W. Phillips Rd., Phillips 68865, 402-886-2960 . . . 1976
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River;
Friendship #239, Chapman

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson, Hastings 68901, 402-463-2015 1964
Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud;
St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Minden #127, Minden; Guide Rock #128, Guide
Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Lotus #289, Ravenna; Mid-West #317,
Hastings

District #19

To Be Appointed

Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising
City; Lebanon #323, Columbus

District #20

Scott J. Krieger, 317, 810 N. Briggs, Hastings 68901, 402-463-4491 1990
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78,
Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Crescent #143,
Primrose; Cairo #324, Cairo

District #21

Wayne E. Beatty, 126, RR 2 Box 116, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-3950 . . 1984
York #56, York; Mt. Nebo #125, Genoa; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg;
Polk #311, Polk

District #24

Delmar Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234 1992
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61,
Lexington; Republican #98, Republican City; Jachin #146, Holdrege;
Elwood #167, Elwood; James A. Tulleys #267, Overton

District #25

Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001, 1990
308-345-3669
Melrose #60, Orleans; McCook #135, McCook; Culbertson #174,
Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument #293, Arapahoe

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221, 402-967-3361 . . 1979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake
#221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

Keith B. Leibhart, 148, RR 1 Box 62, Merna 68856-9735, 308-645-2486 . . 1990
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow;
Mason City #170, Mason City; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207,
Callaway

District #28

V. Rosenberger, 183, PO Box 95, Hemingford 69348-0095, 308-487-3965 . 1982
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Mullen #282, Mullen;
Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 Ash St., Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214 1984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana
#195, Gordon; Sioux #277, Harrison

District #30

Everett K. Dappen, 265, 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361 Emeritus
308-632-8640
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas
#265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

John M. Weidner, Sr., 33 & 75, 2134 11th Ave., Sidney 69162 1993
308-254-4221
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh
#286, Oshkosh; Kimball #294, Kimball; Golden Rod #306, Lodgepole

District #32

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

District #33

To Be Appointed
Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace; Sutherland #299,
Sutherland; Perkins #308, Grant

District #34

Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, 1550 N. Lincoln St., Fremont 68025 1990
402-727-9296
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington;
Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132,
Scribner

District #35

Harold W. Noble, 325, 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005, 402-733-9081 . . . 1987
Nebraska #1, Omaha; St. Johns #25, Omaha; Papillion #39, Papillion;
Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Don L. Jelinek, 54, 311 Dale Drive, Lincoln 68510, 402-488-3976 1992
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Bennet; DeWitt
#111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln;
College View #320, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361, 402-759-3869 1992
Oliver #38, Seward; Fairmont #48, Fairmont; Evening Star #49, Sutton;
Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

Frank R. Harris, 77, PO Box 3, Nelson 68961, 402-225-4581 Emeritus
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily
#154, Davenport; Chester #298, Chester

Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti

- Louis V. Sylvester, 281 801 So. 52nd St. #2105, Omaha 68106
- Clifford D. Webster, 75 5801 W. Crestridge Rd. #D302
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274
- Glenn W. Binder, 23 RR 1 Box 72, Pawnee City 68420
- Curtis J. Griess, 49 118 S. Ingalls, Grand Island 68801
- Harold A. Tilton, 291 7570 East Speedway 617, Tucson, AZ 85710
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 39 Walney Dr., Bella Vista, AR 72714
- Herman O. Hansen, 3 8521 California, Omaha 68114
- Richard L. Mauch, 254 & 136 507 Augusta, Bassett 68714
- Everett K. Dappen, 265 602 W. 29th St., Scottsbluff 69361
- Frank R. Harris, 77 Box 3, Nelson 68961
- Alfred Peltzer, 148 RR 2, Box 225, Broken Bow 68822
- Ben D. Fussell, 79 1610 G Street, Geneva 68361
- Ralph McNulty, 61 Box 83, Cozad 69130
- A. W. Clark, 33 219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68802
- D. Wayne Erickson, 146 1010 Garfield, Holdrege 68949
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65 RR 1 Box 31, Osceola 68651

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination Of Dual		Other Causes		
1-Nebraska	2	0	2	1	289	1	0	3	5	0	0	9	4	14	10	0	0	0	28	270	
2-Western Star	1	4	1	0	231	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	1	9	1	0	0	0	11	224	
3-Capitol	1	0	1	0	191	1	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	8	12	0	0	0	20	177	
4-Nemaha Valley	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	
5-Omadi	2	0	2	1	184	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	12	2	0	0	0	14	175	
6-Plattsmouth	12	0	12	0	275	12	1	0	0	0	0	13	1	8	0	0	0	0	9	279	
9-Falls City	0	1	1	0	85	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	92	
10-Solomon	0	1	0	0	82	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	78	
11-Covert	16	1	17	2	641	17	2	2	4	0	0	25	3	21	24	0	1	0	49	617	
14-Peru	1	0	1	0	43	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	43	
15-Fremont	2	1	1	0	397	1	0	0	5	0	0	6	5	8	8	0	0	0	21	382	
17-Tecumseh	0	0	1	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	8	61	
19-Lincoln	20	3	20	0	305	22	1	0	5	0	0	28	0	18	5	0	0	0	23	310	
21-Washington	3	1	6	0	131	6	2	0	1	0	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	137	
23-Pawnee	1	1	1	0	60	1	0	0	0	21	0	22	2	4	2	0	1	0	9	73	
25-St. Johns	0	0	0	0	221	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	7	6	0	1	0	15	207	
26-Beatrice	5	1	5	0	217	5	1	0	1	0	0	7	0	5	3	0	1	0	9	215	
27-Jordan	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	
30-Blue River	1	0	1	1	44	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	
31-Tekamah	3	2	3	0	221	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	6	0	0	0	10	217	
32-Platte Valley	7	1	7	1	343	6	3	1	2	0	0	12	3	13	3	0	1	0	20	335	
33-Ashlar	15	3	15	2	366	14	1	0	8	0	0	23	0	18	24	0	0	0	42	347	
34-Acacia	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	99	
35-Fairbury	1	0	1	1	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	1	0	0	13	96	
36-Lone Tree	0	1	0	0	81	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	80	
37-Crete	2	2	1	0	100	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	97	
38-Oliver	1	1	3	0	68	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	70	
39-Papillion	13	3	11	0	436	11	5	1	1	0	0	18	0	10	11	0	0	0	21	433	
40-Humboldt	1	0	1	0	57	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	58	
41-No. Light	0	0	0	0	51	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	49	
43-Hebron	3	1	4	0	63	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	2	8	0	0	0	11	59	
44-Harvard	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	39	
46-Rob Morris	10	1	10	1	235	10	2	1	1	0	0	14	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	245	

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48-Fairmont	0	0	0	2	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	30
49-Evening Star	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
50-Hastings	2	2	0	0	232	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	8	225
51-Fidelity	0	1	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	46
52-Hiram	0	0	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	44
53-Charity	0	0	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	74
54-Lancaster	26	1	26	4	597	27	1	0	6	0	1	35	0	7	14	0	0	0	21	611
55-Mosaic	2	1	5	1	176	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	5	2	0	0	0	8	173
56-York	3	2	3	0	156	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	153
57-Mt. Moriah	1	1	1	1	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46
59-Wahoo	2	1	1	0	133	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	8	5	0	0	0	13	125
60-Melrose	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	56
61-Thistle	4	3	2	1	168	1	0	0	14	0	0	15	2	7	11	0	0	0	20	163
62-Keystone	0	0	0	0	55	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	54
64-Blue Valley	2	0	2	0	45	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	47
65-Osceola	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	88
68-Aurora	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	57
72-Hooper	1	0	1	0	70	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	65
73-Friend	1	0	1	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
75-Frank Welch	1	1	1	1	209	1	1	0	25	0	0	27	1	8	37	0	0	0	46	190
77-Nelson	0	0	1	0	97	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	93
78-Albion	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	53
79-Geneva	4	0	4	0	114	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	118
81-Composite	0	1	1	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	62
82-St. Paul	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	73
83-Corinthian	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	40
87-Ionic	0	1	0	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	32
89-Cedar River	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	46
91-Oakland	0	1	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	47
94-Bennett	0	1	0	0	33	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	31
95-Garfield	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	70
96-Utica	1	0	1	1	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	33
97-Euclid	2	0	2	0	84	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	84

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98-Republican	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	26
102-Waterloo	2	0	2	1	135	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	138
103-Ord	0	0	0	1	68	0	2	0	9	0	0	11	0	3	7	0	0	0	10	69
104-Wymore	0	2	1	3	93	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	90
105-Stella	0	0	0	1	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	28
106-Porter	3	1	4	0	28	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
108-Table Rock	2	0	2	0	25	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
110-Pomegranate	1	1	1	1	153	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	150
111-DeWitt	3	0	3	0	26	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	27
112-Springfield	8	3	8	0	153	8	1	1	5	0	0	15	1	2	7	0	0	0	10	158
114-Wisner	0	0	0	0	59	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	57
119-North Bend	2	0	2	0	94	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	94
120-Wayne	0	1	1	0	153	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	2	4	0	0	0	7	150
121-Superior	0	0	0	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	5	0	0	0	11	85
124-Auburn	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	44
125-Mt. Nebo	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
126-Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	102
127-Minden	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	52
128-Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	50
132-Scribner	4	4	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	21
134-Solar	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	39
135-McCook	3	1	2	1	190	2	0	1	3	0	0	6	0	9	5	0	0	0	14	182
136-Long Pine	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22
137-Upright	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	0
143-Crescent	0	0	2	0	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	23
146-Jachin	0	0	0	0	120	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	7	114
148-Custer	2	1	1	1	168	3	1	0	9	0	0	13	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	169
154-Lily	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
158-Samaritan	3	4	1	0	113	1	2	0	4	0	0	7	1	1	6	0	3	0	11	109
159-Ogalalla	0	2	0	0	95	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	93
162-Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	31
164-Atkinson	2	0	2	2	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46
165-Barneston	1	0	1	0	25	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26

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167-Elwood	0	1	0	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	36
170-Mason City	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	23
173-Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	44
174-Culbertson	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	47
177-Hay Springs	1	1	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	80
180-Justice	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	67
183-Alliance	8	3	7	6	208	3	4	1	0	0	0	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	210
184-Bee Hive	1	0	1	2	348	0	1	0	7	0	0	8	1	8	8	0	0	0	17	339
192-Minnekaadusa	1	1	1	0	84	1	0	1	5	0	0	7	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	85
194-Highland	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	45
195-Arcana	0	0	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	73
198-Purity	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	64
200-Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	4	0	0	0	7	35
201-Scotts Bluff	8	3	5	0	146	7	1	1	0	0	0	9	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	148
204-Plainview	2	1	2	0	94	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	6	0	1	0	15	81
205-Golden Fleece	0	0	0	1	77	0	0	0	1	28	0	29	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	103
207-Parian	2	1	2	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29
209-Canopy	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
210-East Lincoln	31	5	31	1	558	33	0	1	4	0	0	38	5	16	22	0	0	0	43	553
211-Cement	1	0	1	1	67	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	62
216-Palisade	1	0	1	2	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	54
218-Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
219-Relief	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	37
220-Magnolia	0	2	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	22
221-Wood Lake	0	0	2	0	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
222-Landmark	4	1	3	0	70	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	72
224-Silver Cord	2	2	1	0	81	1	0	0	2	36	0	39	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	115
227-North Star	6	1	6	0	218	7	1	0	2	0	0	10	2	7	3	0	0	0	12	216
228-Bartley	0	1	0	0	91	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	86
229-Comet	4	1	3	1	82	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	81
233-Gilead	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	16
234-Zion	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46
236-Golden Rule	1	1	1	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	36

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239-Friendship	1	0	1	0	59	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	54
241-G. Armstrong	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	31
248-Laurel	0	0	1	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
250-G. Washington	3	2	3	0	122	3	0	0	5	0	0	8	1	6	6	0	0	0	13	117
251-Wausa	1	1	1	0	52	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	53
254-Bassett	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	36	38	0
256-Hickman	31	0	31	0	166	31	1	0	3	0	0	35	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	193
261-Ornan	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	32
263-Mitchell	2	0	2	1	83	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	82
264-Franklin	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
265-R. W. Furnas	6	0	7	0	201	8	2	0	2	0	0	12	1	7	2	0	0	0	10	203
267-J. A. Tulleys	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	42
268-G. W. Lininger	2	0	2	1	198	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	199
271-Oasis	2	0	2	2	86	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	4	2	0	0	0	7	83
274-Olive Branch	0	0	1	0	81	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	6	0	0	0	11	71
277-Sioux	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	34
279-Wallace	3	3	3	0	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
281-Florence	3	4	2	0	278	0	1	0	4	0	0	5	0	16	4	0	1	0	21	262
282-Mullen	0	0	0	0	27	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	25
284-Seneca	0	1	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	33
285-Camp Clarke	0	0	1	1	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	86
286-Oshkosh	0	2	3	0	51	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	54
287-Union	4	0	4	0	57	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	4	0	0	0	6	57
288-Omaha	1	2	1	1	153	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	1	14	8	0	0	0	23	135
289-Lotus	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	62
290-John J. Mercer	5	3	6	4	652	6	0	0	30	0	0	36	3	24	14	0	0	0	41	647
291-Diamond	0	1	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	90
293-Monument	0	0	0	2	78	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	5	5	0	1	0	11	69
294-Kimball	0	0	0	0	122	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	116
297-Cotner	4	2	4	0	185	5	1	0	4	0	0	10	0	7	10	0	0	0	17	178
298-Chester	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	27
299-Sutherland	0	0	1	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	0	1	0	9	57
300-Liberty	6	2	6	0	192	6	1	0	5	0	0	12	1	6	14	0	0	0	21	183

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302-Mizpah	4	0	3	1	391	3	1	0	10	0	1	15	1	14	9	0	0	0	24	382
305-Newman Grove	1	0	1	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
306-Golden Rod	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	28	34	0
308-Perkins	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46
310-Victory	4	1	4	0	111	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	111
311-Polk	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
314-Craftsmen	9	0	9	1	309	9	3	0	2	0	0	14	1	11	6	0	0	0	18	305
317-Mid-West	1	3	1	1	380	1	1	0	5	0	0	7	2	7	12	0	1	0	22	365
320-College View	3	0	4	1	71	4	1	0	4	0	0	9	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	74
323-Lebanon	1	3	2	0	129	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	129
324-Cairo	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	35
325-Bellevue	9	3	9	1	315	8	2	0	0	0	0	10	1	9	11	0	2	0	23	302
326-Centennial	8	4	7	1	222	7	0	0	8	0	0	15	3	6	12	0	0	0	21	216
327-Shiloh	8	0	8	1	142	8	2	2	3	0	0	15	0	2	8	0	1	0	11	146
328-Miloma	6	2	4	0	194	4	0	1	13	0	0	18	1	0	13	0	0	0	14	198
TOTALS	414	131	416	71	20463	433	77	36	291	85	3	925	74	649	576	1	18	85	1403	19985

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February 1, 2 & 3, 1996**

PAST GRAND MASTERS

	YEAR SERVED	NAME	LODGE
1st	1857-58-59	Robert C. Jordan	3
2nd	1860-61-62	George Armstrong	3
3rd	1863-64	Daniel H. Wheeler	6
4th	1865-66	Robert W. Furnas	4
5th	1867-68	Orsamus H. Irish	5
6th	1869-70	Harry P. Deuel	11
7th	1871-72	William E. Hill	2
8th	1873	Martin Dunham	3
9th	1874	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
23rd	1888	George B. France	56
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4
25th	1890	Robert E. French	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson	17
28th	1893	James P.A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King	54

43rd	1908	William A. DeBord	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	105
48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136
57th	1922	Edward W. Wellman	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith	198

89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46
95th	1960	John F. Futcher	290
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	227, 184
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	228
105th	1970	John H. Brown	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32,39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75

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 Novemer, 1992 To August 1995
- ◆ Deceased

PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

- Lee P. Gillette, 2 1882-1883, 1887-1894
- Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84 1884-1887
- James A. Tulleys, 53 1894-1900
- Robert E. French, 46 1901-1927
- Lute M. Savage, 3 1927-1948
- Raymond C. Cook, 6 1948-1965
- Robert W. Cook, 33 1965-1967
- ◆ Ralph W. Gerry , 281 1968-1981
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1 1981-1984
- T. Lco Stines, 36 1984-1985
- Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 1985-1990
- ◆ Emeritus

Grand Lecturers

George Armstrong, 3	1858, 1859, 1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860, 1861, 1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E.C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865, 1866, 1868, 1874 to 1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869 to 1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	1871 (Acting)
George H. Thummel, 33	1872, 1873
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1877 to 1880

The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians and Date of Appointment

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian" was made in 1869.

In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877

L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistant" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians". In 1925, the designation was "Deputy Custodian". The following brethren appeared in the records as "Assistant Custodians" ; or, at times, as "Deputy Custodians".

◆ John J. Mercer, 3	1910
◆ Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
◆ Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
◆ Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
◆ James D. Phillips, 93	1910
◆ Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
◆ Ernest H. James, 1	1910
◆ Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
◆ Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
◆ Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
◆ Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
◆ Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
◆ Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
◆ Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
◆ Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
◆ Levi Pringle, 276	1913
◆ Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
◆ Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
◆ George A. Stevens, 158	1914
◆ Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
◆ Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
◆ Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
◆ Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
◆ Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
◆ Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917

◆ Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
◆ Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
◆ Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
◆ Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
◆ Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
◆ Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
◆ Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
◆ Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
◆ John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
◆ Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
◆ George R. Patterson, 136	1923
◆ William J. Birkoffer, 249	1923
◆ D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
◆ Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
◆ William D. Edson, 53	1926
◆ Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
◆ Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
◆ William McCormack, 268	1926
◆ Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
◆ John R. Easley, 49	1927
◆ L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
◆ Elmer Surber, 95	1928
◆ John M. Bennett, 19	1928
◆ Earl Barnett, 146	1929
◆ Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
◆ Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
◆ Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
◆ Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
◆ Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
◆ Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
◆ Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
◆ Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
◆ Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
◆ Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
◆ Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
◆ Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
◆ Jesse P. Entriken, 295	1934
◆ Harroll D. Weddel, 208	1937
◆ Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
◆ Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
◆ Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
◆ S. William Beck, 43	1940
◆ Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
◆ Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
◆ Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
◆ Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
◆ F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942

◆ Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
◆ Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
◆ Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
◆ George S. Schwab, 49	1946
◆ Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
◆ Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
◆ LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
◆ Ernest E. James, 1	1946
◆ Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
◆ Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
◆ Paul D. Fleming, 293	1949
◆ Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
◆ Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
◆ Ralph M. Carhart, 120	1950
◆ Morris V. Balcom, 46	1950
◆ William F. Flicklinger, 56	1951
◆ Forest A. Lape, 183	1951
◆ Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	1954
◆ Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	1954
◆ Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
◆ Clifford D. Webster, 75	1956
◆ Matthias E. Mauel, 173	1956
◆ Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
◆ Ward V. Whitaker, 310	1957
◆ Richard L. Ely, 138	1957
◆ Asa J. Farnham, 106	1958
◆ Robert B. Conrad, 125	1958
◆ Winston C. Swanson, 120	1958
◆ Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210	1959
◆ Edmund D. Shaw, 195	1959
◆ Harry N. Ahl, 112	1959
◆ Alfred R. Kenover, 148	1960
◆ Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
◆ T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
◆ Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
◆ Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
◆ Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
◆ Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
◆ Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
◆ Gordon Chard, 240	1962
◆ Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
◆ Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
◆ Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
◆ W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
◆ Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
◆ Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
◆ Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965

- ◆ Robert W. Boon, 33 1965
- Augustus W. Clark, 33 1965
- ◆ Alton S. Mote, 183 1965
- ◆ Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302 1965
- ◆ Arnold F. Mains, 15 1965
- ◆ Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210 1965
- ◆ Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 1966
- ◆ Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 1966
- ◆ Ward L. McGlashan, 180 1966
- Curtis J. Griess, 49 1966
- ◆ Walter Brown, 1 1967
- ◆ John C. Nelson, 250 1967
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65 1967
- ◆ Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210 1967
- Howard G. Whitmore, 81 1967
- Frank R. Harris, 77 1967
- ◆ Gerald V. Inslee, 158 1968
- John C. Sierks, 4 1969
- Paul D. Jacobsen, 148 1969
- ◆ David O. Kipling, 281 1970
- Herman O. Hansen, 3 1970
- D. Wayne Erickson, 146 1970
- ◆ Walter S. Cork, 75 1970
- Richard L. Mauch, 254, 136 1971
- ◆ O. Wayne Thompson, 201 1971
- John A. Brandt, 26 1971
- Dale E. Kube, 55 1971
- Robert E. Kyes, 36 1972
- ◆ Mannie O. Hansen, 1 1973
- Richard O. Cowles, 174 1975
- ◆ Jens P. Nielsen, 121 1975
- Ralph E. McNulty, 61 1975
- ◆ Don L. McCoy, 11 1975
- Everett K. Dappen, 265 1975
- Alfred V. Peltzer, 148 1975
- Roger L. Shillington, 180 1976
- James E. Cornish, 31 1976
- Ben D. Fussell, 79 1976
- Victor D. Hunt, 62 1976
- Lynn Doty, 251 1977
- Marvin R. Weber, 204 1977
- ◆ W. Dale Page, 15 1977
- ◆ Harry L. Saum, 308 1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 26 1979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37 1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 40 1979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183 1979

- Arthur J. Ferguson, 221 1979
- ◆ Leslie G. Weber, 204 1979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 1980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 1981
- David E. Menck, 15 1982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 183 1982
- Justin F. Fauss, 55 1982
- Augustus W. Clark, 33 1982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126 1982
- Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 1984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 54 1984
- Leslie Evert, 195 1985
- William Fogle, 135 1985
- Roscoe Malick, 300 1985
- ◆ R. Winton Wilson, 199 1985
- Robert Kyes, 36 1985
- ◆ W. Dale Page, 15 1985
- ◆ Gordon E. Richards, 75 1986
- Harold Noble, 325 1987
- Deon D. Eberly, 314 1988
- Steven A. Green, 54 1988
- ◆ Steven K. Jones, 265, 263 1988
- Lloyd Vrtiska, 108 1988
- ◆ Robert M. Littrell, 77 1989
- Roy L. Smith, 6 1989
- Daniel E. Spearow, 26 1989
- LeRoy Crye, 328 1990
- Ronald D. Grass, 31 1990
- Scott Krieger, 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, 288 1991
- Delmar Jones, 46, 65 1992
- Don L. Jelinek, 54 1992
- Albert Wise, 79 1992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325 1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33 1993
- Rodney L. Samp, 308 1994
- Robert L. Carter, 314 1995
- Richard H. Cooper, 263 1996
- ◆ Deceased

Deceased Grand Masters

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

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53	(15th) 1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th) 1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th) 1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th) 1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th) 1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th) 1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st) 1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd) 1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd) 1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th) 1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46	(25th) 1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th) 1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th) 1892
James P.A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th) 1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th) 1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th) 1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st) 1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd) 1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207	(33rd) 1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25	(34th) 1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158	(35th) 1900
Robert E. Evans	July 9, 1925	5	(36th) 1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93	(37th) 1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32	(38th) 1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55	(39th) 1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31	(40th) 1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st) 1906
Orman J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd) 1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd) 1908
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th) 1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th) 1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th) 1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th) 1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th) 1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th) 1914

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th) 1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st) 1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd) 1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd) 1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th) 1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th) 1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th) 1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th) 1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th) 1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th) 1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th) 1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st) 1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd) 1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd) 1928
Ira C. Fleet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th) 1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th) 1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th) 1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th) 1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th) 1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th) 1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th) 1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st) 1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd) 1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd) 1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th) 1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th) 1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th) 1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th) 1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th) 1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th) 1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148	(80th) 1944-45
Benjamin F. Eyre	Aug. 12, 1993	1	(81st) 1946
Edward Huwaldt	Feb. 14, 1977	318	(82nd) 1947
Elmer Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd) 1948
Roscoe Pound	July —, 1964	5	(Honorary) 1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th) 1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th) 1950
Thomas J. Aron	Dec. 22, 1993	37	(86th) 1951
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183	(87th) 1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th) 1953
Charles F. Adams	April 17, 1980	68	(89th) 1954
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th) 1955
Merle M. Hale	Feb. 23, 1988	54	(91st) 1956
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295	(92nd) 1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd) 1958
Joseph C. Tye	Feb. 14, 1989	46	(94th) 1959
John F. Futcher	July 11, 1984	302	(95th) 1960
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19	(101st) 1966
Carl R. Greisen	June 28, 1995	32	(Honorary) 1966
John A. Bottorf	Feb. 21, 1984	49	(102nd) 1967
Norris W. Lallman	Nov. 1, 1984	72	(103rd) 1968
John H. Brown	Feb. 2, 1978	1	(105th) 1970
Russel L. Fickes	April 18, 1989	33	(106th) 1971
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th) 1972
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323	(111th) 1976
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th) 1977
Harold C. Wurdeman	Jun 21, 1985	323	(116th) 1981

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
1996	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth

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
1996	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney

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

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
Omadi	No. 5	So. Sioux City	Dakota	January 18, 1858	June 2, 1858
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18, 1858	June 2, 1858
Falls City	No. 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4, 1864	June 23, 1865
Solomon	No. 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	August 15, 1865	June 22, 1866
Covert	No. 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24, 1865	June 22, 1866
Peru	No. 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23, 1867	June 19, 1867
Fremont	No. 15	Fremont	Dodge	July 3, 1866	June 20, 1867
Tecumseh	No. 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	December 7, 1867	Oct. 28, 1868
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
St. Johns	No. 25	Omaha	Douglas	May 28, 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

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LODGE		TOWN		COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	
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
Crete	No. 37	Crete	Saline	January	8,1872	June	19,1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward	July	25,1871	June	18,1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion	Sarpy	November	18,1872	June	18,1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt	Richardson	December	16,1872	June	18,1873
Northern Light	No. 41	Stanton	Stanton	January	20,1873	June	18,1873
Hebron	No. 43	Hebron	Thayer	March	10,1873	June	18,1873
Harvard	No. 44	Harvard	Clay	March	25,1873	June	18,1873
Rob Morris	No. 46	Kearney	Buffalo	February	21,1873	June	26,1874
Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	December	4,1873	June	26,1874
Evening Star	No. 49	Sutton	Clay	December	22,1873	June	26,1874
Hastings	No. 50	Hastings	Adams	January	3,1874	June	26,1874
Fidelity	No. 51	David City	Butler	January	18, 1874	June	26,1874

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Hiram	No. 52	Arlington	Washington	February 26,1874	June 26,1874
Charity	No. 53	Red Cloud	Webster	March 2,1874	June 26,1874
Lancaster	No. 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20,1874	June 26,1874
Mosaic	No. 55	Norfolk	Madison	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
York	No. 56	York	York	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
Mt. Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7,1874	June 23,1875
Wahoo	No. 59	Wahoo	Saunders	January 20,1875	June 23,1875
Melrose	No. 60	Orleans	Harlan	March 10,1875	June 24,1875
Thistle	No. 61	Lexington	Dawson	May 8,1875	June 21,1876
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1,1876	June 21,1876
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October 6,1876	June 20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November 23,1876	June 20,1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	March 19,1878	June 25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May 4,1878	June 25,1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26,1878	June 25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March 15,1879	June 23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August 1,1879	June 23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24,1879	June 23,1880

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Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March	20,1880	June	22,1881	
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April	15,1880	June	22,1881	
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April	22,1880	June	22,1881	
Ionic	No. 87	Niobrara	Knox	January	24,1881	June	20,1882	
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January	19,1882	June	20,1882	
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February	7,1882	June	19,1883	
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May	5,1882	June	19,1883	
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June	28,1882	June	19,1883	
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July	14,1882	June	19,1883	
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July	21,1882	June	19,1883	
Republican	No. 98	Republican City	Harlan	July	27,1882	June	19,1883	
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September	7,1882	June	19,1883	
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September	14,1882	June	19,1883	
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November	10,1882	June	19,1883	
Stella	No. 105	Stella	Richardson	December	4,1882	June	19,1883	
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December	9,1882	June	19,1883	
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January	24,1883	June	19,1883	
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February	13,1883	June	19,1883	
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline	February	28,1883	June	19,1883	

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Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30,1883	June 19,1883
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior	Nuckolls	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Auburn	No. 124	Auburn	Nemaha	December 25,1883	June 24,1884
Mt. Nebo	No. 125	Genoa	Nance	January 1,1884	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Minden	No. 127	Minden	Kearney	January 22,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner	Dodge	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks	Merrick	August 8,1884	June 24,1885
McCook	No. 135	McCook	Red Willow	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine	Brown	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Crescent	No. 143	Primrose	Boone	January 24,1885	June 24,1885
Jachin	No. 146	Holdrege	Phelps	July 13,1885	June 17,1886
Custer	No. 148	Broken Bow	Custer	August 10,1885	June 17,1886
Lily	No. 154	Davenport	Thayer	November 28,1885	June 17,1886
Samaritan	No. 158	Chadron	Dawes	March 17,1886	June 16,1887

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Ogalalla	No. 159	Ogalalla	Keith	August	14,1886	June	16,1887		
Trestle Board	No. 162	Brock	Nemaha	October	9,1886	June	16,1887		
Atkinson	No. 164	Atkinson	Holt	August	19,1886	June	21,1888		
Barneston	No. 165	Barneston	Gage	August	20,1886	June	21,1888		
Elwood	No. 167	Elwood	Gosper	June	21,1887	June	21,1888		
Mason City	No. 170	Mason City	Custer	August	1,1887	June	21,1888		
Robert Burns	No. 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	November	15,1887	June	21,1888		
Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November	16,1887	June	21,1888		
Hay Springs	No. 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	February	20,1888	June	21,1888		
Justice	No. 180	Benkelman	Dundy	October	8,1888	June	20,1889		
Alliance	No. 183	Alliance	Box Butte	January	18,1889	June	20,1889		
Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha	Douglas	January	22,1889	June	20,1889		
Minnekadusa	No. 192	Valentine	Cherry	August	15,1889	June	20,1890		
Highland	No. 194	Cortland	Gage	September	21,1889	June	20,1890		
Arcana	No. 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October	17,1889	June	20,1890		
Purity	No. 198	Imperial	Chase	December	24,1889	June	20,1890		
Blazing Star	No. 200	Burwell	Garfield	August	5,1890	June	18,1891		
Scotts Bluff	No. 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August	8,1890	June	18,1891		
Plainview	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce	September	1,1890	June	18,1891		

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Golden Fleece	No. 205	Chappell	Deuel	September	2,1890	June	18,1891		
Parian	No. 207	Callaway	Custer	January	31,1891	June	18,1891		
Canopy	No. 209	Elmwood	Cass	September	4,1891	June	16,1892		
East Lincoln	No. 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November	5,1891	June	16,1892		
Cement	No. 211	Wood River	Hall	November	27,1891	June	16,1892		
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July	18,1892	June	15,1893		
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January	18,1893	June	15,1893		
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January	19,1893	June	15,1893		
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson	Dixon	January	21,1893	June	15,1893		
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September	22,1892	June	21,1894		
Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington	March	1,1893	June	21,1894		
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October	17,1893	June	21,1894		
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		
Gilead	No. 233	Butte	Boyd	November	22,1894	June	10,1896		
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		

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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
Ornan	No. 261	Spencer	Boyd	March 5,1906	June 5,1907
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5,1906	June 5,1907
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin	Franklin	June 11,1907	June 10,1908
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21,1907	June 10,1908
James A. Tulleys	No. 267	Overton	Dawson	December 26,1907	June 10,1908
George W. Lininger	No. 268	Omaha	Douglas	February 26,1908	June 10,1908
Oasis	No. 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	June 14,1909	June 8,1910
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walthill	Thurston	September 20,1909	June 8,1910
Sioux	No. 277	Harrison	Sioux	June 10,1910	June 6,1911
Wallace	No. 279	Wallace	Lincoln	February 25,1911	June 4,1912
Florence	No. 281	Omaha	Douglas	January 17,1913	June 4,1913
Mullen	No. 282	Mullen	Hooker	July 22,1913	June 9,1914
Seneca	No. 284	Thedford	Thomas	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	October 16,1913	June 9,1914

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY		CREATED	CHARTERED	
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh	Garden	November	25,1913	June	9,1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December	15,1913	June	8,1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha	Douglas	March	24,1914	June	8,1915
Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	June	11,1914	June	8,1915
John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha	Douglas	November	21,1914	June	8,1915
Diamond	No. 291	Orchard	Antelope	November	23,1914	June	8,1915
Monument	No. 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	December	18,1914	June	8,1915
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball	Kimball	June	10,1915	June	7,1916
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June	15,1917	June	5,1918
Chester	No. 298	Chester	Thayer	June	27,1917	June	5,1918
Sutherland	No. 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	June	23,1917	June	5,1918
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January	10,1918	June	5,1918
Mizpah	No. 302	Omaha	Douglas	November	12,1918	June	4,1919
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove	Madison	January	14,1920	June	9,1920
Perkins	No. 308	Grant	Perkins	December	1,1920	June	8,1921
Victory	No. 310	Valley	Douglas	December	27,1920	June	8,1921
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk	January	4,1921	June	8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March	22,1922	June	5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams	January	8,1925	June	10,1925

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
College View	No. 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1, 1927	June 6, 1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte	November 14, 1928	June 5, 1929
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo	Hall	January 16, 1936	June 1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March 5, 1955	June 8, 1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26, 1955	June 6, 1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3, 1965	June 10, 1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19, 1972	June 28, 1972
St. John The Baptist The Baptist	No. 330	Geneva	Fillmore	October 20, 1993	Feb 5, 1994

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

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

- Compass & Square No. 212** Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969
- Hope No. 29** Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969
- Elm Creek No. 133** Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970
- Napthali No. 206** Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970
- Alexandria No. 74** Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970
- Pythagoras No. 156** Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970
- Grace No. 226** Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971
- Wolbach No. 292** Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971
- Tyrian No. 243** Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972
- Mystic Tie No. 166** Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972
- Roman Eagle No. 203** Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973
- Amethyst No. 190** Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973
- Prudence No. 179** Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973
- Fairfield No. 84** Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974
- Ramah No. 275** Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974
- Sterling No. 70** Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
- Mt. Hermon No. 231** Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
- Winnebago No. 309** Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 3, 1974
- Temple No. 175** Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
- Beemer No. 253** Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975
- Signet No. 193** Leigh with Northern Light No. 41
Stanton, February 20, 1976
- Plumbline 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
 Danbury, September 1986

Curtiss No. 168 Curtiss with McCook No. 135
 McCook, February 15, 1986

Clay Center No. 139 Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317
 Hastings, March 5, 1986

Unity No. 163 Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110
 Ashland, December 30, 1986

Gothenburg No. 249 Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32
 North Platte, January 14, 1987

Granite No. 189 Gibbon with Cement No. 211
 Wood River, April 1987

Amity No. 169 Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177
 Hay Springs, May 1987

Golden Sheaf No. 202 Randolph with Plainview No. 204
 Plainview, December 31, 1987

Faith No. 181 Crawford with Sioux No. 277
 Harrison, December 1987

Potter No. 313 Potter with Frank Welch No. 75
 Sidney, October 1988

Western No. 140 Western with DeWitt No. 111
 DeWitt, December 1988

- Zeredetha No. 160** Reynolds with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, December 1988
- Right Angle No. 303** Omaha with Papillion No. 39
Papillion, December 31, 1988
- Trowel No. 71** Neligh with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, January 1990
- Alpha No. 316** South Sioux City with Omadi No. 5
South Sioux City, March 1, 1990
- Shelton No. 99** Shelton with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 27, 1990
- Nehawka No. 246** Nehawka with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, June 20, 1990
- Anselmo No. 258** Anselmo with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, August 28, 1990
- Globe No. 113** Madison with Mosaic No. 55
Norfolk, August 28, 1990
- Harmony No. 321** Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, November 28, 1990
- Silver No. 266** Silver Creek with Osceola No. 65
Osceola, April 25, 1991
- Cable No. 225** Arnold with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, May 17, 1991
- Grand Island No. 318** Grand Island with Ashlar No. 33
Grand Island, August 9, 1991
- Orient No. 13** Rulo/Falls City with Falls City No. 9
Falls City, August 21, 1991
- Rawalt No. 138** Oxford with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, October 9, 1991
- Beaver City No. 93** Beaver City with Monument No. 293
Arapahoe, January 30, 1992
- Meridan 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 Barely 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

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

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

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME & LOCATION	DATE EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 — Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 — Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 — Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 — Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 — Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 — Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 — Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 — Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 — Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 — Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 — Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 — Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 — Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 — Waco	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 — Doniphan	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 — Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 — Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 — Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 — Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 — Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 — Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 — Ainsworth	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 — Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 — North Loup	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 — Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 — Pierce	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 — Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 — Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 — Grant	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 — Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 — Arcadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 — Miller	June 6, 1918
Wauneta No. 217 — Wauneta	December 31, 1991
Ithmar No. 238 — Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 — Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 — Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 — Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 — Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 — Huntley	June 7, 1939
Swastika No. 280 — Sargent	December 31, 1988
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	September 10, 1993

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.: RITE, same as Ancient Craft except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (AO) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACTO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT	Add 4000 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 4000 = 5909.
A.:A.:S.: RITE	Add 3760 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 3760 = 5669. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH	Add 530 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 530 = 2439.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS	Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 1000 = 2909.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 1909 = 791.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 1909 and 1913 = 3822.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska #1	A. L. Aasgaard	—	Terrance P. Hughes *
Western Star #2	Charles A. Lambrecht	Edward L. Reed	Randall C. Miller
Capitol #3	John W. Kelley Jr.	Bruce Ginsburg *	—
Nemaha Valley #4	Gayle L. Martin *	—	—
Omadi #5	A. Gene Closson	Larry L. Schalles *	Frank A. Palacio *
Plattsmouth #6	C. Roger Mrasek	James D. Gansemmer	Gene F. Wehrbein
Falls City #9	—	—	—
Solomon #10	Stuart W. Sprick *	David L. Sheets *	—
Covert #11	Tracy Willits *	James B. Parks Jr. *	Ernest R. Reese
Peru #14	—	—	Carl O. Stevenson *
Fremont #15	Virgil R. Schiermeyer	Arthur E. Twyford	Mark A. Young *
Tecumseh #17	—	—	—
Lincoln #19	Paul H. Kenyon	David R. Gates*	—
Washington #21	Gary D. Finn	Jeffrey L. Sholtz	Robert A. Olson *
Pawnee #23	Ken Eichenberger Sr.	—	John W. Snyder *
St. Johns #25	Ramon P. Hagen *	James P. Hansen	Wayne D. Downing
Beatrice #26	Neil A. Henry	William B. Coker *	Gale R. Carel
Jordan #27	—	Jay D. Hansen *	—
Blue River #30	Melvin Giles	—	James L. Young *
Tekamah #31	Mark L. Weeces	Randy L. Olson	Scott L. Olson
Platte Valley #32	Paul D. Phillips	O. Richard Odean	James E. Conner *
Ashlar #33	Arle L. Willis	Wayne E. Vian	—
Acacia #34	Eugene F. Cunningham	David L. Melick	—
Fairbury #35	—	—	—
Lone Tree #36	—	—	—
Crete #37	—	—	—
Oliver #38	Stephen F. Smith	—	Carl K. Hart Jr.
Papillion #39	Cullen F. Pilker	Walter H. Sperzel Jr.	Kirby S. Johnson *
Humboldt #40	—	—	—
No. Light #41	Charles M. Meyer	—	Donald Schmidt *
Hebron #43	Edward L. Bliss	—	Douglas L. Modlin
Harvard #44	Warren Christensen *	—	—
Rob Morris #46	Robert L. Nemecek	Thomas A. Bright	Donald R. Snyder
Fairmont #48	Lewis Badger Halsey	—	—
Evening Star #49	Merrill D. Barnell	—	—
Hastings #50	John Brodersen	Michael L. Small	Dean Papenhagen
Fidelity #51	—	—	Michael E. Jones
Hiram #52	Charles Parr *	Sydney Clausen *	Eugene A. Harris Jr. *
Charity #53	Marlin K. Hoffman	Kenneth M. Kent	—
Lancaster #54	James C. Banister	Keith E. Attebery	William E. Fuller
Mosaic #55	David L. Sieler *	—	Kurt L. Blazek *
York #56	Ronald Winquist *	—	—
Mt. Moriah #57	—	—	—
Wahoo #59	Clarence E. Sauer	—	Lyle D. McKlem
Melrose #60	—	—	—
Thistle #61	Waldron G. Heany	—	Marcus D. Young II
Keystone #62	—	—	—
Blue Valley #64	Robert J. Prokop *	—	—
Osceola #65	Clarence Davis Jr.	—	—
Aurora #68	Ross D. Druliner *	—	—
Hooper #72	Gary G. Ristau	—	—
Friend #73	—	—	—
Frank Welch #75	Arlan E. Hartman	—	—
Nelson #77	Richard D. Wroughton	—	Jerry L. Drohman
Albion #78	Jeffrey J. Noble	Merlin L. Weber Jr.	—

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Geneva #79	Norval L. Lomax	Charles E. Barbur Jr.	—
Composite #81	—	Gregory A. Whitmore	—
St. Paul #82	Richard S. Olinger	—	—
Corinthian #83	Bradley A. Jones *	—	—
Ionic #87	—	—	—
Cedar River #89	Gary L. Loeske	—	—
Oakland #91	—	—	—
Bennet #94	—	—	Ron L. Phillips *
Garfield #95	—	—	—
Utica #96	Steven R. Rhodes *	—	—
Euclid #97	Michael E. Spohr	Phillip W. Rhodes *	Michael J. Saxton *
Republican #98	Rodney J. Richter	—	—
Waterloo #102	—	—	—
Ord #103	—	—	—
Wymore #104	—	—	—
Stella #105	Don R. Monnette	—	Steven B. Stanley *
Porter #106	Kenneth A. Bills	—	—
Table Rock #108	Robert A. Pope *	—	Melvin B. Wenzbauer *
Pomegranate #110	Jack D. Watson *	—	—
DeWitt #111	Dale L. Colgrove *	—	—
Springfield #112	Daniel J. Wellendorf	Arnold R. Kracht	Todd R. Ring
Wisner #114	—	Kenneth J. Rogers	—
North Bend #119	Fred H. Best	Rolland M. Otte	Donald I. Peterson
Wayne #120	John V. Addison *	Frank G. Teach *	Kevin A. Kay *
Superior #121	—	—	—
Auburn #124	—	—	—
Mt. Nebo #125	—	—	—
Stromsburg #126	L. Lavern Miller *	Steve Teegerstrom *	—
Minden #127	Robert G. Sorensen *	Jesse T. Adkins *	Benjamin W. Morey *
Guide Rock #128	—	—	—
Scribner #132	—	—	—
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	—	—
McCook #135	Ray E. Aldrich	—	Allen R. Millar
Long Pine #136	—	—	—
Crescent #143	Brian L. Cornwell	—	—
Jachin #146	James E. Mote	—	—
Custer #148	Leonard V. Lindly	—	Roy W. Litchenberger
Lily #154	—	—	—
Samaritan #158	Allen L. Shepherd *	Michael J. Samp *	Ted Mikesell *
Ogalalla #159	Craig M. Draucker *	—	—
Trestle Board #162	Samuel E. Smith *	David E. Gravatt *	Ival Schmucker
Atkinson #164	Dale Riha *	—	—
Barneston #165	—	—	—
Elwood #167	David D. Wade *	—	—
Mason City #170	—	Robert R. Holm	Harold A. Holland *
Robert Burns #173	Joel M. Richardson *	—	Lynn E. Sutton *
Culbertson #174	Terry A. Carlson *	—	—
Hay Springs #177	—	—	—
Justice #180	—	—	Scott L. Shillington
Alliance #183	Malvin M. Minshall	Emil A. Schadwinkel	Joseph H. Belden
Bee Hive #184	Gerald W. Robinson *	Larry R. Hulsebus *	—
Minnekadusa #192	—	Stephen L. Isom *	—
Highland #194	Daryl A. Doolittle *	—	Norman E. DeVries *
Arcana #195	Dale E. Berndt	—	—
Purity #198	Robert W. Rolfe	Loral Johnson *	E. Thomas Spunaugle
Blazing Star #200	Dale C. Crandall	Alan D. Petersen *	J. Blair Kirkpatrick *
Scottsbluff #201	Byron L. Lane	Rick T. Weaver *	Richard W. Taedter Jr.
Plainview #204	Gale Retzlaff	Dale Holmes *	Jack G. Frahm *
Golden Fleece #205	Robert A. Hayes	Malvin E. Minshall	Jack D. Woodman *
Parian #207	—	—	Paul Phelps
Canopy #209	—	—	—
East Lincoln #210	Gregory F. Sullivan	Monte D. Dietrick	John R. Butler

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Cement #211	—	—	—
Palisade #216	Richard L. Baxter *	Frank V. Padilla *	Fred C. Krotter *
Bloomfield #218	Lowell I. Fleming	—	—
Relief #219	Hugo Jon Milander *	—	—
Magnolia #220	—	—	Duane D. Strong *
Wood Lake #221	—	—	—
Landmark #222	—	—	Kenneth J. Rogers
Silver Cord #224	—	Raymond K. Kicken *	—
North Star #227	John H. Kirby	Jerry L. Dunlap	Evan A. Haydon
Bartley #228	—	Marvin K. Colson	Melvin L. Meguire *
Comet #229	Gerald R. Brodd	Dave Hurst	—
Gilead #233	—	—	—
Zion #234	Max E. Rothwell	—	—
Golden Rule #236	—	—	—
Friendship #239	Jonathan H. Yocom	Thomas Bornemeier *	John Brodersen
Geo. Armstrong #241	—	—	—
Laurel #248	David W. Curtiss *	—	—
G. Washington #250	George N. Harrison	Michael S. Waltke *	Daniel E. Brunsen
Wausa #251	Bruce L. Jorgensen	—	—
Hickman #256	Marty W. Ivins	Dale R. Hardy	Michael D. Gray
Ornan #261	Richard P. Jones *	—	Frank Matejcek *
Mitchell #263	Jay R. Rogers	W. R. Frey *	Ames Hartung III
Franklin #264	Jerrell F. Gerdes	—	—
Robt. Furnas #265	Gregory A. Fullen	Randall A. Olson	Jack D. Nichols
J. A. Tulleys #267	—	—	—
G. W. Lininger #268	Richard E. Gilmore	—	—
Oasis #271	—	—	—
Olive Branch #274	Jerome O. Vavra	—	—
Sioux #277	—	—	Dean R. Robinson
Wallace #279	Keith Gartrell	Randall E. Ogier	Davis J. Law *
Florence #281	James E. Westcott	Randall A. McFarland	Jeffrey A. Merriman
Mullen #282	John M. Jones	—	—
Seneca #284	—	—	—
Camp Clarke #285	—	—	—
Oshkosh #286	—	Lawrence E. Noland Jr.	Donald Thies
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	Galen L. Crawford *	—
Omaha #288	Myron Widger	David L. Peterson	Martin C. Stolinski
Lotus #289	—	—	Dale R. Link
John J. Mercer #290	Jack E. Sorrels	Clark R. Wilson	Scott L. Bodiford
Diamond #291	—	—	—
Monument #293	—	—	—
Kimball #294	Joe C. Perkins *	David L. Wilson *	Danny L. Perry *
Cotner #297	Gale R. Paxton	John C. Cramer	Nathan W. Butike *
Chester #298	—	—	—
Sutherland #299	Roger B. Eggleston	—	—
Liberty #300	Robert R. Foreman	—	Harold R. Borchert *
Mizpah #302	Craig R. Crawford	LeRoy J. Lenhardt	—
Newman Grove #305	—	—	—
Perkins #308	—	—	—
Victory #310	Kendall L. Steffensen *	Gregory C. Kava	Kenneth R. Dill
Polk #311	—	—	—
Craftsmen #314	James G. McCullough	Kenneth S. Friend	James F. McCullough
Mid-West #317	Charles Cleveland Jr. *	Lester R. Seiler	Wendell D. Verhage
College View #320	—	—	—
Lebanon #323	Roosevelt Howard Jr.	—	Dennis Reichenberg
Cairo #324	James R. Ford *	Steven L. Cromer	—
Bellevue #325	W. Eric Siburg Jr.	P. Alan Zamiska	Robert D. Muse
Centennial #326	John L. Waner	—	Fred J. Ripley
Shiloh #327	Norman E. Barnes *	David R. Sharp *	Paul D. Rutherford *
Miloma #328	Robert E. Watkins *	—	Steven D. Andersen *
St. John #330	Arsenios Coolik	Simeon Davis	—

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Steven J. Brownfield	03/03/89	Alabama	Victor D. Hunt, 62	04/29/77
Wayne G. Coleman	03/30/82	Alaska	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	03/08/82
Jose Gonzalez Ledo	01/10/64	Argentina		
Ralph P. Faulkner	08/22/83	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	09/03/76
Dennis H. Carmack	08/06/89	Arkansas	James L. Eatmon, 294	01/01/84
Gordon Ross Mallam	06/16/74	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/90
W. T. Neale	02/29/60	Australia, Queensland	Wayne J. Pauley, 19	07/18/77
G. T. Brice	....	Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 25	05/04/85
Peter Alexander Pothecaray	05/27/94	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/79
F. G. Hatcher	12/17/60	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	02/07/92
Hugo Barber	03/22/51	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/07/89
Alfonso Reyes	08/13/63	Belgium	L. L. Haddix, 36	12/31/81
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	09/19/36	Bolivia	G. Irwin Osterloh, 72	....
....	....	Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman	Robert L. Carter, Jr., 314	03/13/96
....	....	Brazil, Bahia		
Adolpho Porta	01/04/88	Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	06/04/71
Aderlou F. Andrade	01/04/88	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	02/10/89
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/73	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/90
Oscar de Paula Assis	08/01/69	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	....
Jose Cesario Horta	09/21/49	Brazil, Mato Grosso	Norris L. Rumisell, 46	12/20/89
Luthgard Nobre	06/26/74	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Robert E. Richards, 205	11/17/78
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/68	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/90
Joao Bento	10/23/57	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	04/18/94
Tutomo Sato	03/07/68	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	03/07/68
....	....	Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	04/18/94
Jose W. K. Neto	09/10/92	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	01/15/93
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/89	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Virgil L. Tubach, 54	02/10/89
Sidney Luiz Saut	12/01/91	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	03/26/91
Jose de Vitis Silva	11/14/51	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281	06/07/77
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gitz	05/29/92	Brazil, Sergipe	Will Medow, 55	06/10/92
Jose M. F. DeSantana	06/22/92	Brazil, Tocantins	Gordon L. Carley, 75	06/24/92
Harold Loewenthal	04/23/69	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 54	06/11/76
Cecil D. Holmes	08/06/89	Canada, Alberta	Steven A. Green, 54	11/06/95
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/86	Canada, British Columbia	Kent A. Talich, 75	04/19/94
A. G. Brock	07/20/93	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/07/89
Kenneth Nelson	10/21/55	Canada, New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/95
Gordon F. Conrad	11/30/90	Canada, Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	12/02/68
Kenneth N. Nesbitt	12/21/76	Canada, Ontario	Paul R. Eveland, 119	02/16/82
Allan C. Jenkins	04/08/71	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	01/17/45
Lee S. Donahue	07/26/95	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	....
Edward L. Lee	03/11/87	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	01/01/84
Rigoberto Jamett Mauiera	08/27/94	Chile	Ben D. Fussel, 79	06/04/71
Dawson Kwauk	06/26/80	China	John D. Richardson, 50	06/10/83
Jacque N. Hampton	04/09/80	Colorado		
Jose Maria Serna	07/31/51	Columbia, Barranquilla	Kenneth P. Lott, 184	02/03/81
Rafael F. Moreno	....	Columbia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 17	08/07/69

Douglas Gray	06/15/93	Connecticut	Byron L. Lane, 265, 201	10/19/92
Carlos Miranda	10/22/68	Costa Rica	Richard H. Scheef, 288	07/07/76
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/05/52	Cuba	John F. Dale, 135	12/07/89
Leonard S. Strycharz	01/28/71	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, 317	06/12/87
Soren Nielsen	05/03/90	Denmark	Frank Lawson, Jr., 1	12/07/89
H. Kenneth Kingsbury	09/24/82	District of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	05/13/54
M. D. J. C. Navarro	08/25/69	Dominican Republic	Harry A. Tollander, 281	07/08/81
F. G. Araya	06/17/53	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 174	11/07/78
Col. Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	03/26/94	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227, 184	12/02/68
Kalle Putkisto	12/15/69	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/95
Wm. C. Mitchell	06/23/70	Florida	John Lippert, 323	08/08/66
Edward Jeanmonod	09/14/54	France	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	07/01/74
Marcel I. Magwangu	05/03/90	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	02/10/89
Wm. H. McDaniel	08/06/89	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	08/03/60
Wolfgang Durst	09/24/75	Germany	Kevin L. Rittenburg, 229	10/24/95
Andreas Rizopoulos	01/02/90	Greece	Benjamin H. Harvey, 119	02/10/89
Angel G. Guzman	08/13/63	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	06/08/77
		Hawaii	James N. DeMoss, 325	12/07/91
Bjarne Bjarnason	01/07/53	Honduras	William G. Woeppel, 75	12/23/90
Dr. Robert Shiller	06/22/92	Hungary	Don A. Mears, 3	08/20/92
John R. Sheridan	12/17/86	Iceland	Dan W. Holmstedt, 314	05/20/80
Wiley F. Smith	08/06/89	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	01/01/84
Kenneth W. Smith	01/10/91	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/90
Di;ip Basu	12/10/94	India	William Hurst, 54	09/17/77
Herbert Newman	12/04/74	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	06/12/87
....	....	Iran (in exile)	Noel J. Lindquist, 1	06/04/71
Steinare Ludvigsson	01/31/94	Ireland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	04/14/93
Yehuda Ashkenazi	09/22/81	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	02/10/89
Giancarlo Boero	05/01/86	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/90
Yasuhiko Ide	....	Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	06/03/94
Conrad F. Johnson	07/14/91	Kansas	Wilbert W. Wittmuss, 39	06/12/87
C. J. Hyde	07/31/72	Kentucky	Wayne G. Lueneborg, 32, 39	06/12/87
Clifford A. Bradley	08/06/89	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	01/01/84
Rene Gregorius	08/17/71	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/07/89
Royce G. Wheeler	08/30/76	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	08/07/69
John M. Baker, III	....	Maryland	Donald F. Davidson, 26	08/10/93
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	08/06/89	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54, 6	12/07/89
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/50	Mexico, Nuevo Leon		
German Barrera	08/27/70	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Norman L. Coe, 46, 98	12/07/89
Carlos Marban	10/26/95	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46, 293	12/31/89
Willard Sauer	02/14/58	Michigan	Paul R. Pierce, 50	03/15/79
Frederick B. Vihovde	08/06/89	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	02/10/89
John T. Brown	01/16/53	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	09/08/73
William R. Robbins	07/23/63	Missouri	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	06/30/94
Ludvik H. Jun	08/18/88	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290, 317	12/07/89
A. Th ten Houten	07/27/94	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201, 314	12/23/90
Franklin L. Cooney	08/18/89	Nevada	Ronald R. Siwinski, Jr., 39	06/01/91
Ellis W. Howard	06/14/62	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	04/14/80
Thomas P. Zinkevich, Jr.	07/26/95	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/06/85

Warren E. Hultberg	09/30/93	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	07/01/74
Raymond E. Dovey	02/14/79	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	06/14/73
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Nathaniel C. Dean	07/26/65	North Carolina	G. Richard Myers, 158	01/01/84
Calvin E. Rustad	09/07/55	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/95
Erik Johnsen	04/06/92	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	02/10/89
E. L. Galbraith	04/23/69	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/90
Aubrey R. Erhart	06/11/63	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	----
Arthur E. Baird	09/16/80	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	12/04/68
Elias S. Mizrachi	01/13/53	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	07/28/65
Carlos Pena	09/01/72	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254, 136	06/04/71
Antonia Espinosa	----	Philippines	Charles Godwin, 210	01/25/96
Billy Watkins	12/23/93	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	06/04/71
Edward T. Hudson	08/11/78	Rhode Island	Paul C. Bulling, Jr., 229	03/18/96
George M. Preston	11/10/92	Scotland	John M. Weidner, 33, 75	01/15/92
A. Rhodie	08/18/89	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/07/89
Rhoden D. Batson	07/06/71	South Carolina	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	02/22/96
Walter Covey	06/20/91	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	07/06/72
----	----	Spain	Albert T. Reddish, 183	01/05/88
Karl Gustav Thurfjell	05/15/91	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	06/12/87
Frederick J. Pruefer	06/21/78	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/90
Leighton Gordon Scott	07/05/85	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	09/08/60
M. D. Manning	09/14/81	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	04/28/77
Fred Allen	10/25/91	Texas	Philip Lorenzen, 10, 327	05/20/92
Attila Atli	12/29/71	Turkey	Dale W. Anderson, 158	01/15/93
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	06/24/92
Tom Eastwood	01/10/90	Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	04/18/94
Wendell H. Chaffee	05/16/62	Venezuela	Paul A. Canaday, 51	06/10/87
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Edward C. Bond	02/09/90	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/04/91
Kenneth Kershner	12/03/93	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	06/10/83
J. K. Ferguson	09/28/61	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/89
Lawrence L. Myers	01/05/92	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	06/12/74

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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 1995

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>72,839</u>	<u>72,839</u>
Bonds:			
Central Power & Light, 6%, 10-1-97	50,000	48,613	50,258
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 6.55%, 5-1-2004	50,000	46,231	50,626
Public Service of Colorado, 6.75%, 7-1-98	25,000	21,812	25,141
Duke Power Co., 7.0%, 7-1-2000	50,000	49,101	52,217
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,658	54,920
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	50,000	51,463	59,951
General Motors Corp., 7.75%, 1-15-99	50,000	50,542	52,773
Phillip Morris, Inc., 6.0%, 7-15-2001	50,000	44,294	49,276
International Paper Co., Shelf 2, 9.4%, 6-1-2002	50,000	49,850	58,908
American Brands Inc., 7.5%, 5-15-99	50,000	50,141	52,612
AT & T Corp., 6.75%, 4-1-2004	50,000	49,633	52,391
Mortgage - Lot 10, Block 173 City of Bellevue		12,000	12,000
Allstate Corp. Note, 6.75%, 6-15-2003	50,000	48,459	51,709
General Foods Corp., 6%, 6-15-2001	50,000	46,381	50,010
Total Bonds	<u>625,000</u>	<u>618,178</u>	<u>672,792</u>
Common Stocks:			
Shares	Description		
1000	Sigma-Aldrich Corp.	47,850	49,500
1200	M. A. Hanna Co.	23,752	33,600
600	AT & T Corp.	34,823	38,850
800	Stryker Corp.	23,225	42,000
700	Merck & Co.	26,570	45,937
700	Burlington Res., Inc.	27,376	27,475
1000	Sonat, Inc.	24,446	35,625
900	General Public Utility	25,365	30,600
700	Timken Company	18,495	26,775
600	Southwestern Bell Corp.	22,980	34,350
700	Union Pacific Corp.	39,295	46,200
400	Proctor and Gamble Co.	20,240	33,200
1300	Glatfelter, P.H.	22,880	22,263
500	Exxon Corp.	32,088	40,562
300	Royal Dutch Pete Co.	26,593	42,337
800	Pfizer, Inc.	26,602	50,400
1000	Cooper Tire & Rubber	27,775	24,625
700	Coca-Cola Co.	29,283	51,975
300	Motorola	19,980	17,100
500	Walgreen Co.	14,862	14,938
	Total Common Stocks	<u>534,480</u>	<u>708,312</u>

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 1995

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		<u>72,557</u>	<u>72,557</u>
Bonds:			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 8.875%, 2-15-99	25,000	24,378	27,547
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 8.95%, 7-10-97	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,972</u>	<u>26,234</u>
Total Government Securities	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,350</u>	<u>53,781</u>
Corporate:			
New England Telephone, 6.125%, 10-1-92	25,000	24,125	24,645
Southern California Edison, 5.875%, 5-5-2006	30,000	25,344	29,186
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, 5.25%, 5-1-2005	25,000	21,336	23,381
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-2002	25,000	24,866	29,975
General Telephone Co., 7.625%, 5-1-2003	25,000	21,903	25,643
Phillip Morris, 6.0%, 7-15-2001	25,000	22,147	24,637
International Paper Co., 9.7%, 3-15-2000	25,000	25,000	28,557
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-2002	25,000	24,829	27,460
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-2006	25,000	25,000	27,745
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-2008	25,000	26,434	26,370
Allstate Corp. Notes, 5.875%, 6-15-98	<u>25,000</u>	<u>23,925</u>	<u>25,126</u>
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>280,000</u>	<u>264,909</u>	<u>292,725</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>330,000</u>	<u>314,259</u>	<u>346,506</u>
Common Stocks:			
Shares			
300 Pfizer, Inc.		18,392	37,800
800 Cooper Tire & Rubber		19,180	19,700
600 American General Corporation		8,197	20,925
300 Bristol Myers Co.		15,305	25,763
500 Coca Cola		12,518	37,125
300 Exxon Corporation		14,968	24,337
400 General Electric Co.		8,795	28,800
800 Teco Energy, Inc.		12,050	20,500
400 Willamette Industries		6,800	22,500
500 Timken Company		13,012	19,125
400 Sigma-Aldrich Company		20,135	19,800
300 Colgate Palmolive Company		14,423	21,075
200 Royal Dutch		16,740	28,225
700 Nipsco Industries		17,795	26,775
400 Southwestern Bell Company		12,240	22,900
400 AT & T Corp.		20,590	25,900
200 Motorola, Inc.		10,520	11,400
300 Walgreen Co.		8,918	8,963
500 M. A. Hanna Co.		12,987	14,000
Total Common Stocks		<u>263,565</u>	<u>435,613</u>

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