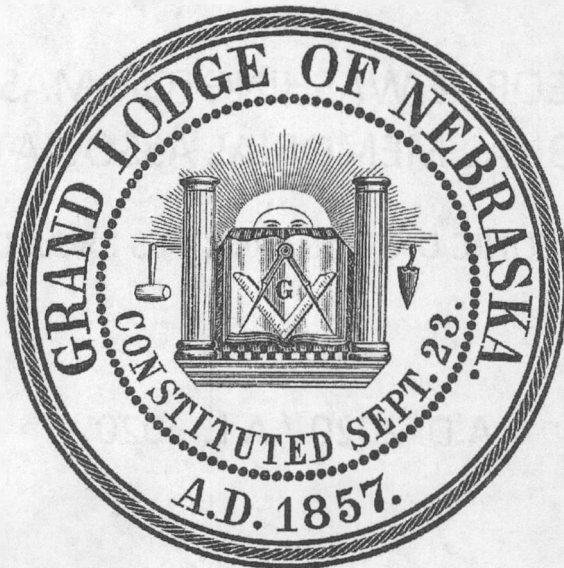


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Les Seiler

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2004-2005**

Masonic History of the 138th Grand Master

Les Seiler

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

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

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite: Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Hastings, Orient of Nebraska on October 20 through October 23, 1970. Served as Master of Kadosh (1975 and 1976). Served as Wise Master, Hastings Chapter of Rose Croix (1982). Served as Commander, Hastings Council of Kadosh (1991). Served as Venerable Master, Hastings Lodge of Perfection (1992 and 1993). Received the Knights Commander of the Court of Honor on October 17, 1977 and coroneted on December 2, 1995, with the Thirty-Third Degree. Appointed Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska in December 1995, and serves in this capacity to-date. He is a Trustee of the Scottish Rite Foundation – Nebraska (2001 to date).

York Rite: Made a Royal Arch Mason in Hastings Chapter No. 21, a Cryptic Mason in Hastings Council No. 8 and a Knight Templar in Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11 in Hastings, Nebraska on May 7, 1977. Became a member of Red Cross of Constantine on November 20, 2004.

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

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

National Sojourners: Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19.

Other Masonic Bodies: Invested Honorary Legion of Honor in 1986. Served as Director, Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation (1976 to 2001) and President (1984 to 2001). Served as Trustee of Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont, Nebraska (1984 to 1990). Served as Director, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Nebraska (1997 to 2001). Served as Director of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation (1999 to date). Grand Cross of Color, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (2004).

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

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

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



Ivan A. Vrtiska
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2005-2006

Masonic History of the 139th Grand Master

Ivan A. Vrtiska

Ancient Craft Masonry: Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on September 14, 1974; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on October 16, 1974; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on November 25, 1974 in Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha, Nebraska. Installed as Worshipful Master of Shiloh in January of 1979.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Appointed as Grand Chaplain by M.:W.: James F. Brown in 2000. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen in 2001. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon by M.:W.: Michael E. Jones in 2002. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 2003 under M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in 2004 under M.:W.: Lester R. Seiler. Installed as the 139th Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska on February 13, 2005.

Served as a member of the Appropriations Committee for many years, a member and chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee and the Youth Committee. Served as Chairman of the Masonic Memorial Service Committee. Trustee and Board Member of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation since 2000, Secretary/Treasurer 2002-04. Appointed as Grand Representative to Nicaragua in 2000.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite: Received the 4th through 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska, April 13-14, 1975. Served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1986. Served as a Trustee for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. Received the Knights Commander Court of Honor, December 1991; Coroneted on December 2, 1995, with the Thirty-third Degree. Served as Director of the 14th degree team for 25+ years, Member of the 8th, 16th and 33rd degree teams and Member of the Remembrance and Renewal Ceremonial Team.

York Rite: Made a Royal Arch Mason in Omaha Chapter No. 1, September 9, 1991; a Cryptic Mason in Omaha Council No.1, October, 1991 and a Knight Templar in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, November 1991. Served as various officers and as Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Masons, 1997. Awarded the "General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International Youth Award" in 1997; Initiated into the Red Cross of Constantine-COEUR DE LION, November 20, 2004. York Rite Temple Corporation Board Member since 1990. Masonic Community Center Foundation Board since 2004.

Shrine: Became a member of Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Omaha, Nebraska on May 3, 1986.

National Sojourners: Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, February 1, 2002, and Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76, November 20, 2003.

Order of the Eastern Star: Member of Aksarben Chapter No. 277, Omaha, Nebraska, March 26, 1990. Served as Worthy Patron during 1999.

International Order of Job's Daughters/Job's Daughters International: Associate Guardian Bethel No. 69, 1986-89; Grand Guardian Council of Nebraska since 1986; Associate Grand Guardian of Nebraska, 1990-91; Supreme Guardian Council since 1990; Supreme Librarian, 1992-93; Associate Guardian, Bethel No. 1, 1997-2002; Grand Deputy, Nebraska 1991-1998; HIKE Board USA (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) 1991-99, Board President 1997-99; World Youth Foundation Board since 1997; Numerous Nebraska Grand Guardian Council Committees; Numerous Supreme Guardian Council Committees; IOJD/JDI Supreme Board of Trustees, 1999-2002; Member of Honor-Bethel No.1, presented December 19, 2002.

DeMolay: Imperial Chapter Advisory Board 1976-1996; Imperial Chapter Dad, 1986-89; Nebraska Mason of the Year, presented by the Nebraska State DeMolay Chapter, 2001.

Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation: Board 1994-2003; President 1999-2001.

The Omaha Home for Boys: Trustee/Board of Directors since 1982; President, Board of Directors 1989-1991.

Other Masonic Bodies: Scottish Rite Research Society, October 2002; Saints John Lodge of Education, Charter Member; South Dakota Lodge of Research, June 21, 2003; Masonic Veteran's Association of South Dakota, June 21, 2003; Illinois Lodge of Research, October 10, 2003; Iowa Lodge of Research, September 17, 2004.

Education, Professional, and Other: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Bachelor of Architecture, 1969; Registered Professional Architect in seventeen States; NCARB Certificate holder since 1978; Certified Construction Specifier (CCS); Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) since 1969, Omaha Chapter President 1985; Member of Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) since 1970, Nebraska Chapter President 1987-88; Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) 1989-2000; Member of the Omaha Business Breakfast Club since 1991, President 2000-01; Member of Maplewood United Methodist Church since 1970, Chairman of several committees including Stewardship, Evangelism, Council of Ministries, Administrative Board, Board of Trustees, Staff/Parish Relations, & Building Committee; Maplewood Preschool Board, 6 yrs, president 2 yrs; plus numerous other activities.

Military: Nebraska Air National Guard, 155th Photo Reconnaissance Group, Photo Interpreter, TSgt, 1969-75.

Personal: Married to Karen Peterson Vrtiska (8/07/65), College Math Instructor and Past Matron of Aksarben Chapter No. 277, OES. Children are Heidi Jo married to Brother Shawn Ketchmark, Omaha, Nebraska and Holli Sue married to Greg Imig, Atlanta, Georgia. Grandchildren are Rachel and Justin Ketchmark, Andrew and Wesley Imig. Both daughters are PHQ's and Majority Members of Job's Daughters, Past DeMolay Chapter Sweethearts, and are Speech Pathologists.

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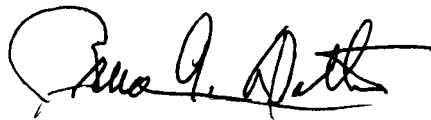
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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Hastings, Nebraska, February 4 and 5, 2005, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 1st day of September, 2005.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful Les Seiler
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 4, 2005

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Masonic Temple, Hastings, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 4, 2005.

M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp, National Sojourners, the Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers were introduced in reverse

order, followed by the M.:W.: Grand Master, Les Seiler and his Lady, Jo, being presented and given Grand Honors.

R.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska took the podium and presented the distinguished guests in attendance.

First of the dignitaries to be presented to the Grand Master and honored by the Masons assembled were the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Following the Nebraska flag, the presentation of state flags for other visiting jurisdictions was made by the Tehama Legion of Honor and Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11 of Hastings in chronological order of the state's entry into the Union.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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

Ivory Bobb Grand Master
Frederick H. Wisdom Deputy Grand Master
Russell W. Hobson Grand Historian
and his Lady, Anne-Marie

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

Richard E. Fletcher Past Grand Master and Executive Secretary, MSA
and his Lady, Judy

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

Daniel C. Yandel Senior Grand Warden and
Personal Representative of the Grand Master
J. Garrie Burr Past Grand Master and President
of the National Masonic Foundation
Kenneth W. Smith Grand Representative

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

Donald Mayer Grand Master
and his Lady, Rose
William R. Crawford Grand Secretary
and his Lady, Elaine
Robert H. Erickson Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Kris

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

Frederick B. Vihovde Grand Representative
and his Lady, Carol

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

Allan L. Hurlburt Grand Master
and his Lady, Mary Lou
J. Steven Molstad Grand Senior Warden
Sterling P. Hornbuckle, III Grand Senior Deacon
and his Lady, Winona
Arthur T. Nelson Grand Flag Bearer
and his Lady, Jerry

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

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

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

William A. Coffield Grand Master
and his Lady, Pat
Larry L. Anderson Deputy Grand Master
and his Lady, Phyllis
Denny Robinson Junior Grand Warden
Gary Griffith Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Cheri
Charles N. Kaufman Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Fern

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

Ronald E. Triggs Deputy Grand Master
Clarence Darling Senior Grand Deacon
and his Lady, Anna

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

Robert A. Coleman Grand Senior Deacon
and his Lady, Faye

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

Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of Eastern Star

Genevieve "Jill" Ramsey Worthy Grand Matron
Wayne R. Jacobsen Worthy Grand Patron

International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska

Diane Broyhill Grand Worthy Advisor
Thelma Domingo Supreme Outer Observer

Job's Daughters International

Sarah Willoughby Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Traci Haug Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
Janice Sprague Grand Guardian
Scott Sprague Associate Grand Guardian
Mary Louise Gillispie Grand Secretary

DeMolay

Nick Walker Field Representative, DeMolay International
Jason Holtz State Master Councilor
Rush Storz State Senior Councilor
Tyler McCabe State Junior Councilor
Bruce Wood Executive Officer

Grand York Rite of Nebraska

Jay H. Speck Secretary/Recorder
Roger L. Galusha Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

Robert E. Wunder Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska

Mervin Titchen Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
 and Puissant Sovereign, Shiloh Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
 Orient of Nebraska**

Charles N. Kaufman Deputy, Supreme Council for South Dakota
 W. Glen Jorgenson General Secretary – Valley of Hastings
 Curt M. Edic General Secretary – Valley of Omaha
 Bruce Wood General Secretary – Valley of Lincoln

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Jack H. Jones Imperial Recorder, Shrine of North America
 Joseph W. Cook Potentate, Tehama Shrine – Hastings
 Gerald L. Henderson Past Potentate, Tehama Shrine – Hastings
 W. Glen Jorgenson Recorder, Tehama Shrine – Hastings
 Thomas K. Brummett Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
 Cary L. Manson Recorder, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
 Richard Vosteen Potentate, Sesostris Shrine – Lincoln

National Sojourners, Inc.

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

The Nebraska Masonic Home

Mary Stapp Executive Director

The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

Anita Crisp Executive Director

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Benjiman Harvey Executive Director

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

M.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg 1987
 M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland 1988
 M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon 1994
 M.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg 1995
 M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey 1996
 M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming 1997
 M.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen 1998
 M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith 1999
 M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr. 2000
 M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen 2001
 M.: W.: Michael E. Jones 2002
 M.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe 2003

V.:W.: Joe D. McBride, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



Grand Master Seiler welcomed everyone to this, the 148th Annual Communication.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

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

Halsey D. Phillips	District 3
Steven A. Green.....	District 10
James R. Taylor	District 15
Roger A. Deininger.....	District 17
Arthur S. Dye.....	District 18
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	District 20
Wayne E. Beatty	District 21
Delmar A. Jones.....	District 24
Bill Lichtenberger.....	District 27
Jack D. Nichols.....	District 28
Leslie A. Evert.....	District 29
Richard H. Cooper	District 30
Harold C. Mueksch.....	District 34
Harold W. Noble.....	District 35
Bruce A. Watkins.....	District 36

After introductions, the following Brothers were recognized: Arthur S. Dye earned his plaque for fifty years of continuous certification. W.:B.: Frank Veverka and W.:B.: Dan Scarborough were commissioned as Deputy Grand Custodians. Frank will replace Harold Mueksch to serve District 34 and Dan takes over for Scott Krieger to serve District 20. W.:B.: Verbeek brought R.:W.: Scott Krieger, Sr. and Harold Mueksch to the front and awarded them with the status of Emeritus.



Miss Diane Broyhill, Grand Worthy Advisor, was introduced by Grand Master Seiler, at which time Diane brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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

He must first be a Master Mason for thirty years. Secondly, he must have been active in at least three of the following five community activities. He could have held a political office such as mayor, city council member, county board member, natural resource district board member, school board member, or such other political office as may be available. He could have been active in his church either as an elder, a vestry member, Deacon, lay reader, or such other similar office. He could have been denoted as a Civic

leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, or foundations. He could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the YMCA, United Way, or Scouting. He could have been involved in such service organizations as the Lions, Sertoma, Kiwanis or Rotary. Lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic fraternity.

Harold J. Daub, Jr., Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha, was absent due to meeting with President George W. Bush in the President's visit to Omaha. Curtis M. Edic came forward to read the response prepared by Hal.

Richard L. Ely of Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 of Guide Rock was introduced and responded to receiving the Humanitarian Award.



Miss Sarah Willoughby, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Traci Haug, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, brought greetings from Job's Daughters International.

GOLD PAN AWARD

The Gold Pan was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1987 by the Grand Lodge of Alaska on the occasion of the Grand Lodge's sixth anniversary. During Byron Jenkin's term as Grand Master, Nebraska was the first Grand Jurisdiction to grant recognition to the newly formed Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Alaska, and this traveling trophy was presented in honor and appreciation of this action.

The trophy, an authentic 12-inch Alaskan gold pan, is mounted on a 20-inch walnut plaque. Brass plates for the recipient lodge names surround the gold pan.

The Gold Pan is to be awarded annually to the Nebraska Lodge showing the greatest improvement or most significant contributions to Masonry in Nebraska.

Grand Master Les Seiler presented the award to members of North Bend Lodge No. 119 of North Bend.

Members of North Bend Lodge No. 119 came forward to accept the award.



Most Worshipful Seiler asked Jason Holtz, State Master Councilor of Nebraska DeMolay to come to the podium and present their awards and bring greetings.

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

Jason Holtz presented the DeMolay Mason of the Year award to Byron Hust of Purity Lodge No. 198 in Imperial. Jason also made a presentation for the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Tangier Shrine Center in Omaha.

State Junior Councilor Tyler McCabe presented Grand Master Les Seiler with his petition for Masonry into Fremont Lodge No. 15.



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



At this time, Grand Master Seiler called upon Jill Ramsey, Worthy Grand Matron, and Wayne R. Jacobsen, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Order of Eastern Star to bring greetings.



M.:W.: Les Seiler requested that Ben Harvey of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Dwight Smith, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, come forward to receive checks, each in the amount of \$3626.36, from the proceeds of the Third Annual Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournaments held in August and September 2004 in Scottsbluff/Gering and Fremont, respectively.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Seiler 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 Liberty Lodge No. 300. Worshipful Master Wade Kendle led the members of Liberty Lodge No. 300 who came forward to accept the award.



Grand Master Seiler asked Jack Jones, Imperial Recorder for Shrine of North America to come forward to bring greetings.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that John Maxell, as chairman of the Membership Committee, come forward to present the traveling trophies. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each lodge received a traveling trophy that they can display in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winner in the large lodge division was Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield. The winner in the small lodge division was Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill.



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

- Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton
- Bennett Lodge No. 94, Lincoln
- Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill
- Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk
- Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola
- Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair
- Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln
- Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
- George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton
- Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City
- Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland
- Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion
- Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville
- Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
- Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace
- Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove
- Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
- Table Rock Lodge No. 108, Table Rock
- Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- Solar Lodge No. 134, Clarks
- Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend
- Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis
- Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun

GRAND MASTER’S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 14 members who qualified. M.:W.: Grand Master Seiler read the names of the recipients and presented them with a pin in the shape of a trowel, representing their achievements in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection.

- 10 - Donald Bush, Miloma Lodge No. 328
- 9 - Rick Wiese, III, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 8 - Randy Heckert, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 8 - Mark Clinton, Cotner Lodge No. 297
- 7 - John Wonder, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
- 7 - Robert Heckert, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 7 - Mike Call, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 6 - Dale Lueders, Liberty Lodge No. 300

- 5 - Cleo Miller, Shiloh Lodge No. 327
- 4 - Donald Berg, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274
- 4 - Dan Wellendorf, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 3 - John Francavilla, Springfield Lodge No. 112

Second place went to Brother Pepper Aasgaard, a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha. Brother Aasgaard was presented with a pin, as well as a plaque.

First place will be awarded to Brother Patrick Barger of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln. In addition to the pin and plaque, Brother Barger will also receive a pocket badge, and his picture and name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the Grand Lodge Office. Because of military orders, Patrick was not able to attend the Public Opening. He will be present at the Saturday business session where he will receive his award.



Grand Master Les asked Grand Master Bill Coffield of South Dakota to come forward to bring greetings.

M.:W.: Seiler then introduced Chuck Kaufman, Deputy for the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for South Dakota so that he could bring greetings.

GRAND ORATION

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

Most Worshipful Sir, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Fellow Masons:

We read in the Old Testament, the 133rd Psalm, *“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment. As the dew of Hermon and as the dew descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.”* Nebraska, our state, a state divided by distance, climate, time zones, yet bound together by rivers, highways, shared interests. Here in Nebraska, charity and brotherhood must know no boundaries. Here, we need unity.

Let me share with you three examples of brotherhood that reach across geographic and cultural boundaries. One of the small Scottish Rite magazines told a wonderful story. It told of the square and compass stored in an old trunk found by a modern-day relative. They didn’t know the meaning of this square and compass and still finding a journal from the Civil War Days, they found that this special emblem had been placed on the gatepost of a house in the Deep South when victorious union forces were pillaging the area. They learned that a small square and compass had been worn around the neck of the lady of the house while her husband was gone serving his cause. As the forces approached this house, the commanding officer stopped them, seeing the square and compass, literally protecting this house and this family and said, “We will not go in.”

Later, a young woman from our community would need help when she was in an accident in a community in South Dakota. She is a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters. She was involved in a fender bender with a very irate older lady. A man happened upon the scene and he could see that this young woman was taking quite a beating. He intervened; he calmed tempers; he helped the young lady sort things out while they waited for the police; and it was only afterwards that this young lady from our community learned that he was a Mason. We received this story by way of the grandfather of the young lady after a York Rite meeting. You could tell how much it meant to him that a fellow Mason stepped up at a time of need.

Masonic charity continues to cross state boundaries today. As I was working on ideas for this speech, I had a call from a Mason who wants to be reinstated in our lodge. He's a big guy; his name is Tiny. He worked at a car dealership in our community before moving back to Colorado. As we visited, he told how he was suspended years ago for non-payment of dues. Then he went on to tell the rest of the story. He's a diabetic, and he had suffered incredible health problems, which eventually led to the amputation of both legs. As you can imagine, he had incredible bills coming in. One of the men who worked at the car dealership in Colorado where Tiny was employed took part of his commission check each month and made sure that the health insurance was paid so this man and his family would not be bankrupted.

So, which is the better story - the Civil War, the young woman or the caring Mason, or do they all represent the unity that we have to seek for? We visit your lodges and we hear wonderful stories. I have to tell you a short one from our lodge. We have many older gentlemen. They installed a dishwasher years ago. These older gentlemen were on the meal committee. They did dishes; they put everything in the dishwasher after they did dishes; put in detergent; shut the door; put it on high; turned it on; had coffee out in the Blue Room while they waited for the dishes to finish being washed for the second time. Then someone noticed there were a lot of suds on the floor in the kitchen and they became very concerned. They went in and opened the dishwasher to make sure that's where they were coming from and sure enough there were a lot of suds in there, and they just kept coming and coming. Our Grand Master Les encouraged us to have clean, neat lodges this year. I can guarantee we had a clean floor in our kitchen.

You know the stories of Masonic charity in your home town and in your Lodges. Make sure you pass them on to the new members. Make sure that they understand. It's when a man puts the lessons into practice that he truly begins to understand the meaning of Masonry. Share with them the lessons of Luke 6:38, "*Give, give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.*" Thank you for all you give. We travel across the state of Grand Lodge Officers seeing the importance of the cornerstones you've arranged, seeing the CHIP events, seeing the special events – we are just amazed and honored to be part of your efforts.

Have you ever heard the old Fats Waller song, *Your feets too big*? "I need to be huge, I need to have a big blues guitar and I need to sing Your feets too big. Your feets too big. What's that walkin' 'round here, mercy. Say at a diner, a table for two, there's four of us, me, your big feet and you." That's my introduction to my final statement about a special Mason in our lodge, Jim Sommers, a recent Jordan Medal Holder. He had size 15 and a half narrow feet. Those big feet saved his life. One of his grandsons told how the Army

only had one pair of boots to fit this young man. Jim had to watch as his unit boarded a ship and sailed off to World War II. Later, he would learn that that ship and most of his unit were lost in a submarine attack. He trained with the 124th, was sent to the Burma Theater. They used mules to move supplies inland in support of the front line troops. He told about the Raiders – you’ve all heard their stories – the real cutting edge troops that suffered the disease problems, the contact with the enemy, and the incredible hardships of that campaign. Jim and another man, Charles Marcy, a brother from our community, put on a World War II program at our lodge. Charles was a C47 pilot and he flew supplies over the hump. He looked at Jim and said, “The real heroes were on the ground.” Jim was embarrassed and said, “The real heroes were the front line troops.” At the program, they mentioned that he had won several medals. He said, “You don’t need to hear about that.” Later, Jim served as a chaplain’s assistant. He loved to tell the story of some inspecting officers flying into their camp. One of the officers who he called “The Old Man” must have noticed Jim’s ring, because on departure before they boarded the plane, he reached out and gave Jim the grip of a Master Mason. Fifty years later, he was telling us this story of an officer giving the grip to a brother thousands of miles from home. Jim was always neat and clean, courteous and friendly, exactly what our Grand Master encouraged our lodges to be. Jim’s shoes were always shined, as was his Cadillac. He taught his children and his grandchildren by examples – neatness, courtesy and friendliness. There’s a wonderful little story that many of the older members have heard. Share it with your younger members. It’s called the Bridge Welders. It tells of men who are Masons coming to your community with a stream, a river, that needed to be crossed. You can obviously wade through water or you can build a bridge. Each of you have become bridge builders in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Whether you’re a visiting dignitary, whether you’re the Grand Master and his wife, thank you for all you do.

In the words of our Masonic Brother Red Skelton, May God Bless.



Grand Master Les made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening, asking that the Brethren proceed to the Blue Lodge Room for the opening of a Lodge of Master Masons and the Formal Session.

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Held in Hastings, Nebraska
February 4-5, 2005

Most Worshipful Les Seiler
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 4, 2005

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50 with Masons present. M.:W.: Grand Master Les Seiler thanked the Brethren involved in the opening of that Lodge of Master Masons.

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

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

M.:W.: Les Seiler remarked that three gavels will be used in the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. The first was made in honor of Sonny Eatmon by his son-in-law, John Ferguson, and was presented to Les at his installation. The second was used by Grand Master Seiler's father when he was Master of his Lodge. The last is the traveling Grand

Master's gavel which was presented by Past Grand Master Charles Amidon and will be used by the Deputy Grand Master.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Joe D. McBride invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 148th Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

At this time, Grand Master Seiler appointed M.:W.: Brother Dwight Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 148th Annual Communication.

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins brought the report of the Committee on Business and Rules, and then moved for its adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Bruce A. Watkins, 300

The business of an Annual Communication shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, as amended. The order of business shall be as shown in the printed program for the Communication, or as may be revised by the Grand Master to expedite the business and procedure of the Grand Lodge. The Committee further recommends:

1. The Grand Master shall appoint a brother to serve as Parliamentarian of the Annual Communication. The Parliamentarian need not be a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise and consult the Grand Master regarding procedures.
2. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the East unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master.
3. Amendments, which have been brought to the floor for ballot: One of the signers of an amendment shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
4. Officers speaking on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter may speak from the East. Members of the Grand Lodge may then speak from the main floor at a microphone near the altar or as directed by the officer presiding. Time permitting, other brothers may speak to the issue. Prior to speaking, each brother shall be recognized by the officer presiding and shall state his name and lodge before addressing the Grand Lodge.
5. No brother shall speak more than twice on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter unless special permission is granted by the officer presiding. Members shall be recognized to speak in the order they rise unless the officer presiding shall otherwise direct. If more than one brother rises at approximately the same time, the officer presiding shall direct the order of speaking.
6. Time limits on speaking shall not be imposed unless the officer presiding shall announce time limits in order to expedite the business of the Annual

Communication. Upon announcement, the officer presiding shall enforce the stated limits.

- 7. When the Grand Lodge is passing upon the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand Master, the Grand Master shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee will announce the position of the Committee. Discussion will then be permitted with the Grand Master permitted to speak. Members of the Grand Lodge shall then be permitted to speak to the issue. Time permitting, other brothers may speak after which a vote will be taken.
- 8. When the voting method is not prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws, it shall be by the usual sign of a Mason while voting. The Grand Master, or other officer presiding, may prescribe voting by secret ballot or other method at his discretion.
- 9. Questions of procedure not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand Master.

The motion was seconded and passed.



M.:W.: Les Seiler announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Les Evert as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grand Master Seiler directed that the delegates cast their ballots for the election of the offices of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary.



While awaiting the marking of the ballots for the election of officers, Grand Master Les asked M.:W.: Allan L. Hurlburt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, brought greetings.



The Tellers then collected all ballots. M.:W.: Les Seiler declared the ballot for the election of officers closed.



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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott Howerter, Chairman

Brother Scott Howerter, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, presented the report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2005 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.

GRAND MASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

This year, Grand Master Seiler asked the Awards Committee to seek out and present an award to the Masters of all Lodges who had the greatest accomplishments in meeting the goals that he set forth for 2004. Those goals were:

1. Lodge activities – at least one social activity and one fundraiser
2. If a lodge has merged with your lodge, or if you have a community near your Lodge that does not have a lodge, have an activity in that community
3. 5% New Members
4. Meaningful Lodge education programs
5. Clean and paint lodge interior and exterior, if needed

Based on the responses received from the questionnaires that were mailed out, the following 22 Worshipful Masters were chosen and asked to come forward to receive their award.

W.:B.: Gale Carel, Beatrice Lodge No. 26
 W.:B.: Jerre Johnson, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
 W.:B.: Ivan Krula, Acacia Lodge No. 34
 W.:B.: J. P. Wehrman, Oliver Lodge No. 38
 W.:B.: Michael Meyer, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
 W.:B.: Charles Monter, Keystone Lodge No. 62
 W.:B.: Chris Olson, Friend Lodge No. 73
 W.:B.: David Gallion, Albion Lodge No. 78
 W.:B.: Richard Harris, Bennett Lodge No. 94
 W.:B.: Michael Call, Springfield Lodge No. 112
 W.:B.: Ron Giesselmann, North Bend Lodge No. 119
 W.:B.: Phil Foulk, Solar Lodge No. 134
 W.:B.: Richard Cole, McCook Lodge No. 135
 W.:B.: Douglas Sadler, Custer Lodge No. 148
 W.:B.: Rick Carr, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
 W.:B.: William Craig, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
 W.:B.: Donald Berg, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274
 W.:B.: Randall Ogier, Wallace Lodge No. 279
 W.:B.: Ritchie Inns, Cotner Lodge No. 297
 W.:B.: Wade Kendle, Liberty Lodge No. 300
 W.:B.: Bob Wilbur, Lebanon Lodge No. 323
 W.:B.: Cleo Miller, Shiloh Lodge No. 327

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Byron Hust, Chairman

The year of 2004 has been a rewarding one for the Youth of the State of Nebraska Masonic Affiliations, as our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Les Seiler, presented \$1000 scholarships to each of the three youth organizations, and one to the most outstanding individual, as the Grand Master's Scholarship. The individual recipients were selected from the applications submitted to the Grand Lodge office, then forwarded to the members of the Youth Committee who, by their own selection process, suggested their

selections to the Chairman, who then forwarded these to the Grand Master for his consideration. Congratulations go to Melissa Herschlag of Bethel No. 33, Omaha, as the recipient of the Grand Master's Scholarship. Congratulations also go to the following as the individual youth group recipients: Julianne Gass of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 47, Valentine; Jason Holtz of Lewis M. Keene Chapter, DeMolay, Fremont and Christine Bryant of Rainbow Girls, Assembly No. 6, Lincoln.

I owe a big thank you to the other members of the Committee: James A. Carlton, Jeffrey L. Makris, Doran G. Post, and Gene F. Wehrbein for their time and efforts in selecting these applicants. There were 17 very deserving and well-written applications.

Planning is underway for the upcoming Masonic Youth Leadership Conference to be held in Kearney October 15-16, 2005. The Masonic Youth Foundation has been an instrumental part of helping with the fundraising efforts. Members of the Committee and the Masonic Family have been meeting to discuss details and organizational planning strategies for the conference. The following speakers have been confirmed – Sean Covey of the Franklin Covey Institute and author of the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, will be the keynote speaker for the event. The conference breakout sessions will be centered around this concept. Inspirational speaker Ron Gustafson; diversity speaker, Hmong storyteller, and comedian Tou Ger Xiong; past Shrine hospital patient Darla Hansen; and world-class aerobatic and commercial pilot Debby Rihn-Harvey will also be featured speakers during the conference.

A budget of \$6600 has been requested for 2005 - \$2500 for the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, \$4000 for Masonic Youth Scholarships, and \$100 for miscellaneous Committee expenses.

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

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

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Dwight E. Smith, 205, President

As of January 27, 2005, the Foundation has \$211,666 in cash and current assets. The building in Lincoln is carried on the books at \$252,380, for total assets of \$465,046. The Foundation does not carry any debt at this time, so there is an unrestricted fund balance of \$377,853.92.

The Foundation is and will continue to be involved with the Child Identification Program (CHIP). The Foundation is handling the donations that come in for CHIP so that the donations can be tax deductible to the donor. In turn, the Foundation is paying the necessary expenses to run the program from those donations.

Yesterday at the meeting, the Board of Directors and the Members voted unanimously to allocate \$25,000 at this time to the Grand Lodge for CHIP to assist in purchasing the necessary cameras and other equipment that are needed. A definite commitment has been made to the program. The foundation will be doing mailings this year to request donations from the Brethren and other people associated with the Fraternity to assist the Foundation with this program.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors elected the following Foundation Officers for the year 2005.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight E. Smith, President

M.:W.: Dwight Smith made a motion that the Report of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

The year 2004 witnessed continued quality ritual work within the jurisdiction of Nebraska. The Committee is especially grateful to Most Worshipful Les Seiler, Grand Master and all of the Grand Lodge Officers for their support and encouragement the past year. Worshipful Brother Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian’s style and knowledge of the ritual and floor work again provided incentive and encouragement to excel. Each of the Deputy Custodians took up Jerry’s example in providing leadership in setting a high standard for proficiency in Nebraska. As the Nebraska Grand Lodge finds ongoing success in both one-day conferrals and in one-on-one in the lodge degree work, the Committee appreciates the efforts of all officers and lodge members willing to take the time to learn the ritual, including lectures and to deliver them with feeling and understanding, enabling the new candidate to better appreciate the beauty and profound content of the Masonic degrees.

Again, the Committee requests and encourages individuals to invest the time to learn and to deliver a lecture well. Everyone who engages in the ritual clearly understands the self-satisfaction of his achievement and the joy of sharing the ritual with the new member. Many Masons are much closer to proficiency than they realize—while it takes courage to perform, the feeling of accomplishment is rewarding—so take the time to learn and to grow. Each bit of knowledge one gains tends to stimulate one to learn and do more.

Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work attended and participated in the annual Deputy Custodians’ School in Grand Island in September. They also attended and participated in the Grand Custodian’s schools of instruction held throughout the State. The schools of instruction are a great fellowship opportunity as well as a learning opportunity. Every subordinate lodge is requested to promote attendance. The nights spent at the area schools of instruction are nights well spent.

Several One-Day Classes were held for degree conferral for multiple candidates in 2004. Those classes and the resultant new Masons were as follows:

Date Held	Host Lodge	City	Total	# Courtesies
Jan 24	Mercer 290	Omaha	22	20
April 10	Covert 11	Omaha	29	24
May 1	Hickman 256	Lincoln	7	5
July 17	Liberty 300	Lincoln	16	10
July 17	Papillion 39	Papillion	26	26
Aug 14	Fremont 15	Fremont	6	0
Oct 16	Hastings 50	Hastings	13	9
Oct 23	Florence 281	Omaha	27	27
Nov 6	Liberty 300	Lincoln	14	10
Totals			160	131

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

The Committee spent time in 2004 in updating the Proficiency Manuals for each of the degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The Entered Apprentice Manual is in use. As supplies of the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason Manuals are exhausted, updated copies will be put in use. Approval of this report ratifies and approves the updated versions of those proficiency manuals.

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

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



R.:W.: Ronald E. Triggs, Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming, was asked to come forward and bring greetings.



Grand Master Seiler asked Grand Senior Deacon Robert A. Coleman to come forward and bring greetings from Montana.



R.:W.: Scott Krieger took the podium. Scott made a presentation to Les of a “We Love Lawyers” button he received from Grand Master Ed Zorn on his recent trip to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

REPORT OF BALLOT

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

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

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



Deputy Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska introduced and recognized the 2005-2006 Grand Lodge Officers, also announcing that the installation of the aforementioned officers will take place Sunday, February 13, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. at the Omaha Scottish Rite Masonic Center. There will be a reception following. He reminded those who had pre-registered for the pre-installation dinner on Saturday evening, February 12, that the social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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



Grand Senior Warden Scott J. Krieger announced that the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska on February 1, 2 and 3, 2007.

Grand Junior Warden Dean F. Skokan moved for approval to hold the 151st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2008. The motion was seconded and carried.

After making various announcements, the R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m.

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Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 5, 2005

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 148th 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 5, 2005.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Joe D. McBride invoked the blessing of Deity.

Deputy Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska asked the Brethren to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



R.:W.: Ivan asked Patrick Barger to approach the East to receive the first place Grand Master's Recruitment Award.

Deputy Grand Master Ivan introduced Grand Master Les Seiler, who presented Patrick with his pin, pocket badge and plaque for his efforts in being the first line signer on the most petitions for new candidates in 2004.

Les thanked everyone for attending the Grand Master's Banquet and the auction that followed. He reported that there were still some people who needed to see Michelle to pay for the items they won at the live or silent auctions. The preliminary calculations of the live auction were \$4791.50 that will benefit CHIP. The silent auction will benefit the youth groups, for which the proceeds were over \$2,000.00.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott J. Howerter, Chairman

In the absence of Scott Howerter, Philip A. Lorenzen, Past Grand Master, gave the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Scott Howerter, and David Emry. Also attending were Ivan A. Vrtiska, Deputy Grand Master, Russell G. Reno, Grand Junior Deacon, Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary, John Parsons, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

The committee approved the proposed budget for 2005. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Hastings, Nebraska, February 4-5, 2005.

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

<u>Lodge Income</u>	
4010.00 Fees	\$1,500.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$7,569.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$30,275.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$7,569.00
4140.000 Dues-Education Publication - NE Mason	\$7,569.00
4160.000 Dues-Perpetual Membership-Rest.	\$0.00
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$211,932.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - Perp	\$500.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$4,000.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$4,315.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$16,350.00
4600.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$292,479.00
<u>Sales Income</u>	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$12,000.00
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$56,250.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$5,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$6,250.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$6,500.00

4625.40 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$0.00
4625.50 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$825.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$1,925.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,438.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$2,000.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$800.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$165.00
4900.000 Wardens and Deacons School	\$1,000.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$94,653.00
Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$7,500.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$17,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$404,632.00
Annual Communication	
5103.400 Per Diem	\$0.00
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,000.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$4,625.00
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$750.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$3,600.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$5,482.75
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$800.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$125.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$6,000.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$50.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$175.00
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,750.00
5177.40 Secretaries Lunch	\$750.75
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$1,748.25
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,326.25
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$0.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$702.75
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,750.00
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$175.00
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$32,810.75
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	\$2,000.00
5220.425 Meals	\$3,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$400.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$5,400.00
Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	\$0.00
5200.100 Travel-Grand Master	\$1,200.00
5200.150 Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5200.200 Travel-Grand Secretary	\$800.00
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	\$1,000.00
5210.000 Auto Allowance	\$1,000.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	\$3,000.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	\$1,000.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	\$1,000.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	\$200.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$700.00

5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$3,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$500.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$400.00
5220.200 Meals-Gr Secretary	\$300.00
5220.250 Meals -Gr Custodian	\$100.00
5220.300 Meals-DGC's	\$100.00
5220.350 Meals-Other Officers	\$400.00
5230.000 Motels-GL Office Staff	\$500.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	\$3,000.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	\$2,000.00
5230.200 Motels-Grand Secretary	\$2,000.00
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	\$500.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	\$2,500.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$100.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$1,000.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$1,000.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$1,000.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$2,000.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$800.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$35,650.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$84,454.00
6563.000 Salary-Temp Staff	\$500.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$1,700.00
Performance Incentive	\$3,000.00
6562.10 FICA-Employer Share	\$6,460.73
FICA-Employer Share-GC	\$459.00
6562.20 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$200.00
Unemploy Tax-Fed-GC	\$44.00
6562.30 Unemploy Tax-State	\$15.00
Unemploy Tax-State-GC	\$1.00
5370.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,533.62
5380.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$100.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$105,467.35
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage	\$300.00
5400.100 Office Rent	\$18,000.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$3,800.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$350.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$130.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$7,000.00
5415.100 Telephone-Gr Master	\$0.00
5415.200 Telephone-Gr Secretary	\$0.00
5415.250 Telephone-Gr Custodian	\$0.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$1,700.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$6,500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$8,000.00
5435.100 Postage-Gr Master	\$0.00
5435.150 Postage-Dep Gr Master	\$0.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	\$100.00

5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$4,000.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$200.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,750.00
5445.100 Office Supplies-GM	\$50.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,500.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$1,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$500.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$33,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$250.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$3,300.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$3,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$4,000.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$650.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,750.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcns Directory Printing	\$1,600.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$2,700.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$122,430.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$450.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$23,500.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$3,098.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,900.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$16,250.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$2,950.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$52,148.00
Committees	
XXXX.100 Jurisprudence-Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$1,200.00
5200.450 Travel	
5220.450 Meals	
5230.450 Motels	
5470.450 Dues	
5220.475 Appropriations Committee	\$0.00
5220.525 Committee On Work	\$50.00
5835.550 Relief Committee	\$500.00
5200.600 Trial Commissions	\$100.00
XXXX.625 Grievances	\$0.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm	\$50.00
5220.675 Finance Committee	\$0.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$1,500.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp	
5650.725 Band Clinic	

XXXX.750 Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.750 Other Administrative	\$100.00
5650.800 Membership Committee	\$500.00
5220.825 General Session/Social Comm	\$0.00
5520.900 Awards Committee	\$500.00
XXXX.910 Freemasonry & Religion Comm	\$0.00
5210.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$300.00
5240.995 Masonic Renewal Committee	\$0.00
5650.960 George Washington Memorial Committee	\$500.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Expense	
5800.00 Wardens and Deacons School	\$1,000.00
5650.98 Internet and Computer Committee	\$0.00
5650.99 Fraternal Relations Committee	\$0.00
CHild Identification Program Committee	
5650.94 Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$80,250.00
Contributions	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$7,569.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$30,276.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$7,569.00
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$2,100.00
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$1,850.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$1,850.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$1,850.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion – Cornerstones	\$500.00
5835.000 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$200.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$53,764.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$487,920.10
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-\$83,288
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB – Omaha	\$83,345.37
4800.000 Gain on Sale of Investments (Loss)	
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$83,345

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



W.: Brian L. Cotter, Senior Grand Deacon, was called upon to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Colorado. After W.:B.: Cotter's greetings, Grand Master Les asked Grand Senior Warden Krieger to come forward to make a presentation. Brian being a native Nebraskan, Scott presented him with a Nebraska Huskers sticker for him to proudly display on his car. To which Senior Grand Deacon Cotter replied "I'd be happy to put this on the car and display it proudly every time I put it in the garage."

MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE AND NECROLOGY

Joe D. McBride, Grand Chaplain

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for building up and the time for tearing down, the time for sorrow and the time for joy, the time for birth and the time for death, the time for mourning and the time for healing. He has set the time for everything in our lives. Let us take this time and use it not only for mourning but also for healing and joy – the joy that the Grand Artificer has laid down on each and every one of us in His Kingdom.

Let us pray: Our Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing upon our departed Brethren and their families. May the work of their labors continue to be present in our gentle Craft. Open our heart to the lessons they have taught through Your wisdom and guidance. Let Your kind and gentle love rest upon those who grieve that they may find peace in their hearts. Divest us of our sins and prepare each of us for that time that we too shall enter into Your great home. This we ask in Your Holy Name, Amen.

Behold my Brethren, the names of the 514 brethren who have laid down their working tools this past year and now dwell in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. (At this time, the Brethren watched a slideshow presentation containing the names of the Brothers who were laid to rest in 2004.)

Respectfully submitted,
Joe D. McBride, 224, Grand Chaplain



Grand Master Les Seiler asked M.:W.: Donald Mayer, Grand Master of Iowa to come forward and bring greetings from his jurisdiction.



At this time, Grand Master Les Seiler officially reappointed the Deputy Grand Custodians, under the leadership of W.:B.: Les Evert, as Tellers, should they be needed.



M.:W.: Seiler called Byron Hust to the podium to remark on his receipt of the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award. Stunned by the award, Byron was unable to speak when he received the award during the Public Opening on Friday morning. Byron came forward and thanked DeMolay for the award and encouraged the Brethren to support the Masonic youth of Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this, the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 12 Past Grand Masters, 18 Deputy Grand Custodians and 54 non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report, there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Registered.

There are 79 Worshipful Masters in person and 28 by proxy; there are 40 Senior Wardens in person and 33 by proxy; there are 38 Junior Wardens in person and 36 by proxy; and there are 70 Secretaries in person and 28 by proxy.

There are no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 36, 38, 55, 68, 95, 106, 159, 167, 200, 201, 209, 218, 229, 234, 236, 241, 248, 250, 264, 291 and 311.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries Registered from the following lodges for two years: 36, 38, 55, 68, 159, 167, 200, 201, 209, 218, 229, 234, 236, 241, 250, 264 and 291; and for three years from 36, 200, 201, 218, 236, 248, 250 and 291.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present representing the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Vermont, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

We are also pleased to have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic-related organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Tehama and Tangier Shrine Temples, National Sojourners, The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: There were 294 present at the Grand Master's Banquet Thursday evening, there were 386 at the Public Opening on Friday morning, and 365 at the Membership Banquet Friday night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for Most Worshipful Les Seiler. I want to personally thank the other Brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the registration table to help make this a smooth and enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are Frank Dougherty, William Hurst, Philip Edwards and Mike Small, and to two Brothers who are retiring after this year, Norris Rusmisell and Doyle Berg, who together have nearly 60 years of combined service on this Committee. I simply say Wow and thank you both for your hard work and dedication.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman
Doyle E. Berg, 281
Michael L. Small, 50
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
William G. Hurst, 54
Norris L. Rusmisell, 46

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



W.:B.: Major Chuck Folsom was called to the podium by Grand Master Les to make a few remarks regarding National Sojourners.



R.:W.: Daniel C. Yandel, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of the Grand Master, was asked to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Grand Master Les Seiler spoke briefly about the past year, the goals set for 2004 and the accomplishments achieved:

“It is my pleasure now to give you the Grand Master’s Address. I have written a document and I assume you can all read so I’m not going to read it to you, and I know that will please you because you would all be asleep. But there are some things I would like to talk about. Besides telling you it’s just been a great year, it’s been a great trip, it’s been a great journey. Since my appointment by my father here, Dwight Smith, I have really enjoyed working for you and with you. I’m not sure if I have met with every single lodge in this state this year, but with the thirteen Grand Master’s Conference across the state, I think I came pretty close to meeting a representative from just about every single lodge. I hope that is continued in the future because it was the communication from your lodges and your representatives to me that was important.

The thing I was absolutely amazed at and had no idea that it didn’t occur is to watch Columbus talk to David City or Beatrice talk to Barneston or McCook talk to one of the lodges in their area or out at Scottsbluff talking to its neighbors, and they communicated. And the communications went like, ‘You know, we’re doing a Master’s Degree next week, why don’t you come on down?’ ‘Oh, gee, we’ve never done that before.’ A few miles apart and our brother lodges hadn’t communicated. And there’s been a great result. I hope I get my exact figures right. I asked at the meeting in Beatrice why Wilber wasn’t doing its fish fry anymore and Wilber wasn’t in attendance. And later I saw W.:B.: Bob Prokop and I asked him, and he said, ‘Oh, they just lost interest.’ So I asked at that

meeting why somebody wouldn't start that. And Barneston and Beatrice agreed to do it. They had a great turnout. They had numerous lodges in the area invited in. The result of that, and I don't know the membership of Barneston, do you happen to know off the top of your head? 20? Oh, I'm sorry, I'm preaching to the choir here. They got 20 members. About a month ago I got this call from Michelle saying 'Can you authorize a one-day and hurry because they've got 7 petitions signed. They wanna do a one-day and they're scared somebody will back out.' And I said, go ahead and do it, the paperwork will follow. We're not gonna let paperwork get in the way. It was just amazing how those things can occur by communications within your own group. So I challenge you to go home and the next time you're doing something, a pancake feed or one of your functions that you think your brothers from around the neighborhood might enjoy, call the other Master. Tell him you're having it, and invite him to come over. If you're doing some degree work, call the other Masters, have them come over and bring some people and give them a job to do. It does a couple things. One, it puts people in the seats while you're doing the work, which will impress your candidate; two, you'll just have a darn good time. And I'll guarantee you'll get invited back to the other lodges. Now that seems so simple that why didn't it happen before, and it has happened in parts of this state. Northeast Nebraska, in and around North Bend, David City area, it's happening. But across the state in general I was amazed at those meetings how they communicated and were excited about communicating with each other, talking about common problems, but more especially, talking to each other about Masonry.

So one of the things that I thought we also ought to do, it's on page two of my Address, it's called The Grand Lodge. What and Who is the Grand Lodge. And I set out what and who is the Grand Lodge. And then I put in there what does the Grand Lodge do through its officers and members. You know, I think there's a real misconception. And I think the people that have this misconception have not listened to the Blue Lodge installation ceremony. It says 'We are only elevated for a short period of time by you as members of this organization.' It applies to us Grand Lodge Officers too. We are raised only for a short period of time to represent you, not ourselves, not as Grand Master, I wanna do this, that's not the way it's run. It is what you want, and this year we have tried to get done what you want and get programs going that need centralization to represent you, and that is what the Grand Lodge is all about.

We had a great cornerstone. We went to Nebraska City on a special invitation for a wonderful event for the Lewis and Clark Museum. Talk about dignitaries, there were congressmen, senators, governors, past governors, just a great turnout of dignitaries and a tremendous turnout of people down there. And we did the cornerstone as your Grand Lodge Officers in full costume of the 1804 era. I will tell you there were some mighty big eyes when we did that cornerstone. They really enjoyed it. Then we went to the ball that night and the dinner in full costume and had a horse carriage ride from the Lied Conference Center over to the Arbor Lodge where the ball was held and it was awesome, and Masonry really gained in status in the eyes of many dignitaries in this state. So it was just a golden opportunity and thank you Nebraska City Lodge for your wonderful work that you did on that.

We had a lot of other cornerstones, and there is a direct correlation to the public's perception of us when we do those cornerstones, and you never know how they're going to turn out. The biggest failure of the cornerstones this year were held right here in Hastings, Nebraska. We had zero turnout, nobody except Masons, and I was pretty

discouraged. Then you go out to a town like Sutherland, Nebraska. I don't know how big Sutherland is, but we had more people in attendance at the public cornerstone than lived in probably a 50-mile radius. We had a Past Grand Master from Wyoming show up, and he didn't tell us until afterwards that he was there. He graduated from Sutherland High School. So it was just a great exposure. If you have a public building or a building that meets the criteria of the Grand Lodge for a cornerstone, please call us, because we don't always get a lot of information on these public buildings, and we need to get in early and talk to these people and we need to have the local people talk to them and it will really help your exposure in your community. It's been proven to do so. The cornerstones are shown on page five of the Address.

One of the other things that we did this year, and I give full credit to R.:W.: Dean Skokan for this, is he formed a degree team for the Scottish Rite and we did the 8th Degree. We did them in Yankton, South Dakota; we were invited by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General Charles Kaufman to put on that 8th Degree for them, and we really looked forward to doing that. We've done it in Lincoln and Hastings, and we're going to do the 8th Degree March 19th in Hastings for the statewide. It's been a lot of fun, it's been great exposure; it goes back to that unity theory. If you see the common thread throughout my entire presentation here, it's the unity of Masonry and all the families of Masonry as we go through.

Now, a lot of you think that lodges cannot have an effect on a statewide organization. I happened to be with Dean Skokan and Past Grand Master Charles Kaufman, SGIG of South Dakota, and we were up chasing the wild bird behind our dogs, and Chuck said, 'You know what we ought to do tonight, we ought to go to White, South Dakota.' We said, 'Really, where is White, South Dakota?' 'Oh, it's just a fair piece up the river here.' And so we went, it's on the Minnesota, South Dakota border almost to North Dakota. Now you would think traveling from Hastings, Nebraska to White, South Dakota that I would win the award for the furthest traveled, right? I wasn't even close. One-hundred and forty-four Brothers show up in a town of 50? They've got a great little lodge there and they were celebrating their 50th annual Table Lodge held in Washington Lodge No. 111. And there were 144 Brethren there for the dinner and the Table Lodge. They were from North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska and South Dakota. But I got beat out by a guy that lives so far west of there that if he'd have spit he'd have been in Wyoming. He had traveled 475 miles just to attend that. They had the history there. And low and behold I was not the first Grand Master of Nebraska to attend that. Bevin Bump had been there. I don't think I've ever been anywhere in the world where Bevin Bump hasn't been.

You know, we used to have a very good lawyer here in Hastings by the name of Jim Conway. And we called him the Cardinal, a very devoted Catholic lawyer, and everywhere you went you ran into somebody who said, 'Oh, do you know Jim Conway?' Bevin Bump is a lot like that, and I think I can probably even find a story for Bevin that will match the one I'm going to tell you about Jim. I was on a beach in Hawaii and I pulled up a chair, sat it down, relaxed and a guy pulled up a chair and sat down beside me. We got to talking and he was a lawyer from New York City who specialized in bonds. He said, 'Where are you from?' I said, 'Hastings, Nebraska.' And he said, 'Oh, you know my good friend Jim, Conway.' I think Bevin Bump is that way in Masonry because every place you go, you run into people that say, 'Is Bevin Bump still alive? Well I knew him when...' Followed by, almost as popular, Paul Eveland. Paul was there

and he probably traveled as much and met as many people as Bevin and people always asked, 'Do you know, is Paul still around, is he still active?' And the answer is, 'Yes.' So I was the third Grand Master from Nebraska to attend that. But the point is not the travel. The point is not that we were there. The point is that each and every one of you can create something in your lodge that will become very successful - persistence, hard work, and it'll work for you. You can do these things. If White, South Dakota can do it, there isn't a single lodge in Nebraska that can't do something that makes itself stand out.

I would like to wind this up a little bit. The condition of the craft, in my opinion, not caused by me, caused by a whole line succession of good, excellent Past Grand Masters and boy that's hard to say, cause you know they really get puffed up, these guys sitting around here – Jim, Phil, all these, Ken's standing in the back there. They've worked hard and we've kept the succession going. I guess the first admonishment of a leader is 'Do no harm.' So I think it's still going good, so I guess I didn't do any harm this year. But we've righted the ship. We are in positive mode, folks. We have 430-some deaths, we had a tremendous amount of non-payment of dues that we lost this year, but that's the negative way to look at this. Look at it on the positive side. What I told the Secretaries, 'Look around. This lodge is getting younger. This Grand Lodge is getting younger. Just look around.' One of my wise guys on the line leaned over and said, 'That's because you're getting older, Seiler.' But you know, it is getting younger, and that's the future. We're in positive mode. Things are happening and there's no reason it can't happen in your community and in your lodge.

I love the way people are using the term 'relevance.' I think many people must have read that article. That's another thing, I think our communication through the Nebraska Mason, for your lodges, as well as for the Grand Lodge, has really increased, because people do read that. So if you have something you want to be recognized and have people come and do things with you, get it into that Nebraska Mason.

Jo and I would like to thank you for this wonderful year. It's just been outstanding, it really has. I have never had a year go by so fast. I just give you my full thanks and as Socrates said, 'The hour of departure is here. It has arrived. And we will go our way.' Now you literate people out there know what the rest of this thing says, and I hope it isn't true. For Socrates finished this saying, and I didn't put it in the report, but I will tell you, he finished this saying, 'I go to die and you go to man the institution of democracy.' And I hope the first part of it isn't right. But the rest of it I hope is true. Thank you very, very much Brethren."

The printed address of the Grand Master is as follows:

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

Brethren:

Welcome all to the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. In compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, and with great pride, pleasure, and humility, I present this written address for the 148th Annual Communication. Legislative proposals I have tendered as

Grand Master, consisting of Recommendations, were forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee and Subordinate Lodges not less than 45 days prior to the 148th Annual Communication as set forth in Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. These Recommendations were presented at all Area Meetings held in the fall of 2004.

This address presents to you for review the official acts of the 138th Grand Master during the preceding Masonic year.

To the out-of-state visiting Brethren and appendant Masonic Bodies and organizations, I hope you find the business session to be useful and that you also have a great time fraternally.

To the Nebraska Masons, I welcome you to the 148th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This is really your session to which the Grand Lodge Officers have had the pleasure and honor of representing you. The delegates to the Grand Lodge have a solemn duty to represent the Brethren of your lodge to the best of your ability and to communicate the workings of the Grand Lodge back to your Lodge members.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First, I would like to thank my father, W.: Harold E. Seiler, who did not live to see his son become Grand Master, but was the person to bring his son to "first light in Masonry" in 1962. It was my father who lit the Masonic fire in me. To my mother, Ruth E. Seiler, who always supported the family in our Masonic endeavors, I thank you! The late Ill. Sir Robert Knight appointed me to the advancing line to be Potentate of Tehama Temple in 1982 whom along with my father served as an officer in all three degrees conferred upon his grandson's, Greg and Brad.

I thank my wife, Jo, for the love and support that was always unending. I have said many times that the encouragement of the Masonic wife is the ingredient that is absolutely necessary for a man to enjoy Masonry.

To my children, Stephanie and her husband Brother Jason Grubb, Greg, and Brad and his fiancée Melissa, I thank you for all your understanding when I was spending time with Masonry as you were giving up your time with me. Thank you!!

To all the Brethren and their wives who have supported me during the year with their time and energy, I thank you! Especially, I thank the Brethren of Mid West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50, as without their assistance the Grand Lodge Session could not have been held in the Masonic Center here in Hastings, Nebraska.

To the Grand Lodge Office Staff, Michelle Fulmer, Office Manager; Carol Schroeder, Administrative Secretary; and Jean Holt, Office Assistant words can not express my thanks and the gratitude of the Masons of Nebraska who have experienced your smiling attitude of helping, rather than becoming a road block.

To the Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Members, your support has made this year "fly by." The Grand Lodge of Nebraska and especially the 2004 Grand Master, are grateful for giving of your time and energy.

Special appreciation goes to PGM Dwight E. Smith, for appointing me to the Grand Lodge Line and to the Past Grand Masters, thank you for leading and training this Grand Master to be the “best he could be.”

GRAND LODGE

What and who is the Grand Lodge?

The Grand Lodge is defined in the Constitution in Article II as:

“The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or the proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.”

What does the Grand Lodge do, through its officers and members?

- It financially supports our three Masonic youth Groups: DeMolay Nebraska, Job’s Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.
- It supports the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children (Fremont) and The Nebraska Masonic Home (Plattsmouth).
- It presents scholarships each year to deserving high school seniors, and offers each local lodge \$75 to award a scholarship and generate publicity.
- It organizes and supports the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic and CHIP programs.
- It provides support and assistance to the local Lodges.
- It supports the Nebraska Masonic Library and Museum.
- It strives to improve local lodge leadership by providing leadership seminars for Wardens and Deacons and all who attend Grand Lodge Sessions and schools.
- It extends Masonic Charity through the Masonic Relief Association.
- It provides news about local lodge and Grand Lodge happenings to every Mason in the state through [The Nebraska Mason](#).
- It proudly offers one of the finest systems of Masonic Education.
- It’s Grand Custodian and Deputy Grand Custodians work with local lodges to educate and encourage quality proficient work, resulting in a high percentage of proficient members and lodges envied by many jurisdictions.
- It performs Cornerstone Ceremonies in buildings owned by the public and non-profit entities all across the state.
- It provides aid to its members and subordinate Lodges whenever and wherever needed.
- It maintains an Internet Website that provides additional information for use by members and local lodges, <www.glne.org>
- It facilitates unity among all Masonic affiliated bodies.
- It provides continuity of ritual work, Masonic Schools of Instruction, and certification for Lodges in their work.
- It charters new Lodges and gives Nebraska Masons status among other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Masonic members of Nebraska ARE the Grand Lodge.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following persons were nominated by their lodge to receive this award, and said award was presented to the following:

(A) Non-Masonic:		
Phyllis Cain/Kenneth Shiver	Papillion No. 39	August 14, 2004
Jeanie Sedivy	Alliance No. 183	October 9, 2004
(B) Masonic:		
Dale Lueders	Cotner No. 297	March 25, 2004
James R. Erixon	Geo. W. Lininger No. 268	April 20, 2004
Jack Nichols	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	April 21, 2004
Clarence L. Krapp	Papillion No. 39	August 14, 2004
Michael L. Belton	Papillion No. 39	August 14, 2004
James Lapaseotes	Camp Clark No. 285	September 18, 2004
C. Howard DeWitt	Alliance No. 183	October 4, 2004
Curtis M. Edic	Geo.W. Lininger No. 268	October 18, 2004
John G. Lowe, III	Rob Morris No. 46	January 8, 2005
John S. Lowe	Rob Morris No. 46	January 8, 2005
Gerald L. Henderson	Rob Morris No. 46	January 8, 2005
Alfred Schadt	Rob Morris No. 46	January 8, 2005
Gary L. Martin	Rob Morris No. 46	January 8, 2005
Robert L. Nemecek	Rob Morris No. 46	January 8, 2005

I had the pleasure of presenting four of the Achievement Awards, all with the same result – the presentee was caught speechless and showed a lot of emotion.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

CHIP is a comprehensive CHild Identification Program designed to give families a measure of protection against the ever-increasing problem of missing children. The Nebraska Freemasons, in cooperation with the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, the Nebraska Dental Association, the Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association and the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association are bringing this fine program to communities throughout Nebraska.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge of Masons will be working with the Nebraska Masonic Family and in cooperation with other sponsoring agencies to develop a consistent and successful CHIP organization as part of our ongoing commitment to children and families. This program will be brought at no charge to every Nebraska family who wishes to participate.

The program consists of five major components: A brief videotaped interview, fingerprinting, dental bite imprint (Toothprints™), cheek swab, and a digital still photograph. The videotape is a recovery tool that provides for more individual characteristics and mannerisms than a still photograph. Fingerprinting is a tried and true method of individual identification. The dental bite impression (Toothprints™) provides an impression of the biting surface of teeth, which, like fingerprints, are unique to each individual. The dental impression also collects enough saliva to provide DNA and a source for scent in canine recovery. The cheek swab provides an additional source of DNA and is recommended to be kept in the freezer for optimal preservation. The digital photograph is also a valuable recovery tool that can be used for purposes of Amber

Alerts. Together, these five measures provide a very powerful identification and recovery tool.

The success of CHIP depends on its consistent availability throughout every community in the state. The Nebraska Freemasons and the Masonic Family will be encouraged to establish, fundraise, organize and coordinate the event, on-site registration, interview, videotape, digital photograph, and preparation and distribution of the CHIP package to the parents. There are many opportunities in the schools, at community functions, and at specific CHIP-oriented events to make the service available.

The program began in Masonic jurisdictions in the New England states and is now part of an initiative to bring it to a national level. Deputy Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska is a member of the National CHIP Board and has been instrumental in bringing this fine program to Nebraska Freemasons. A lot of hard work and perseverance by Ivan, the Grand Lodge CHIP Committee and the Grand Lodge Office Staff have gone into getting the program off to a good start in Nebraska. I encourage the Nebraska Lodges, as well as all appendant bodies to get involved with this program and bring an event to the children of your community.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Washington D.C. from February 13, 2004, to February 17, 2004. Les Seiler, Grand Master; Ivan A. Vrtiska, Deputy Grand Master; Scott J. Krieger, Sr. Grand Senior Warden; and Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary, attended this conference. Also in attendance was Past Grand Master, Warren "Duke" Lichty, who is the President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The purpose of this conference is to serve as a conduit of ideas, examine common problems, and to build communication with other Grand Jurisdictions.

This year's conference may have changed the direction of Nebraska Grand Lodge. The major program introduced was CHIP (Children Identification Program). The Nebraska delegation immediately recognized the value of the CHIP program to Nebraska Masonry. The CHIP program will be to Blue Lodges of Nebraska what the Language Disorder Clinics are to Scottish Rite and the Children's Hospitals are to the Shrine of North America.

CORNERSTONES

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

Alliance – May 30 – Water Park
Host Lodge: Alliance Lodge No. 183
Master: Harold D. Nelson

Grand Island – June 17 – Administration Building Central Community College
Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Master: William C. Barker

Chadron – July 11 – Museum of the Fur Trades. Grand Master of South Dakota and Wyoming joined and participated in the ceremony.
Host Lodge: Samaritan Lodge No. 158
Master: Donald R. Foulk

- Nebraska City** – July 30 – Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center. This was done in full costume of the 1804 time.
Host Lodge: Western Star Lodge No. 2
Master: Charles E. McElfresh
- Hay Springs** – August 7 – Civic Center
Host Lodge: Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Master: Clifford Burrows
- Sutherland** – August 15 – High School
Host Lodge: Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Master: Jerre L. Johnson
- Hastings** – September 4 – Chamber of Commerce Building
Host Lodges: Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50
Master: Bruce A. Baker and John A. Prettyman
- Hastings** – September 4 – Hastings Water Park
Host Lodges: Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50
Master: Bruce A. Baker and John A. Prettyman
- South Sioux City** – October 9 – Public Library
Host Lodge: Omadi Lodge No. 5
Master: Russell M. Andersen

DANIEL CARTER BEARD SCOUTING AWARD

The Masonic Grand Lodges in the United States recognize the impact of Freemasonry on Scouting and in return, the impact by Scouting on Freemasonry. In an effort to study and promote Scouting, Brother Kenneth H. Grace of the Grand Lodge of California was able to show that the Masonic Fraternity has an unusually high percentage of members from Scouting backgrounds who carry these values throughout their lives. He also found that a majority of Masons who were Scouts in their youth returned to their Scouting units as volunteer leaders.

Freemasonry is based on service and the exemplification of moral truth, which is essential to good role models. In recognition of Freemasonry's service to youth, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America, created the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award as a national recognition program. The award is open to any Master Mason who is an active Scouter in a Unit, District Council or National affiliate.

2004 Daniel Beard Scouting Awards

Leonard Hoskins	York No. 56	February 3, 2004
Edwin Dinsmore Kerr	Florence No. 281	February 9, 2004
Henry Carnaby, Jr.	Geo. W. Lininger No. 268	March 5, 2004
Raymond Van Patton	Hastings No. 50	April 16, 2004
W. Glen Jorgenson	Hastings No. 50	April 16, 2004
Michael R. Nichols	R.W. Furnas No. 265	April 21, 2004
Martin G. Crawford	Shiloh No. 327	August 9, 2004
Willis Dick Ross, Jr.	Mitchell No. 263	September 14, 2004

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

I wish to thank W.:B.: Jerry Verbeek, Grand Custodian, for his efforts and accomplishments, as well as those of his 30 Deputy Grand Custodians and the 11 apprentices, together with the 15 Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus. In my visits to the

Lodges across the State, I have noticed a remarkable increase in proficiency of the officers in opening and closing. Custodial work is not easy and I am asking each and every Brother to personally thank the custodians for their time and effort. To be a custodian takes a "God given" talent and if you have been "blessed," please give Jerry Verbeek a call and volunteer to assist.

W.:B.: Daniel Scarborough will be commissioned on February 4, 2005, District No. 20; and
W.:B.: Frank Veverka will be commissioned on February 4, 2005, District 34.

EIGHTH DEGREE

The Grand Lodge Officers under the guidance and direction of R.:W.: Dean F. Skokan have formed a Degree Team for the Scottish Rite. This degree was presented on April 23, 2004, at the Omaha Reunion; on April 30, 2004, at the Lincoln Reunion; and will be presented on March 19, 2005, at Hastings for the One Day Statewide Scottish Rite Reunion with Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale in attendance.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

M.:W.: Warren "Duke" Lichty, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska, Scottish Rite is also currently serving as President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and is doing an exemplary job leading this association. On February 16, 2004, your representatives to the conference of Grand Masters in Washington D.C. had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Members of this Association. Further, the dedication of the Scottish Rite and Shrine rooms were conducted at that time, which are wonderful additions to the Memorial.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

The aims and goals of the Grand Master given to the 147th session in 2003 as his Deputy Grand Master's Address have been supported by the efforts of all the Grand Lodge Committees, and I thank you for the support. The committees did a great job this year and many had to take a new look at their mission and direction. This new look will serve Nebraska Masonry well into the future.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

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

FEBRUARY 2004

- 5-7 Annual Communication, Kearney
- 13-17 Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, DC
- 21 Grand Lodge Officers' Installation, Hastings
- 21 George Washington Ceremonial, Hastings
- 22 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Hastings
- 29 Covert Lodge No. 11 & Centennial Lodge No. 326 Lunch, Omaha
- 29 Scottish Rite – Bill Cosby appearance

MARCH 2004

- 7 Scottish Rite Foundation Education Meeting, Lincoln
- 9 Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, 50-Year pin presentation
- 12-13 Scottish Rite Reunion, Hastings
- 14 Supreme Visitation, Daughters of the Nile, Kearney
- 18-19 Grand Lodge of Kansas, Topeka
- 20 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball, Omaha
- 21 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Breakfast, Omaha
- 21 Scottish Rite Spaghetti Feed, Hastings
- 25 Hiram Club, Lincoln
- 25 Liberty Lodge No. 300, MM School of Instruction, Lincoln
- 30 Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee Symposium, Hastings

APRIL 2004

- 8 Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Dinner, Hastings
- 10 Grand Lodge All Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 16 Grand York Rite Banquet, Columbus
- 17 Scottish Rite – KCCH – Initiation, Hastings
- 18 Nile Installation, Hastings
- 21 Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 23 Scottish Rite Reunion, Omaha – 8th Degree
- 24 Sesostris Shrine Potentate's Ball, Lincoln
- 25 Sesostris Shrine Potentate's Breakfast, Lincoln
- 25 Job's Installation, Hastings
- 28 Finance Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 29 Liberty Lodge No. 300 Awards Night, Lincoln
- 30 Scottish Rite, Lincoln, 8th Degree

MAY 2004

- 1 Tehama Shrine Ceremonial, Hastings
- 2 All Masonic Family Fun Day, Omaha
- 4 Geneva Lodge No. 79 Grand Master Visitation, Geneva
- 8 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 Grand Master Visitation, Ainsworth
- 10 Beatrice Lodge No. 26 Grand Master Visitation, Beatrice
- 11 Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Lincoln
- 13 ROJ, Hastings
- 15 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Outdoor EA Degree, Hastings
- 15 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 Master's Ball, Omaha
- 20 Western Star Lodge No. 2 Grand Master Visitation, Nebraska City
- 22 Humanitarian Award Presentation to Hal Daub, Omaha
- 27 Magnolia Lodge No. 220 Grand Master Visitation, Emerson
- 30 Cornerstone Ceremony, Swimming Pool, Alliance

JUNE 2004

- 1 Fidelity Lodge No. 51 Grand Master Visitation, David City
- 8 Solar Lodge No. 134 Grand Master Visitation, Clarks
- 9 Hastings Lodge No. 50 & Mid-West Lodge No. 317 – Honor Band Students
- 11 Tehama Shrine Soccer Classic Banquet, Hastings
- 12 Grand Assembly – Rainbow Girls, Crete
- 13-15 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, LaCrosse

- 16 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Hastings
- 17 Cornerstone Ceremony, Central Community College, Grand Island
- 18-19 South Dakota Grand Lodge, Sioux Falls
- 24 St. John's Day Dinner, Mahoney State Park
- 26 Grand Senior Warden Emeritus Presentation to Michael G. Birnstihl, Lincoln
- 29 York Lodge No. 56 Awards Night

JULY 2004

- 4-8 Imperial Shrine, Denver
- 10 Oregon Trails Parade, Scottsbluff
- 11 Cornerstone Ceremony, Museum of the Fur Trade, Chadron
- 16 Crete Lodge No. 37, Tuxedo Park – Shrine Bowl Picnic
- 17 Keystone Lodge No. 62, 50-Year pin presentation, Phillips
- 17 One-Day Blue Lodge Conferral, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- 20 Shrine Children's Hospital, Chicago
- 21-24 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 24 Shrine Bowl, Lincoln
- 30 Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trails and Visitors' Center Cornerstone, Nebraska City
- 31 Masonic Leadership Banquet, Columbus

AUGUST 2004

- 4 Scottish Rite – Ron Swanson Memorial, Hastings
- 7 Humanitarian Award Presentation to Richard Ely, Hastings
- 7 Cornerstone Ceremony, Civic Center, Hay Springs
- 15 Cornerstone Ceremony, Sutherland High School
- 20-22 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Madison, WI
- 23 Masonic Charities Golf Tournament (East), Fremont
- 24 Daughters of the Nile Banquet, Lincoln
- 26-28 Grand Lodge Officers' Retreat, Nebraska City
- 28 DeMolay Installation – Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 28 Prince Hall Social, Omaha
- 29 Sixty-year pin presentation to Paul Eveland, North Bend

SEPTEMBER 2004

- 1 Bellevue Lodge No. 325 Dinner, Bellevue
- 4 Cornerstone Ceremony, Chamber of Commerce, Hastings
- 4 Cornerstone Ceremony, Water Park, Hastings
- 7 McCook Lodge No. 135, Grand Master Area Visitation, McCook
- 8 Northeast Nebraska Masonic Association Banquet, Emerson
- 10 Custodial School, Grand Island
- 11 Justice Lodge No. 180, Auto Show, Benkelman
- 12 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50 Joint Picnic, Hastings
- 14 Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Grand Master Area Visitation, Norfolk
- 18 Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Award Presentation, Bridgeport
- 21 Hooper Lodge No. 72, Grand Master Area Visitation, Hooper
- 22 Grand Trustees Meeting, Lincoln
- 25 Scottish Rite Gun Shoot, Broken Bow

OCTOBER 2004

- 2 Tehama Shrine Potentate's Ball, Kearney
- 3 Tehama Shrine Potentates' Breakfast
- 4 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Pin Presentation, Plattsmouth
- 6 Porter Lodge No. 106, Grand Master Area Visitation, Loup City
- 7 Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Grand Master Area Visitation, Chappell
- 9 Cornerstone Ceremony, South Sioux City
- 12 Thistle Lodge No. 61, Grand Master Area Visitation, Lexington
- 15 Omaha Grand Master's Breakfast, Omaha Home for Boys
- 15 Area 6 Meeting, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
- 16 One-Day Blue Lodge Conferral, Hastings Lodge No. 50
- 18 Masonic Achievement Award presented to Curt Edic, Omaha
- 19 Scottish Rite Feast of Tishri, Hastings
- 20 Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 22 Scottish Rite Eighth Degree, Yankton, SD
- 23 Scottish Rite Reunion, Hastings, 8th Degree
- 23 Hastings Reunion

NOVEMBER 2004

- 7 Vacant Chair, York Lodge No. 56
- 8 Annual Friendship Night, Albion Lodge No. 78
- 10 ROJ Annual Meeting
- 11 Vacant Chair Ceremony, Lincoln
- 13 Tehama Shrine Ceremonial, Hastings
- 14 Minden Opera House, Scottish Rite
- 20 Red Cross of Constantine, Plattsmouth

DECEMBER 2004

- 1 Central Nebraska Shrine Christmas Party – Grand Island
- 4 Wardens and Deacons School, Omaha Home for Boys
- 11 ROJ Christmas Party, Grand Island
- 13 Acacia Chapter No. 39, OES, Hastings
- 20 Stated Tehama Temple Meeting, Hastings
- 21 Scottish Rite Dinner
- 27 Saints John Education Lodge Meeting

JANUARY 2005

- 5 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50 Joint Installation
- 6 Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 Installation
- 7 Tangier Shrine Installation
- 8 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 Installation
- 9 Tehama Shrine Installation
- 11 Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Directors Meeting, Reappointed
- 13 ROJ Installation – Installed as Director
- 15 Grand Lodge Officer Farewell Party, Hastings
- 17 Omaha Scottish Rite Installation

FEBRUARY 2005

- 3-5 Annual Communication, Hastings

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

The highest award given by this Grand Lodge is the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award. Only two awards may be given per year. Candidates are nominated by their Lodge. They must meet certain criteria and have a long history for service, including service to the Masonic Fraternity.

On May 22, 2004, at the Omaha Scottish Rite Building, the award was presented to Hal Daub, a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska. The following is a synopsis of his service:

Hal Daub's Major Accomplishments:

- Humanitarian, 2004 Grand Lodge of Nebraska recipient
- Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board
- Mayor of Omaha, Nebraska 1995-2001
- Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, 1981-1989
- Captain, United States Army Infantry, 1966-1968
- Master Mason, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, AF & AM, 1969
- Masonic Record:
 - Blue Lodge Degrees – Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE
 - Entered Apprentice 2-11-1969
 - Fellow Craft Degree 3-18-1969
 - Master Mason Degree 4-22-1969
 - Scottish Rite Mason – Southern Jurisdiction Omaha Valley
 - 32nd Degree 11-10-1972
 - K.C.C.H. 12-04-1987
 - 33rd Degree 12-02-1995
 - York Rite Mason – Omaha, Nebraska
 - Exalted Royal Arch Mason 2-26-1993
 - Greeted a Cryptic Mason 3-19-1983
 - Knighted a Knight Templar 3-29-1985
 - Shrine of North America – Tangier Shrine, Omaha, NE
 - Noble 4-17-1982
 - NOROMA Shrine Club
 - Jester's Court No. 19, 1982

Speakers included: The "Roaster" Jim Fogarty, a fellow lawyer in Omaha; Fellow Mason, co-host and friend, Pepper Aasgaard, Master, Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Fellow 33rd Degree Mason and Co-Host, Curt Edic; Fellow Shriner, Robert Maline, 2004 Potentate Tangier Shrine of Omaha; and Fellow law student, and 33° Mason, Grand Master Les Seiler. A benediction and final words were brought by Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen.

On August 7, 2004, Richard L. Ely was presented the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award by M.:W.: Les Seiler at the Masonic Center in Hastings, Nebraska, with one hundred twenty-nine guests present.

Brother Ely has a solid background of working in and serving the community of Guide Rock in numerous capacities. On a professional level, he operated the grain elevator in Guide Rock for many years. In 1967, he was appointed by the Governor to fill a two-year vacancy in the Nebraska legislature.

Brother Ely has served as a member of the Guide Rock School Board, and has served on many other community boards, including that of the Webster County Hospital Board from 1956 to 1967. He was a charter member of the Guide Rock Lions Club in 1953, and has also served the Guide Rock Baptist Church for many years as a board member.

Brother Dick has worked diligently in his Masonic life. He was made a Master Mason in Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 on March 4, 1948. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1951, and has diligently upheld the duties of Lodge Secretary since 1996, also becoming Treasurer in 2000. Proficient in the work for 51 years, he has served the Grand Lodge as a Deputy Custodian.

Brother Ely held the most illustrious office of Potentate for Tehama Shrine in 1973, and is a member of the Ritualistic Team for Tehama Temple.

Brother Dick is also a member of the Hastings Valley Scottish Rite; the York Rite bodies in Superior; member of Hastings Court No. 152 Royal Order of Jesters serving as Impressario in 1981 and 1982, and as Director in 1983 and 1984.

Freemasonry motivates men to strive for greater perfection, a richer life achieved through labor, equal justice, and a willingness to extend the hand of fellowship. Brother Dick has been thus motivated. He has been a leader and user of Masonic ideals in his community. He has extended the right hand of fellowship. He has not been one to sit on the sidelines. He has been a doer of Masonic deeds.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

Amend Section 2-303 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-303 – HOLDING TWO OFFICES – *With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer;* no two of the offices named in Section 2-301 shall be held by the same person, nor shall a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden be at the same time the Master or Warden of a subordinate lodge. An officer of a chartered subordinate lodge may also be an officer of a lodge under dispensation.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend Section 2-207 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, shall ~~have the right~~ *petition the Grand Master* to do so. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one

calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

Recommendation No. 3

Amend Section 2-208 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-208 – CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURE – If, after due notice as provided by Section 2-207 and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication, the Grand Secretary shall give due notice to all members of the subordinate lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or any officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there is a quorum present as defined by Section 2-201, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if two-thirds of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof. *If a quorum fails to be present at such stated meeting, the question may be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight (as set out in Section 2-503).*

Recommendation No. 4

Amend the title of Chapter XVI and content of Sections 2-1601 and 2-1602 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

CHAPTER XVI. MASONIC YEAR PIN BADGES AND AWARDS

Sec. 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS – The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:

Paragraph (b):

(b) "Period of membership" shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, if such be the case. Periods of suspension *for non-payment of dues under three years* ~~or expulsion for any reason~~ shall be ~~excluded~~ *included* when making the aforesaid computation, and periods of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in the parent lodge only. *Expulsions for any reason or suspensions for non-*

payment of dues longer than three years shall be deducted when computing the number of years a member has been in good standing. All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

Sec. 2-1602 – YEAR PIN AWARDS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BADGES— All Master Masons in good standing who have been such for periods of fifty, sixty and seventy years, respectively, and who are members of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled, upon application *by the Lodge*, to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable *year pin badge or button*, which ~~badge or button~~ shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge funds. Subordinate lodges are authorized to present a suitable *year pin badge or button* to Master Masons who are members in good standing of the subordinate lodge, for a period of twenty-five years, at the expense of the subordinate lodge presenting the same.

Recommendation No. 5

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

Sec. 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN –

Third paragraph:

The Grand Master may, at his discretion, name as Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti such number, not exceeding three in one year, of brethren as he may deem proper who have served as Deputy Grand Custodians in this Grand Lodge. ~~who, when attending the Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, to be paid by warrants drawn in the usual manner.~~

Recommendation No. 6

Delete Section 1-403 in its entirety.

Sec. 1 403 – RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS— The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall keep an accurate and detailed record of its proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master, and any one authorized by him for that purpose, and shall at least ten days before the annual Grand Lodge communication file with the Grand Secretary a full, detailed and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out, the dates and sources of such receipts, and the dates and objects of such payments. ~~Said report shall be referred to the proper committee of the Grand Lodge in the same manner as the reports of officers and other committees accounting for the expenditure of funds.~~

Recommendation No. 7

Delete the second paragraph of Section 2-606 in its entirety.

Sec. 2-606 – FEES, MINIMUM RETURN –

Second Paragraph:

~~Each subordinate lodge shall pay all such sums to the Grand Lodge at the time of making its other annual payments.~~

Recommendation No. 8

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

Sec. 2-1001 – VOTERS, ETC. – None but Master Mason members of the lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation or admission, or on an application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be unanimously favorable, and no member can be excused from voting thereon. *Upon petition by a subordinate lodge, the Grand Master may grant dispensation to said lodge to allow for the ballot on a petition for initiation to be favorable if there are two or less unfavorable ballots cast. Said dispensation shall only be granted upon good cause shown and shall be subject to such limitations of time and procedure as the Grand Master deems advisable.*

GRAND MASTER’S AREA VISITATIONS

In the writings and speeches that I have given in the past years and during this year as Grand Master I have given the Brethren my thoughts and vision of Masonry. But this year I wanted to know what the Brethren’s visions and thoughts on Masonry were, so I set up the Grand Master’s Area Visitations as follows:

- May 4, 2004Geneva
- May 8, 2004Ainsworth
- May 10, 2004.....Beatrice
- May 20, 2004.....Nebraska City
- May 27, 2004.....Emerson
- June 1, 2004David City
- June 8, 2004Clarks
- September 7, 2004.....McCook
- September 14, 2004.....Norfolk
- September 21, 2004.....Hooper
- October 6, 2004Loup City
- October 7, 2004Chappell
- October 12, 2004Lexington

The meetings were well attended and I want to give a special “thank you” to the Host Master and Lodge for your hospitality to the other Lodges and Grand Lodge Officers.

A plethora of ideas were exchanged and common problems and common successes began to emerge. It did not matter whether the lodges were large or small they had the same common comments.

I believe through this exchange of ideas the lodges and the Grand Lodge Officers are now able to tackle the problems and inform the brethren of successes, which far outweigh the problems.

The biggest success was the exchange of ideas between lodges and the idea of working together as neighboring lodges in conferring degrees and having social events together.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

On June 26, 2004, Michael G. Birnstihl of Lincoln was conferred the title Grand Senior Warden Emeritus by the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: at the Scottish Rite Temple. Mike Birnstihl held the office of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Lodge in February 2003, when he suffered an aneurysm. He attended the ceremony to receive the title.

Besides the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, several Masonic-related organizations took part in the presentation, including the Lincoln Scottish Rite bodies, Sesostris Shrine, Mt. Moriah Commander of the York Rite, Craftsmen Masonic Lodge No. 314, Starcraft Eastern Star Chapter and Cotner Lodge No. 297, all located in Lincoln. "During his many years of active involvement in the Grand Lodge and other organizations, Mike has made many long-lasting contributions to Masonic-related groups," Seiler said. "This honor is rarely given and richly deserved as it recognizes his commitment, dedication and hard work on behalf of the more than 15,000 members statewide."

Neil Neddermeyer, 2003-04 Minnesota Past Grand Master, headed the list of speakers at the event. He spoke after dinner following the awarding of the title.

Birnstihl has served as Master of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 in Lincoln, and is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Lincoln, where he was presented the honorary 33rd degree in 2001. He held the post of Wise Master in 2002, and is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

In the York Rite, he is a member of the Mt. Moriah Commandery, Lincoln Council. He was also active in Eastern Star as a member of Starcraft Chapter No. 307. He is a member of the National Sojourners in Omaha.

At Sesostris Shrine he was a charter member of the "Sportsters" Shrine Motorcycle Club, and past secretary of the "Iron Nobles." He is also a member of the "Proficient Past Masters" as well as the "Legion of Honor." He became a Deputy Grand Custodian in 1997, and in 2004 was made a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus. Birnstihl was president of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation from 1999-2002.

IMPERIAL SHRINE SESSION

The Grand Masters from all the jurisdictions are invited to attend this session as a guest of the Imperial Shrine. This session is a great opportunity to be one on one with the Potentates and their Divans to promote "Masonic Unity." Tehama, Sesostris, and Tangier temple of Nebraska hosted the Grand Master and his lady for dinner, and Jo and I thank you again. Further, I had the opportunity to assist the Grand Master of Colorado, Ed Zorn, in laying a cornerstone at the Public Library in Pueblo, Colorado.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On March 18, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to: change the time of their regular monthly communications from 7:30 p.m. to such a time as shall be established by the Master of the lodge at the first regular communication following his installation; revise Article III to provide that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person; change the committee structure and administration of the Endowment Fund held by the Lodge; and raise their monthly dues and amend Section 4, Article IV to include language parallel to the Grand Lodge Bylaws regarding dues.

On May 26, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Arcana Lodge No. 195 to delete Section 7, Article VII relative to pro-rated dues.

On May 26, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Arcana Lodge No. 195 to increase the amount of their degree fees.

On July 1, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 to increase their annual dues.

On July 14, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to change their stated meeting from the second Thursday of each calendar month to the third Thursday of each calendar month.

On July 28, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 to increase their annual dues, and to change the suspension date from December 31 to September 30 to bring such section into compliance with the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On August 11, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Papillion Lodge No. 39 to increase their annual dues.

On September 15, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Arcana Lodge No. 195 to increase their annual dues, and to change language regarding fifty-year members being exempt from dues payment.

On September 15, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Monument Lodge No. 293 to change their stated meeting from the second and fourth Mondays of each calendar month at 8:00 p.m. to the second Monday of each calendar month at 7:30 p.m.

On October 20, 2004, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Pawnee Lodge No. 23.

On October 27, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 to increase their annual dues.

On November 17, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fremont Lodge No. 15 to increase their annual dues.

On November 17, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cedar River Lodge No. 89 to change their stated meeting from the third Thursday of each calendar month at 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time, and 7:30 p.m. during standard time, to the first Monday of each calendar month at 7:30 p.m., and to change the provision for meetings during inclement weather or legal holidays.

On November 17, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to increase their degree fees.

On November 17, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to increase their annual dues.

On November 24, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Keystone Lodge No. 62 to change their stated meeting from the second Monday of each calendar month to the third Monday of each calendar month.

On November 24, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Victory Lodge No. 310 for a complete revision of Section 9, Article III, relative to duties of the Secretary.

On November 24, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Victory Lodge No. 310 to increase their annual dues.

On November 24, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Victory Lodge No. 310 to increase their degree fees.

On November 24, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Victory Lodge No. 310 to change their stated meeting from the second Thursday of each calendar month to the second Monday of each calendar month.

On December 8, 2004, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Purity Lodge No. 198 to include a provision for inclement weather or legal holiday.

On January 11, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 to change the time of their regular monthly communication.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS

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

1. Mason City Lodge No. 170 merged into Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City effective the 16th day of July, 2004.
2. Relief Lodge No. 219 merged into Wausa Lodge No. 251 effective the 29th day of October, 2004.
3. Oasis Lodge No. 271 merged into Mitchell Lodge No. 263 effective the 1st day of December, 2004.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

In his 2001 Grand Master’s Address, PGM Philip A. Lorenzen stated “everybody loves a parade.” This was really brought home when the 2004 Shrine Bowl Parade was scheduled during a torrent of rain, and still the parade route was crowded with people. The All-Star Band is a composition of youth from across the State of Nebraska unified as one under the direction of very capable Directors and Assistants. Thank you to all the Masons, Patrons and the All-Star Band Committee for your efforts in making this Band event a great support for the Shrine Bowl, and making Masonry relevant to the entire state.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors of this home from 1984 to 1990. Every Mason should take great pride in this charity. If you have not visited the home, you need to call Ben Harvey, Administrator for your tour. You too will feel the pride!! The staff at the home is the “Best” in the United States and therefore the future of the home is bright!

MASONIC FAMILY

I credit the advancements in Masonry in Nebraska as a direct result of the Masonic Family unity functions in Nebraska. A perfect example is the "Pig Roast" and "Steak Fry" at the Papillion Gun Club sponsored by Tangiers Shrine Club, Scottish Rite and the area Blue Lodges in which about 225 Brethren and 225 prospective Masons attend. Another example of unity is the One Day Blue Lodge Class in the Omaha area in which the Entered Apprentice Degree is done by Tangier Shrine, Fellow Craft Degree by Scottish Rite, first Section of Masters Degree by the Grand Lodge officers and the local Blue Lodge finish with the second Section of the Masters Degree.

On May 2, 2004, the All Masonic Unity Fun Day was held at Rosenblatt Stadium with a barbecue lunch and attendees going to the Omaha Royals game or the Henry Doorly Zoo. The Grand Master had the pleasure of throwing out the first pitch (a strike) for the second straight year.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

When you read the newspaper, all you read about is the crimes and failures of today's youth. Observing the Masonic Youth, you soon realize that the newspapers are not reporting the quality of the Masonic Youth. They truly are the future of Masonry and the United States. A special thanks to the Brethren and Ladies who are serving as the adult leaders of the youth organization. The youth are only as strong as the Adult leaders.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

Madison, Wisconsin, was the location for this conference held August 20, 2004 through August 22, 2004, and was attended by me as Grand Master, Ivan Vrtiska, Deputy Grand Master, Scott Krieger, Grand Senior Warden, Dean Skokan, Grand Junior Warden and Bruce Watkins, Grand Secretary. The Grand Jurisdictions in attendance were Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Each jurisdiction made a presentation on the programs that are working to improve Masonry in their jurisdiction and also the programs they have junked as not beneficial.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2001. The Home cares for Masonic connected families and has an average census of about 120. The level of care ranges from the apartments to the Alzheimer's Ward (Central Care). All this care is in the beautiful setting of Plattsmouth acreages. Again, all Masons should tour this charitable home.

NECROLOGY

The "boom" of the 1940's and 1950's in Masonry is now showing in another statistic, that is, the Masons ascending into that "House not made with Hands." The latest reports to the Nebraska Grand Lodge Office find that 417 brother Masons have ascended the "stairway."

Further, Masonry lost to the Black Camel a Masonic Statesman, "Dad" Walter F. Miller, "Mister DeMolay." His accomplishments with youth are well known and he will be missed.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 9, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 of Omaha to install their 2004 Junior Deacon out of time.

On February 9, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to install their 2004 Junior Warden and Senior Deacon out of time.

On February 10, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lancaster Lodge No. 54 of Lincoln to install their 2004 Junior Steward out of time.

On February 12, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wahoo Lodge No. 59 of Wahoo to install their 2004 Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Treasurer out of time.

On February 24, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Sections 2-304 and 2-312 to permit Geneva Lodge No. 79 of Geneva to elect and install their 2004 Junior Warden out of time.

On February 25, 2004, I gave permission to Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to sponsor a farmer's market and sponsor boys and girls basketball tournaments.

On March 3, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on March 15, 2004, March 22, 2004, and March 29, 2004, respectively. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On March 10, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 10, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

Covert Lodge No. 11 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On March 23, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 of Lincoln to move their charter on June 26, 2004 to Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln for the purpose of holding an event honoring W.:B.: Michael G. Birnstihl.

On March 29, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings to move their charter on May 15, 2004 to the William Morrow Farm for the purpose of conducting a Master Mason Degree in an outdoor setting.

On March 29, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to hold a special meeting on March 29, 2004, for the purpose of conducting business to include the payment of bills, reading of minutes, and receiving, reading and balloting on petitions.

On March 30, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to hold a special meeting on April 30, 2004, for the purpose of conducting business to include the payment of bills, reading of minutes, and receiving, reading and balloting on petitions.

On March 31, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Friend Lodge No. 73 of Friend to change the time of its regular meeting to immediately follow a Fellow Craft Degree to facilitate adequate attendance.

On April 2, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to hold a special meeting on April 26, 2004, for the purpose of conducting business to include the payment of bills, reading of minutes, and receiving, reading and balloting on petitions.

On April 6, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on May 1, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On April 8, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than twenty-five candidates at their one-day event. Such dispensation supplements prior dispensation granted on March 10, 2004.

On April 9, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons who attended Omaha area one-day conferrals in 2003 and January 2004 for the purpose of inviting them to a Tangier Shrine Ceremonial in May of 2004.

On April 12, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 13, 2004, April 20, 2004, and April 27, 2004, respectively. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On April 13, 2004, I granted permission to Bellevue Lodge No. 325 of Bellevue to allow the rental of the dining hall located adjacent to the Lodge building and to allow renters to have alcohol at their events.

On April 15, 2004, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On April 26, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 17, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On May 3, 2004, under the provisions of Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I gave permission to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha to obtain a list of Secretaries of all Nebraska lodges and emails of the Omaha area Secretaries and Masters for the purpose of sending invitations for the Humanitarian Award.

On May 11, 2004, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 of Valentine to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 11, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte to move their charter on June 8, 2004 to Brother

Walter Johnson's ranch for the purpose of holding their regular stated meeting in an outdoor setting.

On May 19, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on May 20, 2004, May 27, 2004, June 17, 2004, respectively. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On May 20, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 17, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On May 28, 2004, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I gave permission to Solomon Lodge No. 10 to obtain labels for all Masters and Secretaries of Nebraska lodges for the purpose of announcing the Ft. Calhoun Lewis and Clark Event.

On June 1, 2004, pursuant to the informal approval of the Jurisprudence Committee, I gave permission for Hooper Lodge No. 72 and Scribner Lodge No. 132 to jointly utilize the lodge affiliation program.

On June 4, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Fremont Lodge No. 15 of Fremont to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on August 14, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than seven;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

On June 9, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 of Ashland to have a joint float with the local Eastern Star Chapter during the Ashland Annual Stir-up Celebration on July 17, 2004.

On June 14, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on June 21, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On July 6, 2004, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 of Wakefield to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 14, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than twenty-five candidates at their one-day event. Such dispensation supplements prior dispensation granted on May 20, 2004.

On July 16, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on future dates to be set by the lodge for their own candidates. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On July 26, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to College View Lodge No. 320 of Lincoln to contact all Nebraska lodges regarding a fundraising project to support Hallam tornado victims.

On July 30, 2004, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I gave permission to Hastings Lodge No. 50 to obtain labels for all Masters and Secretaries of Nebraska Lodges for the purpose of sending a letter announcing a one-day conferral.

On August 3, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all new Nebraska Masons since the beginning of 2004 for the purpose of inviting them to a membership dinner.

On August 16, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Sesostris Shrine to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons in the 68701 zip code for the purpose of recruiting Shrine members in Norfolk.

On August 24, 2004, I approved the creation of an informal Masonic Businessmen's group in the Omaha area and pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the group to obtain a list of Masons in the Omaha area under the age of 55 who have entered the Fraternity in the last 15 years, and who own their own business, are professional or practicing a trade, with the restriction that the list cannot be used to commercial purposes.

On August 26, 2004, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Omadi Lodge No. 5 of South Sioux City to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 30, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to obtain a list of all Nebraska Secretaries for the purpose of sending a letter regarding funding for the annual Christmas parties at The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 9, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to York Lodge No. 56 of York to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons in the York area for the purpose of inviting them to lodge.

On September 9, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 6, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On September 13, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hastings Lodge No. 50 of Hastings to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 16, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

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

On September 22, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on September 27, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On September 22, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Solomon Lodge No. 10 of Ft. Calhoun to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on September 28, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On September 27, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Florence Lodge No. 281 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 23, 2004. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than twenty-five;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Florence Lodge No. 281 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On October 11, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 18, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On October 13, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 25, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On October 13, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Sections 2-304 and 2-312 to permit Omadi Lodge No. 5 to install their 2005 officers out of time.

On November 3, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 8, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On November 5, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 15, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On November 16, 2004, I gave permission to Fremont Lodge No. 15 to prove up a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

On November 30, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-304 to permit Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to elect their 2005 Junior Warden out of time.

On December 8, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-304 to permit Wahoo Lodge No. 59 to elect their 2005 Secretary out of time.

On December 8, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-304 to permit East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 to elect their 2005 Junior Warden out of time.

On December 9, 2004, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 20, 2004. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On December 9, 2004, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to College View Lodge No. 320 of Lincoln to obtain a list of all sojourner Masons in the Lincoln area for the purpose of inviting them to participate in lodge activities.

On December 15, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 of Omaha to move their charter on January 29, 2005 to Papillion Lodge No. 39 for the purpose of installing officers.

On December 15, 2004, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to move their charter on February 13, 2005 to the Scottish Rite Center in Omaha for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons for the Installation of the 2005 Grand Lodge Officers.

On December 22, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-304 to permit Landmark Lodge No. 222 to elect their 2005 Junior Warden and Treasurer out of time.

On January 5, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney to confer the 1st Section Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 25, 2005. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

- a. Be received in the prescribed manner;
- b. Receive the obligation while positioned behind the Altar; and
- c. Receive all lectures and charge for the 1st Section Master Mason Degree.

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

On January 5, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Barneston Lodge No. 165 of Barneston to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than seven;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home.
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

On January 5, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 to install their 2005 officers out of time.

On January 5, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on January 10, 2005, January 17, 2005, and January 24, 2005, respectively. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On January 12, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Sections 2-304 and 2-312 to permit James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 of Kimball to elect and install their 2005 Master out of time.

On January 12, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on January 29, 2005. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

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

On January 12, 2004, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jordan Lodge No. 27 to install their 2005 Senior Warden out of time.

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On January 12, 2005, I granted dispensation and approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees on more than one candidate at one time, up to twenty-five, on January 29, 2005, subject to the usual conditions. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On January 18, 2005, I signed the Uniform Commercial Purchase Agreement approving the sale of the lodge building held by Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha.

On January 26, 2005, I granted dispensation and approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on more than one candidate at the same time on Thursday, January 27, 2005, subject to the usual conditions.

On January 26, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Ashlar Lodge No. 33 of Grand Island to install their 2005 Treasurer, Chaplain, Junior Deacon and Tyler out of time.

On January 26, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Victory Lodge No. 310 of Valley to install their 2005 Lodge Officers out of time.

On January 26, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Canopy Lodge No. 209 of Elmwood to install their 2005 Lodge Officers out of time.

On February 1, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Albion Lodge No. 78 of Albion to install their 2005 Junior Deacon out of time.

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

On August 28, 2004, the Grand Lodge Officers hosted Worshipful Ivory Bobb and his officers and Ladies for a steak cookout at the Cooper Farms in Omaha. It is always a pleasure to renew our social and fraternal relationships with the Prince Hall Brethren. The Nebraska Grand Lodge was one of the leaders of the movement nationwide to recognize Prince Hall, and we continue to support this tradition.

REINSTATEMENTS

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

February 11, 2004.....	Henry R. Setser	George W. Lininger No. 268
February 18, 2004.....	Preston Olson	Mosaic No. 55
February 18, 2004.....	Terry Pilkenton.....	Lebanon No. 323
March 9, 2004.....	Christopher K. Holland	Lancaster No. 54
March 9, 2004.....	Tyran S. Adams.....	Shiloh No. 327
March 15, 2004.....	Leonard W. Begley	Covert No. 11
April 6, 2004.....	Paul Herrick	John J. Mercer No. 290
April 14, 2004.....	James C. Naufel.....	John J. Mercer No. 290
April 14, 2004.....	Richard Spearow	Frank Welch No. 75
April 14, 2004.....	John C. Delevan	Solomon No. 10
April 28, 2004.....	Malcolm Pollard.....	Western Star No. 2
May 6, 2004.....	Dale R. Combs	Florence No. 281
May 19, 2004.....	Vern Knobelauch.....	Covert No. 11
May 19, 2004.....	Wayne B. Culver	Fremont No. 15
May 19, 2004.....	Lyndell L. Nelson.....	Frank Welch No. 75
May 19, 2004.....	Richard D. Armstrong.....	Oshkosh No. 286
June 9, 2004.....	Wesley Larson.....	Stromsburg No. 126
July 14, 2004.....	Richard A. Quintero	Nebraska No. 1
July 14, 2004.....	Clement J. Orsi.....	Bellevue No. 325
July 14, 2004.....	Darrel Rodaway.....	George Washington No. 250
July 28, 2004.....	James S. Pierce.....	Papillion No. 39
July 28, 2004.....	Wayne F. Helgesen	Papillion No. 39
August 11, 2004.....	Jeffrey L. Munford	Lancaster No. 54
August 11, 2004.....	James J. Gagliola.....	Covert No. 11
August 11, 2004.....	Paul F. Wiseman	Springfield No. 112
August 27, 2004.....	Lewis F. Botsford.....	Silver Cord No. 224
September 22, 2004	Patrick Hoyt	Mosaic No. 55
November 8, 2004	William F. McQuistan.....	Olive Branch No. 274
December 31, 2004.....	Gladwyn A. Youngs.....	East Lincoln No. 210
December 31, 2004.....	Melvin Hatcher.....	John J. Mercer No. 290

SWISHER KITS

The Nebraska Grand Lodge has instituted a program to allow the formation of subordinate lodges by soldiers deployed in areas without a Grand Lodge, such as Afghanistan and Iraq. The Grand Lodge will provide compact equipment and materials necessary to open and operate a subordinate lodge, including degree work. The materials are packaged in a "Swisher Kit," named for S.Sgt. Chris Swisher, a Nebraska Mason who was killed in Baghdad, Iraq in 2003. The Kits will be provided to brothers

in Nebraska military units deployed overseas. Nebraska has a history of chartering such Lodges dating back to Monitor Lodge U. S. D., which existed during the Civil War.

I would like to thank R. W. Dean Skokan for the creation of this project and Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for funding the first Swisher Kit that will be shipped overseas in early 2005.

TABLE LODGE

Dean Skokan, Grand Junior Warden, and I, were asked by PGM Charles Kaufmann (SGIG of South Dakota) to attend the 50th annual Table Lodge Held by Washington Lodge No. 111, White, South Dakota, on the South Dakota-Minnesota border. One hundred forty-four (144) Brethren from North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska and South Dakota attended with the farthest traveled Brethren coming 475 miles (a community on the Wyoming – South Dakota border). I was the third (3rd) Grand Master from Nebraska to attend with PGM Bevin Bump (1983) and PGM Paul Eveland (1988) having also attended when they were Grand Master.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-103 of the Bylaws, a trial commission was appointed in the matter of a criminal offense by a member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. On November 22, 2004, the individual was found guilty and expelled from the Masonic Fraternity. An appeal is pending in such matter.

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-103 of the Bylaws, a trial commission was appointed in the matter of a criminal offense by a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54. The matter is pending.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

- February 24, 2004 Robert S. Kremers to
West Gate-Adelphic Lodge No. 509, Iowa
- February 24, 2004 Jack W. Sevier to
North Riverside Lodge No. 662, Iowa
- June 10, 2004 Colonel Mark A. Culbertson to
Union Lodge No. 259, Pennsylvania
- July 26, 2004 Tyler Blaker to
Landmark Lodge No. 103, Iowa
- September 27, 2004 John A. Rundell to
St. Thomas Lodge No. 306, Kansas

WARDENS AND DEACONS SCHOOL

This School was held on December 4, 2004, at the Conference Room at the Omaha Home for Boys at Omaha with 50 Brethren in attendance. Thank you, Scott Krieger, Sr., for putting this excellent education program together. Russ Reno, Grand Junior Deacon, has diligently revised and edited the Officers Manual and we owe him a big “thank you.”

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

The first admonition of a leader is “do no harm.” I believe Masonry has “righted the ship” and the talk of “doom and gloom” is no longer the common discussion. Instead, the common talk among the Brethren is positive, forward thinking, solution oriented discussions and efforts. I am most impressed with the lodge officers that have listened to ideas, developed and modified these ideas to fit their lodge and are putting the ideas to work. The idea or philosophy that the word “change” is not part of the Masonic lexicon is dead and hopefully will never return.

Lodges that have not brought in new members in years are now voting on petitions and conferring degrees. Further, the lodges are putting the young members to work and having fun. My address to the Wardens and Deacons School in Omaha was to a younger in age than I have appeared before in all my Masonic Travels. We are lowering the average Masonic age significantly.

The one thing that is certain is that the Grand Lodge line of officers that you have chosen, are the most outstanding Masons in the State of Nebraska or any other Grand Jurisdiction. They will serve the Masons of Nebraska well!

CONCLUSION

Jo and I would like to give thanks to the Supreme Being for giving us an opportunity to serve as the head of such a wonderful organization consisting of such grand people from all across the State of Nebraska and the other Grand Jurisdictions that we have traveled. Masonry truly is an organization that brings out qualities in its members that far exceed any other organization, which you can join.

As Socrates said: “The hour of departure has arrived and we go our way.”

Thank you - I have tried with all my energy and I hope I have made a difference.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Seiler
Grand Master

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

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

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

John C. McQuinn, Chairman

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

“Before moving to adopt the report as printed on page 15, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren, I’d like to say to the Grand Representative from Colorado, I’m an attorney and I agree that the advice wasn’t very good. Checks clear so quickly now that my luck I would be in the casket with the big “C” on it that was painted gold.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I’d like to thank you for the tremendous opportunity you’ve afforded me and to the Past Grand Masters that are here who appointed me. It’s extremely gratifying to have seen the number of lodges that have had tremendous programs, that have strong people who were interested enough to submit applications for individual Masonic Awards for their Brethren. It’s not very often, and not often enough, that our Brethren are recognized. The size of a lodge doesn’t matter, from Bridgeport to North Bend. Size isn’t what determines who’s successful.

The Brothers who served on the committee, your council has always been timely and good and I deeply appreciated everything that you’ve done for me. The report does acknowledge the Grand Lodge staff and I couldn’t have done any of this without their help. Finally, for those lodges who believe that it’s difficult or they can’t do it, some of you may know the poet Edgar A. Guest. He wrote in the early 19th century and one of the things he said was, ‘There are thousands that tell you that it cannot be done. There are thousands to prophesy failure. There are thousands to point out to you, one by one, the dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin, just take off your jacket and get to it. Start to sing as you tackle the thing that “cannot be done.” and you’ll do it.’ Brethren, I am convinced that there is no lodge in Nebraska that cannot do whatever it sets its mind that it wants to do, and you’re only limited by the confines of your own creativity. And I urge you to find a program, as Most Worshipful Brother Seiler said, develop it, because you can all do it. Whether you’re a lodge of 20 or a lodge of 300 doesn’t matter.”

The printed report is as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Seiler, it is my privilege to report that during the past year, the Grand Lodge Awards Committee has approved 16 Masonic Service Awards, 3 Non-Masonic Service Awards, and recommended to you 22 Worshipful Masters to receive the inaugural Grand Master’s Masonic Leadership Award.

You graciously accepted our recommendations and Worshipful Masters from 22 lodges received the Grand Master’s Masonic Leadership Award. This award, developed at the suggestion of Most Worshipful Grand Master Les Seiler, is intended to recognize Worshipful Masters who demonstrate excellence in leading and governing their lodge to accomplish goals and objectives for the good of Masonry, by focusing on the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. This is not an annual award, but may be utilized at the discretion of the Grand Master with recommendations from the Awards Committee.

The competition for the Rock Maul and Gold Pan Awards was spirited again this year. The quality of the top contenders (and there were several for each award) continues to prove true the old adage: “It’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog.” Commitment and willingness to participate clearly make any lodge a worthy contender for consideration, however it is clear that planning for the up-coming year is one of the crucial elements needed to make things happen. Keep up the outstanding work and continue to fill out the applications.

As chair of the Committee, I would personally like to thank our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the confidence placed in me, the members of the Committee for their willingness to serve and participate, often by telephone or e-mail, and last but certainly not least, the Grand Lodge office staff. Michelle, Carol and Jeannie – nothing would probably get accomplished without your capable assistance, most especially Jeannie, who has patiently helped me far beyond what I could have ever expected.

Respectfully submitted,
 John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman
 Paul R. Eveland, 119
 Herman F. Hansen, 51
 Charles Spohr, 97
 Kevin R. Lindly, 148
 Roy J. Martin, 314

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



DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.: Grand Master Seiler asked R.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

I was initiated in to the Masonic Family and started my Masonic Life in September 1974. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunities and adventures on my Masonic Journey and am greatly humbled to have the honor to serve as your Grand Master. I am proud to be a Mason.

I must first say that our Grand Lodge is the body that represents all the Masons in Nebraska and to assure that we present a unified and consistent image to the general public. Every Mason that belongs to a Lodge in Nebraska is in fact a member of Grand Lodge. Each Lodge has four delegates to our Annual Communication, and you are the ones that set the rules and guidelines for the operation of Masonry in Nebraska. You do have fifteen officers to assume the leadership roles of your State organization and to represent you during the time between our Annual Communications. These officers, together with the nearly thirty Grand Lodge Committees and thirty-five Deputy Custodians comprise a leadership core of approximately 300 brothers for your Grand Lodge. Our membership of over 15,000, plus the membership of our appendant Masonic bodies, composes a large Masonic Family with unlimited potential and ability to “Make a Difference.”

This statement is based on the leadership and traditions of the past and the future leadership and visions of the young members in our Family. The basic core values, teachings, lessons, traditions, etc., should not be lost or changed, however, we should consider an enhancement of our product. As Franklin Roosevelt said: “The only thing we

have to fear is fear itself,” (we must not fear) and as President Bush recently referenced in his inaugural address, continue an effort to “transform.” We are on the threshold of being that social element, that sense of need and belonging that people, particularly young people, are identifying as a priority requirement to transform our people back to a moral and ethical society for which America is known. We as Masons should be bold and make a statement.

I envision Our Masonic Family as Leaders to the Future.

To Quote an Unknown author: “Together we can accomplish more.” We as a Masonic Family share the same basic core values and lessons. The presentations of each organization are different, perhaps to grant us the opportunity to reinforce these teachings from different perspectives and approaches, and thus to better assist us to learn and implement these valuable and important lessons. If we live these lessons and teachings, perhaps we will enhance and impact the direction of our Society. Our behavior and well doing shall prove to be contagious to those around us and thus bring those observers into our Fraternal Family.

Perhaps we have been too humble, over the recent years, about our Masonic Family. It is now time to become better known and relevant in our communities by the good acts and deeds we do, and by the quality impressions we make in our communities. We are making great strides; however, we need to continue to be proud of whom we are and what we do.

Our Masonic Family has a diverse collection of charity projects for us to share and for which we should be recognized. Our Shrine Masons have taken the lead over the years with their Orthopedic Hospitals and Burn Centers (as well as many other services less known). Let us compliment their initiatives with additional Community Service Projects. I recently read a definition stating that a fraternal organization is: “Sharing and Caring.” That certainly is true of our Masonic Family.

To modify a comment by another author: “I wished somebody would do something about Masonry, then I realized I was somebody.” Perhaps this may apply to many of us; we are somebody and we must do something. I would like to make an analogy of a rock pile. A pile of rocks can be very plain and non-descriptive until we as “Somebody” envision it into a beautiful building. How we as “Somebody” envision these rocks organized and properly placed in our beautiful Masonic Cathedral or “Masonic Family Home” is up to each of us. Over the years several rocks have been placed in our “Masonic Rock Pile.” We have attempted to identify some of these rocks in a Grand Lodge Program Guide. This Guide identifies many rocks of opportunities and reward. It is not an exclusive pile and definitely does not include all the rocks. As we envision our marvelous structure, be reminded of the length of time and effort invested in the many structures we admire and respect. It will take an investment by all of us to continue to enhance Masonry, to build our Masonic Cathedral.

I list one simple goal this year and offer several steps or objectives toward achieving this major goal. The Goal is: “Each Lodge shall strive to become a visible and relevant organization with a positive presence in their community.” If each Lodge incorporates several of the relative suggestions listed with the Goal, adds some of their own, and actively implements and carries them out, you should become relevant in your

community. The Rock Maul Award Application Form will also provide much assistance. Five categories with suggestions are offered: 1). Business Operations, 2). Lodge Activities, 3). Lodge Functions, 4). Community Relevance, and 5). Membership. These are listed in the 2005-2006 Grand Lodge Program Guide. It is up to you to choose which rocks you use and to envision your Cathedral. The Program Guide is intended to be a "Guide", to offer ideas and activities to use in structuring your Cathedral. Masonry is Local.

I do wish to highlight a couple of events that will assist you with becoming more relevant and I encourage your participation. Three years ago the Grand Lodge Youth Committee implemented the first Nebraska Masonic Youth Leadership Conference for our three Masonic Youth Groups. It was a great success and a commitment was made to host the event on a triennial basis. Our next Conference is scheduled for October 15 & 16, at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. Speakers include Sean Covey, author of *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*; Tou Ger Xioug, an energetic diversity speaker, comedian and Hmong storyteller; Darla Hansen, former Shrine patient, professional singer and motivational speaker; Ron Gustafson, who will inspire the group by telling about his personal tragedy, and how he turned it into triumph; as well as Debby Rihn-Harvey, an International Gold Medal aerobatic pilot, Captain for Southwest Airlines, motivational speaker, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 69, IOJD, and Past Nebraska DeMolay State Sweetheart. Debby will also be the featured pilot in an Air Show at the Kearney Airport at the close of the conference on Sunday afternoon, October 16th. You are all invited to the Air Show. Consider hosting a Child Identification Program Event (CHIP Event). This will get the community involved in working together, while providing a valuable and meaningful program for your community—Protecting our Youth and our Future. The Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, July 19-23, is a great opportunity for your community youth, as well as you. Remember our scholarship program and of course always remember to support our youth with our time and resources. I'm sure you also have many valuable functions specific to your community and Lodge.

Other rocks I must mention include the Wardens and Deacons School. We are currently planning schools for this fall in three locations across the state. The school manual proves to be a valuable rock of resource for planning your leadership roles in the Lodge. The Membership Handbook written and distributed during 2004 is another invaluable rock of resource; refer to it often. Don't forget the Education Symposiums, "To Light," and, of course, the Cornerstone Ceremonies.

Regardless of which rocks (programs and activities) you choose, please be sure to engage all members regardless of age and length of Masonic Service. Remember new members hold an enormous promise for the future, while long-term members hold the experience of history and tradition.

Our Installation ceremonies remind us that we as Masters are "individual Masons; and though elevated for a time above his brethren, he is elevated by them; be accessible to all, cultivating the closest friendship and the most unlimited confidence with his associate officers; be eager to take counsel with his brethren, and ready to give it; be ready to reward good, be devoid of favoritism, and wholly impartial." I will make every effort, to the best of my ability, to carry out this charge.

In cooperation and coordination with our Masonic Family, we will accomplish more if we all remember we are “Somebody” and we can make a difference. And as Vince Lombardi said, “The only place Success comes before Work is in the dictionary.” Let’s get to work.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

Due to the absence of M.:W.: John M. McHenry, M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith presented the report.

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2005, by Chairman M.:W.: Brother John M. McHenry, with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Dwight E. Smith, Steven F. Mattoon and Don E. Rasmussen. Most Worshipful Jack H. Hendrix has submitted his resignation from the committee for health reasons to the Grand Master and was not present. Also in attendance were thirteen Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Master Jerry Rittenburg.

Pursuant to Section 1-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the Jurisprudence Committee is to review all Resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, including a request for Bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of delivery whether the Resolutions are in proper form. No Resolutions were delivered to the Grand Secretary at the 147th Annual Communication held on February 6 and 7, 2004.

Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge provides that at least 15 days prior to the opening of the session of the Grand Lodge the Committee on Jurisprudence shall meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on January 10, 2005, and immediately submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, we found that Recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are in proper form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to Recommendation 2, it appears at the end of the second line the word “they” has been inadvertently left out of the present text. The Jurisprudence Committee suggests that prior to that ballot the announcement be made that this word inadvertently has been omitted and if the recommendation is approved that the Codification Committee would insert the word to make the text read properly. Otherwise, Recommendation 2 is in proper form, and may be submitted for ballot at this session.

With regard to Recommendation 8, the Jurisprudence Committee determined that if adopted in its present form, one of the ways that good cause shown could be made would require that a member commit the Masonic offense provided in Section 3-102 under subsection (e) which relates to expressing the opinion that a particular Brother cast a

black ball. Since the Jurisprudence Committee is directed to determine matters of Masonic law, Recommendation 8 would cause members to commit a Masonic offense and therefore, the Committee determined that Recommendation 8 is not in proper form to be balloted upon at this session. The Committee determined that if the words "but this procedure shall not violate Section 3-102" is added to this Recommendation, then the Recommendation would be in proper form and could be submitted for ballot at this session.

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

With regard to the Grand Master's actions set forth in the Grand Master's Address, the Committee determined that Article XI of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska provides that there shall be no honorary officer or officers of the Grand Lodge. The conferral of the honorary position is not allowed and future Grand Masters do not have the authority to make such conferrals without a change in the Constitution.

Clarification was requested from the Grand Master with regards to permissions and dispensations granted to Cotner Lodge No. 297 and to Friend Lodge No. 73. Such clarifications were provided by the Grand Master. The Committee further reviewed the permissions and dispensations granted by the Grand Master from the time of his report to the beginning of this Grand Lodge session. The Committee on Jurisprudence found all permissions and dispensations to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry of Nebraska and approved the same.

The Committee proceeded to elect M.:W.: John M. McHenry as Chairman of the Committee of Jurisprudence again for 2005 and M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon as Secretary of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended him and his officers for their year of service to the Fraternity.

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

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

My first year as Grand Secretary is almost over and I can tell you that it has been a very rewarding and wonderful experience. I wish to express my thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor of electing me as Grand Secretary. It has been an exciting year, traveling throughout the State, attending lodges, meeting new brethren and renewing old acquaintances. It is encouraging to be able to do this and see the enthusiasm for the fraternity. I have also attended national and regional conferences and met brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions.

In addition, I have attended the following cornerstone ceremonies: a new college administration building in Grand Island, a new Chamber of Commerce and water park in Hastings, a new high school in Sutherland, a new library in South Sioux City, and the new Lewis and Clark Visitors Center in Nebraska City.

I want to express my thanks to Michelle, Carol and Jeannie in the Grand Lodge office. They do a great job for the whole fraternity. Please give them a word of thanks and appreciation when you see them.

I particularly want to thank the Lodge Secretaries throughout the State for the work they do for their Lodges. Having been a Lodge Secretary myself for the past thirteen years, I am aware of the work and dedication it takes. For the past few years, we have been recognizing those Secretaries who complete their work and file their reports in a timely fashion. Those Secretaries who qualified for the award at the Annual Communication last year are as follows:

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| Dave Wetrosky, Western Star No. 2 | Marshall Grant, McCook No. 135 |
| Jay Speck, Plattsmouth No. 6 | Richard Gable, Long Pine No. 136 |
| Bill Parrish, Ashlar No. 33 | Loren Hawkinson, Robert Burns No. 173 |
| Tom Collins, Fairbury No. 35 | Byron Hust, Purity No. 198 |
| Dale Wulff, Papillion No. 39 | Viron Baxter, Palisade No. 216 |
| Kurt Blazek, Mosaic No. 55 | Lowell Erickson, Wausa No. 251 |
| Merv Ransom, Osceola No. 65 | Darrel VerMaas, Hickman No. 256 |
| Don Hascall, Hooper No. 72 | Dick Cooper, Mitchell No. 263 |
| Frank Harris, Nelson No. 77 | Dick Cooper, Robert W Furnas No. 265 |
| Max Miller, Geneva No. 79 | Doyle Berg, Florence No. 281 |
| Loren McNeil, Utica No. 96 | Dietrick Frye, Cotner No. 297 |
| Willie Kunz, Euclid No. 97 | Bruce Watkins, Liberty No. 300 |
| Dan Wellendorf, Springfield No. 112 | Art Dye, Mid-West No. 317 |
| Dave Otte, North Bend No. 119 | Phil Edwards, Centennial No. 326 |

We also recognized those who have qualified for five years in a row and they are as follows: Kurt Blazek, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Viron Baxter, Palisade Lodge No. 216, Dick Cooper Robert W Furnas Lodge No. 265, and Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	2003	2004
Number of Lodges	159	156
Initiated	372	398
Passed	346	407
Raised	348	417
Affiliated	54	63
Dual Memberships	35	41
Reinstatements	114	161
Consolidations	0	86
Other	2	2
Total Gains	552	770
Deaths	551	514
Demits	44	59
Suspensions	453	460
Withdrawals	2	3
Consolidations	0	86
Termination of Dual	14	33
Other	12	13
Total Losses	1,076	1,168
Net Membership Changes	(524)	(398)
Membership 12/31/2002	16,180	
Membership 12/31/2003	15,656	
Final Membership as of 12/31/2004		15,257

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

277 - 50 year pins presented
 92 - 60 year pins presented
 2 - 70 year pins presented

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

Fraternally yours,
 Bruce A. Watkins, 300
 Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins moved for the adoption of the report of the Grand Secretary, as printed, along with the adoption of 2004 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

John Maxell, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Membership Committee continues to work towards getting every area lodge and brother involved in membership, which is the lifeblood of Freemasonry. In 2004 the Membership Committee took on the project of writing a Membership Handbook. The purpose of the handbook was to help every lodge in recruiting new members, retaining present members, and lower or limit the number of members from being suspended from their Blue Lodge.

In June of 2004, the committee approved the printing of the Membership Handbook. Beginning in the fall of 2004 the handbook began its distribution throughout the State of Nebraska. A slow distribution was made to insure that the handbook was received either by the Master of the Lodge or the Lodge Membership Chairman.

As of now the handbook has been sent to all Lodges in southern and northeast Nebraska, with the rest of the Blue Lodges scheduled to receive their copy in the first quarter of 2005.

The Membership Committee then began to implement a calling tree, which consists of 13 different areas throughout the state of Nebraska. Each area was appointed an Area Leader who was assigned to four to five Blue Lodges. The responsibility of the Area Leader was to communicate with each Master or Lodge Membership Committee about membership relating to recruiting, retention, and suspensions.

The hope of the Committee in 2005 is to strengthen the calling tree and begin receiving feedback on the Membership Handbook.

The two traveling trophies for membership growth will once again be given for the highest percent of positive growth in both a large and a small lodge. Each lodge receiving a trophy can display it in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winners for 2004 will be announced at Annual Communication.

I would like to thank the Membership Committee, all Masters for the year 2004, and all Brethren who were top line signers this year for all of their hard work to help membership grow in Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
John Maxell, 327, Chairman
Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317
Steve Barchus, 302
Robert A. Moberly, 53, Ad-hoc
Kenneth A. Bills 106, Ad-hoc
and in Memory of Marion Warner, 135

W.:B.: John Maxell moved for the adoption of the report of the Membership Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN
Gerald D. Verbeek

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Visiting Dignitaries, Brethren All:

I gratefully acknowledge the privilege of serving the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, as your Grand Custodian this year. It has been an exciting and rewarding experience to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Office Staff, Deputy Grand Custodians and Officers and members of the lodges in this grand jurisdiction. The following statistics are current as of the date this report was prepared. A supplemental report will be made to up-date the report at the end of the Masonic Year.

As we near the end of our Masonic Year 52 lodges are currently certified. To date 23 lodges have been certified for 60 or more years. This is a remarkable record and the officers and members of these lodges are to be congratulated for their efforts. The lodges are as follows:

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| Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (81) | Euclid Lodge No. 97 (74) |
| Fremont Lodge No. 15 (74) | Custer Lodge No. 148 (61) |
| Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (70) | Samaritan Lodge No. 158 (61) |
| Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (75) | Alliance Lodge No. 183 (60) |
| Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (69) | Arcana Lodge No. 195 (70) |
| Crete Lodge No. 37 (72) | East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (71) |
| Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 (60) | North Star Lodge No. 227 (71) |
| Hastings Lodge No. 50 (81) | Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (66) |
| Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (83) | John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (73) |
| Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (80) | Cotner Lodge No. 297 (64) |
| Hooper Lodge No. 72 (80) | Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (81) |
| Utica Lodge No. 96 (76) | |

Brothers Darrell Beaman, Comet Lodge No. 229, James Hunter, Comet Lodge No. 229, Donald E. Loos, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, and Darrell Schuler II, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, received their initial Master Mason Certification this year. They join a select group of dedicated Masons and I commend them for their work.

The following brethren have completed 20 years of proficiency: Rolland W. Dunn, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and Keith E. Winheim, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

The following brethren have completed 25 years of proficiency: Wayne E. Beatty, Deputy Grand Custodian, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Michael E. Hitchcock, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Virgil A. Meints, Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and Sam S. Ushio, Alliance Lodge No. 183.

The following brethren completed 30 years of proficiency: Arthur J. Ferguson, Deputy Grand Custodian, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, Charles V. Greenfield, Waterloo Lodge

No. 102, Warren D. Lichty Jr., Past Grand Master, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Thomas G. Nuss, Friendship Lodge No. 239 and Donald W. Stephens, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency: Gerald R. Brodd, Comet Lodge No. 229 and Darrell D. Christensen, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

The following brethren completed their 40th year of proficiency: Stevenson P. Brown, North Star Lodge No. 227, Lanny F. Godsey, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Harold Hultman, Past Grand Master, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Arthur K. Jacobsen, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Ronald R. King, Victory Lodge No. 310, Max L. Lovejoy, North Star Lodge No. 227 and Richard L. Mauch, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224.

Most Worshipful Brother Jerry L. Rittenburg, Past Grand Master, Grand Custodian Emeritus, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and Lester W. Aspegren, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, completed their 45th year of proficiency.

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more: 74 years--Harry A. Spencer Sr., Past Grand Master, North Star Lodge No. 227 and Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; 56 years--Ben D. Fussell, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Geneva Lodge No. 79; 55 years--Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 54 years--James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30 and East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and Lloyd I. Edwards, Deputy Grand Custodian, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110; 52 years--Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, Ross R. Robinson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; 50 years--David E. Anthony, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Sterling E. Burke, Victory Lodge No. 310, Wayne G. Luenenborg, Past Grand Master, Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, and Dean E. Taylor, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.

The following brethren are serving as Deputy Grand Custodians. These dedicated brethren possess the knowledge and skills required to assist the lodges in their efforts to maintain an effective and efficient ritual program. I commend them for their excellent work.

Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6--District No. 1.
Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, Capitol Lodge No. 3--District No. 2.
Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325--District No. 3.
James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31--District No. 4.
Ronald D. Grass, Tekamah Lodge No. 31--District No. 5.
Thomas R. Reed, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 and Omadi Lodge No. 5--District No. 6.
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge No. 108--District No. 7.
John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4--District No. 8.
Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110--District No. 9.
Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54--District No. 10.
Suman Vallabhbai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314--District No. 11.
Ashley H. Story, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and Jachin Lodge No. 146--District No. 13.
James R. Taylor, Shiloh Lodge No. 327--District No. 15.
Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317--District No. 17.
Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317--District No. 18.
Carl C. Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54--District No. 19.
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Mid-West Lodge No. 317--District No. 20.

Wayne E. Beatty, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126--District No. 21.
 Delmar A. Jones, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and Osceola Lodge No. 65--District No. 24.
 Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221--District No. 26.
 Roy William Lichtenberger, Parian Lodge No. 207 and Custer Lodge No. 148--District No. 27.
 Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265--District No. 28.
 Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195--District No. 29.
 Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263--District No. 30.
 Gordon L. Carley, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75--District No. 31.
 Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180--District No. 32.
 Harold C. Mueksch, Scribner Lodge No. 132--District No. 34.
 Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge No. 325--District No. 35.
 Bruce A. Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300--District No. 36.
 Albert A. Wise, Geneva Lodge No. 79--District No. 37.
 Dean Papenhagen, Hastings Lodge No. 50--District No. 38.

We will commission two Deputy Grand Custodians this year at Grand Lodge. They are: Daniel L. Scarborough, Geneva Lodge No. 79 and Frank Veverka, Fremont Lodge No. 15. Worshipful Brother Scarborough will replace Right Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr. in District No. 20. Brother Krieger will be too busy serving as Deputy Grand Master to continue serving as a Deputy Grand Custodian. Worshipful Brother Veverka will replace Worshipful Brother Harold Mueksch in District No. 34. Brother Mueksch finds it necessary to spend more time at home assisting his wife who is not enjoying good health. I thank brothers Krieger and Mueksch for their dedication and hard work while serving as Deputy Grand Custodians.

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

The following are the current Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti. It is significant to note that we receive a considerable amount of assistance from these dedicated brethren. It is also my sad duty to report that Worshipful Brother Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., Osceola Lodge No. 65, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, laid down his working tools this year. I am pleased to report that we have some very talented apprentice custodians who are very much a part of the total program designed to assist lodges in their areas.

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

Lynn Doty
 Eugene C. Sibley
 Richard W. Linnemeyer
 Augustine S. Scolaro
 Vincent Rosenberger
 Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master
 Michael G. Birnstihl

The annual custodian's school was held in Grand Island on September 10, 2004. My thanks to Most Worshipful Brother Philip A. Lorenzen, Chair of the Committee on Nebraska Work, Steven A. Green and Roger L. Shillington, members of the Committee on Nebraska Work for their support and contributions during this past Masonic Year. Also, all the Deputy Grand Custodians for their cooperation, support and work, not only

at the school but also in the field. We were pleased to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Les Seiler attend and address the brethren participating in the school. Thirty attended the school and participated in the work. My thanks to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Worshipful Brother Edwin Weber for his help. Brother Weber remained near at hand during the school to keep the lodge hall in order and the required equipment available for our use.

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

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Les Seiler, for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15
Grand Custodian

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Cullen F. Pilker, Chairman

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

“The Grand Representatives program comes within the purview of the Fraternal Relations Committee and it seems to be a total mystery to a good many Blue Lodge Masons and we intend to give that the focus our attention for the ensuing year and try to clarify that for people. People who are Grand Representatives will be hearing from us on that.”

The printed report is as follows:

A request for recognition was received from the following jurisdictions:

Grand Lodge Nationale De Madagascar, Grand Lodge Nationale Guineenne, Grand Loja Maconica do Espirito Santo and Grand Logia “Benito Juarez” del Estado de Coahuila. They have all met the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and are therefore recommended for recognition. The Committee recommends full recognition on the basis that we recognize any other jurisdiction.

The committee recommends that we not recognize the following jurisdictions because of lack of recommendation by the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America:

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

The requests for recognition by these jurisdictions will be carried forward for further consideration in the ensuing year.

A mid-year meeting was called for the purpose of initiating a study on the effectiveness, viability and participation of the appointees of the Grand Representative System. The roll of the Grand Representative is one of the most misunderstood functions of our Grand Lodge constitution and requires better understanding and direction. We are not alone in our desire for clarification. Other jurisdictions are also seeking a better definition of this function. Letters have gone out to the existing Grand Representatives requesting input from them concerning their continued participation. We have received replies from a large number of them but not all. At years end this continues to be a work in progress.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cullen F. Pilker, Chairman, 39
David H. Eads, 6
Robert A. Jones, 83
Joseph K. Humphrey, 159
John Darling, 78
Ex-Officio: Bruce Watkins, 300

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

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leslie A. Evert, Chairman

The Lodge Advisory Committee stands ready to assist and encourage lodges experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active program. We encourage lodges to use the 10 step Lodge Renewal program and the Lodge Membership packets. (Both are available from the Grand Lodge Office.) The Membership packets may be distributed to the members of the lodge as a recruiting tool for potential new members.

Secretaries are being reminded that representatives to the Grand Lodge session must have a proxy. The proxy must have the seal of their lodge to be counted as delegates.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie A. Evert, 195, Chairman
Curt M. Edic, 268
Vernon L. Platt, 177
Merton L. Rose, 286
Daniel L. Scarborough, 79

Chairman Les Evert moved for the adoption of the Lodge Advisory Report, as printed. The motion was seconded and the report was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Jerry L. Rittenburg, Chairman

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

“Can you believe we have completed the 10th Masonic All-Star Band this past summer? We had about 230 kids again this year, which seems to be where we’re settling in at approximately that number. This year we tried to change some activities just a bit. Every year I send out a critique sheet to the band members and ask them to rate the activities we had on a scale of one to ten or which was their favorite and to suggest new activities. Well, several of them suggested karaoke. We used to take the kids to the movie one night, but we had to buy out a theater and frankly, there’s no theater in Lincoln big enough to hold us anymore, so that doesn’t work very well, and it’s a long walk for the kids downtown and walk them back to the dormitories. So in talking about the karaoke, we remembered that the previous year, 2003, while we were spending Saturday afternoon at the Scottish Rite Temple, one of our drummers, and you know drummers are a breed all to themselves, long hair and so forth, he was one of our almost discipline problems, and that kid sat down at the piano and he played music I recognized. He played some I didn’t recognize too. But this kid was really, really talented. And when he got up, another one sat down and played, and so we got down to thinking, these are really talented young people, I bet they could have a good time with the karaoke. So we did it this year, and they seemed to have a good time with it.

Now, we had a problem this year. On Saturday, time for the parade, it was raining like hell. Well, the band directors were really reluctant to take the kids out, the woodwinds in particular, because those felt pads get wet, then they fall off or they swell up at first, and then they fall off, and so then they wouldn’t be able to play at the evening in the half-time show, and the Grand Lodge would be responsible for getting all of their instruments repaired. I was reluctant to put them out in the rain because they had already checked out of the dorms and all of their clothes were packed, so they would have been in wet clothes the rest of the day. That didn’t seem like such a good idea. So we skipped the parade and that was a disappointment to the kids, and it certainly was to me. We kind of got our bacon saved. We went down the Masonic Building at 1635 L Street and spent the time there that we would have been at the parade. The folks who were fixing lunch did it in their parking lot instead of a city park. Everything worked out extremely well.

We did one other new thing this year, and I don't know why we haven't thought of it in the past, but nobody did. On Saturday afternoon, we asked the leaders of all three of the Masonic Youth organizations to come and speak to the band members. These are probably a little bit older kids than the youth groups would like, but they also have younger brothers and sisters, and they have a favorable impression of Masonry already. I haven't heard whether there were any candidates of any of the Masonic Youth organizations, but there should have been. If they followed up with them, there could very well be.

I'm going to enter onto just a little bit of dangerous territory here, because when you thank one or two people individually, that means you left out 50 or 60 others with potential to get their feelings hurt. But there are a couple of people that I just have to recognize individually. Dave Watts works his fanny off at that band camp. And he brings his truck, his trailer, sometimes two trailers to haul the mule with, and he does a lot of work, and Dave, thank you.

The first few years of the camp we bought water bottles and we had the kids fill their water bottles and take them with them and they always lost them. The last two years, Jack Lorenzen has donated I don't know how many bottles, two pallet-loads - I mean these are stacks this high - of bottled water. That would have cost a fortune. We couldn't afford it if we had to pay for it. And Jack has donated that to us the last two years. I don't know how long he's going to do that. But if you see him, thank him for it. We really do appreciate that. It's a major contribution.

And of course, you couldn't have the camp if it wasn't for the women in the Grand Lodge Office. They do a fantastic job, and Michelle and Jeannie are there day and night and just sweating with the rest of us. You know, it's hot out there.

If you see one of these fellows with one of these ribbons on, ask them how much they enjoyed being a chaperone. We always have a bit of trouble finding enough chaperones, especially men to work on the night shift. I see Maynard's back here. He always works the night shift. I've heard he dozes off once in a while, but he always works the night shift for us. We need some more like Maynard to work that night shift. So, if you can work it into your schedule, please talk to one of these people wearing this chaperone ribbon and think about volunteering to be a chaperone."

The printed report is as follows:

As always, thanks to the Grand Master for the opportunity to work with the Masonic All-Star Marching Band, the other committee members, the band directors, the Grand Lodge office staff and all those who worked so hard to make this project successful.

Very special thanks to Brother Dave Watts for his work and for the use of his truck and trailer and to Michelle Fulmer for her work before, during and after the camp. We could not be nearly as successful without her contribution.

This was a very good camp. We had several returning campers, the same band directors and many of the same chaperones. This experience from past years makes the camp run much more smoothly than would otherwise be possible.

We did have a new problem this year in that it was raining on Saturday morning during the time of the parade. The band directors were reluctant to take the wood wind instruments out in the rain because of possible damage that would be very expensive to repair. The Grand Lodge would be responsible for the repairs. Since the campers were already checked out of the dorms they would not have any dry clothes and would have to wear the wet clothes the rest of the day. We decided not to march in the parade. It was the right decision. Thanks to members of the lodges that meet at 1635 L Street in Lincoln we were able to take the band members to their building. Lunch was prepared and served while we were there. It turned out to be a very good experience for the kids as opposed to what could have happened.

We changed some activities this year for several reasons, among which was input from band members on past critique sheets. This year we took pictures and had a pizza party before practice on Tuesday. Wednesday evening they had a choice of watching videos or going swimming. On Thursday there was a dance at the student union after practice. On Friday evening after playing at the Shrine dinner they could either watch videos or go to a Karaoke party. They appeared to have a good time at the Karaoke party.

Another new activity was to initiate the CHild Identification Program (CHIP) on Saturday afternoon at the Scottish Rite building. Since this was the first experience for CHIP, there were a few problems but that was expected and was some of the reason for using this group.

We invited the leaders of all three Masonic Youth groups to speak to the band members on Saturday afternoon. I don't know if they were able to get any members from this contact but it is another exposure to Masonry for the band members.

Again this year there were many contributions by many people and local businesses. The food for lunch on Saturday was mostly contributed and the members of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 prepared and served the meal. The Lincoln Valley of the Scottish Rite paid for, prepared and served the dinner Saturday evening. We are very thankful for these contributions. The band members check out of the dorms on Saturday morning and it would be a major problem or expense to provide these two additional meals. Again this year Worshipful Brother Jack Lorenzen donated lots of bottled water for the band. We could not afford to provide this water without increasing the cost to sponsor a band member. This is a great help and we really appreciate it. If you see Jack tell him thanks.

Every year we worry about chaperones but again this year we had a great crew. This is a very important part of the camp. For several years I have sent critique sheets to chaperones and the response is great, both in the number of returns and the content. These are the people working with the band members and they have some good suggestions. They also have very positive things to say about their experience working with the band. Many chaperones save their vacation to come to camp just because they enjoy it and know that they are having a positive effect on these young people. A special thank you to all the chaperones.

Last but certainly not least I want to thank the other members of this committee. They are not only active on the committee but all have served as a chaperone during the camp.

This report is respectfully submitted with the hope that it meets the approval of the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rittenburg, 210 & 64, Chairman
Michael Jones, 51 & 173
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 198
Marie Rasmussen
Sarah L. Yokel

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

SWISHER KIT

Most Worshipful Les asked Right Worshipful Dean Skokan to come forward to give a report on the progress of the Swisher Kit.

R.:W.: Skokan asked Anthony Johnson from Omaha to come forward.

This is Anthony Johnson from Omaha. He is still shaking sands of Jabuti out of his boots. Would you join me in thanking him for his service to our country.

Real briefly, because we're behind, as is the usual case, the Grand Lodge has started a program that is described in the article, which are being distributed to you now, which is essentially a lodge in a briefcase. We've packaged the equipment and materials that men need to obtain a charter under dispensation to open a lodge and do Masonic labor. These will be distributed to men in guard and reserve units that are being deployed from Nebraska communities. If in your lodge area a guard and reserve unit is being deployed, get in touch with the Grand Lodge, find us a Master Mason in that group who will receive the kit and wants to do Masonic labor over there, and we will make every effort to get the kit to him. Nebraska has a history of doing this. There was a lodge under dispensation during the civil war which is mentioned in the article, but the last time I talked of this, I was introduced to A.J. who told me that there was in fact a need for these lodges to be opened, that there were people there to do Masonic labor and I think he can give you a little bit of background about how this program might function if it does get to be a lodge that's opened overseas.

(R.:W.: Dean Skokan turns the microphone over to A.J.)

Thank you. Yes, I was stationed in Jabuti, Africa for about six months. While I was there, there were about 25 of us that were Scottish Rite Masons and about 10 to 15 who were actually Prince Hall Masons. And we actually tried to get together. There was a little difference there trying to figure out lodge work between Prince Hall and Scottish Rite. A few of us got together and if nothing else, we at least did some studying together. Then of course, we were trying to figure out a way to try to do a lodge and the guys from North Carolina beat us in Afghanistan with their Glad trash bag that was pretty cool. They came up with a unique idea how to do lodge. Their Bible was one of the camouflaged Bibles that they issue us when we get over there that you get a chance to pick up from the Chaplain. So there are a lot of guys over there that would love to be able to have lodge.

From spending time overseas before in remote tours, that would be another great place to send one of these kits. Thank you for letting me have a chance to speak before you. Trust me, these kits would be greatly appreciated and used if you can get them out there.

(A.J. turns the microphone back over to R.:W.: Skokan.)

Thank you, A.J. There are two more things. One is we call these Swisher Kits in memory of Staff Sergeant Christopher Swisher. He was a Brother of ours who gave his life in Baghdad, Iraq. I don't think we can ever forget that sacrifice. And every time one of these kits goes out, they're going to be called Swisher Kits. I want you all to know why we called them that, and it's important to remember that Masons have been in the forefront of sacrificing for their country since this country's history began. I don't ever want to denigrate that sacrifice that any of us have made and if all the veterans of service would stand at this time and be recognized, I think it would be appropriate.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call me or email me or catch me during the session. We'll be glad to start working on these kits when we have a call for them, and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.: Grand Master Les Seiler announced that the voting on recommendations would now be undertaken at the session. He asked R.:W.: Vrtiska to take the podium and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

Recommendation No. 1

Amend Section 2-303 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-303 – HOLDING TWO OFFICES – *With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer;* no two of the offices named in Section 2-301 shall be held by the same person, nor shall a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden be at the same time the Master or Warden of a subordinate lodge. An officer of a chartered subordinate lodge may also be an officer of a lodge under dispensation.

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

Recommendation No. 2

Amend Section 2-207 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, (they) shall ~~have the right~~ *petition the Grand Master* to do so. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a

meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

It was noted by the Jurisprudence Committee that the word “they” was inadvertently left out of the typed version of the ballot at the end of the second line (shown in parentheses above) and should be reinserted by the Codification of the Law Committee should Recommendation No. 2 pass.

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

Recommendation No. 3

Amend Section 2-208 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-208 – CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURE – If, after due notice as provided by Section 2-207 and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication, the Grand Secretary shall give due notice to all members of the subordinate lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or any officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there is a quorum present as defined by Section 2-201, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if two-thirds of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof. *If a quorum fails to be present at such stated meeting, the question may be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight (as set out in Section 2-503).*

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

Recommendation No. 4

Amend the title of Chapter XVI and content of Sections 2-1601 and 2-1602 by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

**CHAPTER XVI.
MASONIC YEAR PIN BADGES AND AWARDS**

Sec. 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS – The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:

Paragraph (b):

(b) "Period of membership" shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, if such be the case. Periods of suspension *for non-payment of dues under three years* ~~or expulsion for any reason~~ shall be ~~excluded~~ *included* when making the aforesaid computation, and periods of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in the parent lodge only. *Expulsions for any reason or suspensions for non-payment of dues longer than three years shall be deducted when computing the number of years a member has been in good standing.* All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

Sec. 2-1602 – YEAR PIN AWARDS ~~DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BADGES~~ – All Master Masons in good standing who have been such for periods of fifty, sixty and seventy years, respectively, and who are members of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled, upon application *by the Lodge*, to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable *year pin badge or button*, which ~~badge or button~~ shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge funds. Subordinate lodges are authorized to present a suitable *year pin badge or button* to Master Masons who are members in good standing of the subordinate lodge, for a period of twenty-five years, at the expense of the subordinate lodge presenting the same.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 4 was made and seconded. After brief discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 5

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

Sec. 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN –

Third paragraph:

The Grand Master may, at his discretion, name as Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti such number, not exceeding three in one year, of brethren as he may deem proper who have served as Deputy Grand Custodians in this Grand Lodge. ~~who, when attending the Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, to be paid by warrants drawn in the usual manner.~~

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

Recommendation No. 6

Delete Section 1-403 in its entirety.

~~**Sec. 1-403 – RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS** – The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall keep an accurate and detailed record of its proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master, and any one authorized by him for that purpose, and shall at least ten days before the annual Grand Lodge communication file with the Grand Secretary a full, detailed and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out, the dates and sources of such receipts, and the dates and objects of such payments. Said report shall be referred to the proper committee of the Grand Lodge in the same manner as the reports of officers and other committees accounting for the expenditure of funds.~~

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

Recommendation No. 7

Delete the second paragraph of Section 2-606 in its entirety.

Sec. 2-606 – FEES, MINIMUM RETURN –

Second Paragraph:

~~Each subordinate lodge shall pay all such sums to the Grand Lodge at the time of making its other annual payments.~~

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

Recommendation No. 8

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

Sec. 2-1001 – VOTERS, ETC. – None but Master Mason members of the lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation or admission, or on an application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be unanimously favorable, and no member can be excused from voting thereon. *Upon petition by a subordinate lodge, the Grand Master may grant dispensation to said lodge to allow for the ballot on a petition for initiation to be favorable if there are two or less unfavorable ballots cast. Said dispensation shall only be granted upon good cause shown and shall be subject to such limitations of time and procedure as the Grand Master deems advisable.*

In their report, the Jurisprudence Committee noted that an Amendment must be made to Recommendation No. 8 to add the language,” provided such procedure does not violate Section 3-102(e)” at the end of the paragraph immediately following “...the Grand Master deems advisable.” The amendment must receive unanimous ballot to allow the voting on Recommendation No. 8 to go forward.

A motion for the adoption, by unanimous ballot, of the Amendment to Recommendation No. 8 was made and seconded. After brief discussion, the motion failed with four votes being cast against the Amendment. Recommendation No. 8 cannot be voted upon.



M.:W.: Les Seiler asked for any reports not yet received.



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

Masonic Relief
Masonic Education
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee
Finance Committee
Grand Lodge Offices
Public Relations Committee
Child Identification Program (CHIP)
Grievances
Charters and Dispensations
Insurance Review
Internet and Computer Technology
Freemasonry and Religion
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
Nebraska Masonic Home
Necrology – Report received previously

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

David G. Otte, Chairman

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

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee consists of Ken Fleming, Larry Jacobsen, John Parsons, Max Miller, Tom Hauder, and Dennis Brydl. Thanks also goes

to Ron Stites, Bob Whipple, and Scott Dodge. In 2005, Keith Neisler will join the team. These Brethren give their time, energy and talents to bring more light to the members of the Nebraska Grand Lodge. All members of the committee see as their duty, to give all Masons in Nebraska the knowledge to defend, promote and to educate non-Masons, family, friends and even fellow Masons.

Each year, the Masonic Education Breakfast attracts more Nebraska Masons. The committee continues to be impressed by the number of Nebraska Masons attending and the positive remarks they have received. 2005 will mark the 6th year the Masonic Breakfast will be held. Combining the talents of Thomas Hauder, Max Miller, Ron Stites, Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons has produced an education presentation unequalled in Nebraska. As an offshoot of the breakfast, the Masonic Education Symposiums do not draw the numbers, but continue to draw the quality Masons who do want "More Light in Masonry." These symposiums are presented at four locations (Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings and rotated in the western part of Nebraska), two times a year. Thanks to the members of the committee and other volunteers who take the time and effort to make the presentations. The Committee thanks the Lodges, and Valleys that volunteer to support the committee in this task.

Each year, at the Masonic Education Breakfast at Grand Lodge, the committee names books that are recommended reading for all Masons. Hopefully, these books don't end up on dusty shelves. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2005. These books will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast. These new books and all reading lists will be available at the Masonic Education Breakfast. Macoy Masonic Supply Company continues to support the committee by supplying books and having them available at the annual communication each year.

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

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

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Saints John Lodge) continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2005 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. The conference in 2004 was held in Wichita, Kansas. Many of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee's activities are aided, if not born by, ideas picked up at these conferences. This conference gives the committee the

opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education. Other jurisdictions are amazed by the successes in Nebraska, especially with the limited budget. Nebraska will host the meeting in 2008. The Education Committee is in planning phase to put on the best conference yet.

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

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

**REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

This last year at the Memorial started out with a bang. On Sunday, February 15, the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America returned to the Memorial for the first time in ten years. It was great to have all the active voting members of the Corporation in the building once again. In connection with the annual Corporation Business Meeting of the Memorial, the beautiful renovated George Washington Museum was dedicated. We are most grateful to the two Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite in the United States for their generous contribution of One Hundred Thousand Dollars each to pay for the renovation. Their two Sovereign Grand Commanders, Illustrious Walter E. Webber, 33° and Ronald A. Seale, 33° were present and both gave inspired talks on the dedication. Afterwards, the renovated Shrine rooms were also dedicated with the assistance of then Deputy Imperial Potentate Raoul Frevel. Many dignitaries were present at both dedication ceremonies.

During the year, the Grand Lodge of the Month Program came to an end. All Grand Lodges having sent displays to be shown at the Memorial during their month, the last exhibit was from Oklahoma and it was a great one. We are now exhibiting displays from associated Masonic bodies. Also, we are grateful to Most Puissant General Grand Master Perry Anderson of the Cryptic Masons International for commissioning a bronze medallion picturing on one side the Memorial Building and on the other a Vault of Cryptic Masonry similar to the one which appears in the Cryptic Room on the seventh floor of the Memorial. Half of the proceeds of the sale of these medals go to support the Memorial. They are available from Councils of Cryptic Masonry for ten dollars.

Eighteen Grand Lodges have followed the example of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and have adopted a per-capita annual contribution to support the Memorial. In addition, some have kept the five-dollar one-time contribution from all newly raised Master Masons. Nebraska stopped that practice when it adopted its per-capita.

During the year, we were delighted to receive the gold pocket watch, which had been owned by Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, one of the attending physicians at the time of Washington's death. Dr. Dick used the watch to check Washington's pulse before his death. This beautiful timepiece will be a permanent part of the display in the George Washington Museum.

The next annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association will be held in Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. At the end of that session, the rules of succession to the presidency, which I worked long and hard to get enacted, will take effect. Having served the maximum of three years as President, these rules require that I step down as President, a member of the Executive committee and a member of the Board of Directors. My successors have worked their ways through the Vice Presidencies and are knowledgeable and experienced and will provide great leadership as the Memorial Association continues to progress.

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Terry L. Spencer, Chairman

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

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

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

Revenues for the calendar year 2004 totaled \$391,919.57 while the anticipated budgeted revenues were \$396,849.00 resulting in a difference of \$4,929.43. The actual expenses for 2004 were \$447,176.37, while the anticipated budgeted expenses were \$481,606.75, resulting in a savings of \$34,430.38. The results of the fiscal year show that the Grand Lodge Officers and staff have been good stewards of the funds of the Grand Lodge operating budget in 2004.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to complete its auditing and review process in a timely manner thanks to the well maintained files and help and assistance provided by Michelle Fulmer as the Office Manager and the staff of the Grand Lodge office.

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman

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

- New Membership Software – Centrix Solutions, Inc. has been contracted to create a new membership software program for the Grand Lodge. The cost is to be budgeted at \$22,000 for this project. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation will be approached about contributing \$10,000 towards the cost of the new membership software program.
- Archiving Old Membership Data – The committee acknowledged and applauded the Grand Lodge Office staff for their goal of inputting the old membership data records into an Excel database during 2005. The information would then be available for eventual transfer to the new membership database created by Centrix Solutions, Inc.
- Grand Lodge Fixed Assets – The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge, approved the previous purchase of the laptop and printer that had been approved by the Grand Master, and acknowledged the gift of equipment for CHIP from the Foundation. The equipment donated by the Foundation for CHIP includes 4 Olympus Stylus 410 digital cameras, 6 Sony digital video cameras, 6 JVC VCRs, 2 Toshiba TV-VCRs, 4 Canon i475D digital inkjet printers.
- Collator – The committee approved the purchase of a new collator from Claritus.
- Sinking Fund – The committee acknowledged that unexpected capital expenditures do arise. To deal with this problem the committee recommended that a Sinking Fund be established for unexpected capital expenditures and included in the Annual Grand Lodge Budget.

- IRS Audit – An audit by the IRS for the year 2001 was complete and everything appears to be in order. The filing status of the Grand Lodge has been changed from a 501-c (8) organization to a 501-c (10) organization. This change does not have any material effect on the exempt status. A 990-T was prepared and filed in July. A final determination about the audit has not yet been received from the IRS.
- Committee Budget – The 2005 budget request for the Grand Lodge Office Committee was set at \$75.
- Health Care Costs – The 2004 monthly bill for health care was \$2446 for the three eligible employees. The projected changes in Health Care costs for the 2005-year were reviewed and approved. Our current plan is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and requires at least two participants.
- Grand Lodge Office Employee Policies – The Grand Lodge Office Committee discussed and reaffirmed the policy that raises given to the employees of the Grand Lodge should not exceed 5 percent in any fiscal year. Raises for the employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and communicated to the employees. In a separate matter, the committee affirmed the policy that personal leave for employees could not accrue.

The Grand Lodge Office committee would like to acknowledge the professional manner in which the employees of the Grand Lodge Office perform their duties. Every Mason in Nebraska should applaud their competence and professional demeanor! You are encouraged to stop by the Grand Lodge office the next time you are in Lincoln. Your presence is always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
 James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Chairman
 Randy F. Reyzlik, 15
 W. Glen Jorgenson, 50
 James G. McCullough, 314
 Suman Vallabhbbhai, 314
 Ex-officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ed Bennett, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continued its promotion of Masonry in Nebraska in 2004.

The Grand Lodge office again sent form news releases to Nebraska lodges for their use to publicize installation of officers, awarding of scholarships, naming local students who participate in the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp and presentations of membership year pins and Jordan Medals. Assistance was provided by the Committee at the 10th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic.

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

The Public Relations Committee is also working on a plan to get free airtime on radio stations. These public service announcements will promote a variety of Masonic charities. A musical image has been custom produced for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ed Bennett, 61, Chairman
 Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
 Wade Kendle, 300
 R. Todd Simpson, 327
 Kevin C. Bailey, 56

REPORT OF THE CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) COMMITTEE

Ivan A. Vrtiska, Chairman

While visiting other Jurisdictions during the last several years, Grand Lodge Officers and Members learned of several different Child Identification Programs implemented and currently used. These programs were reported to provide positive service to the communities and recognition to the Lodges. Consideration has been given for several years to implement an ID program in Nebraska. The comprehensive CHild Identification Program (CHIP), developed and currently used by the Masons of the New England States, was presented by Dr. David B. Harte, CHIP Coordinator of Massachusetts and M.:W.: Clifford (Chip) F. Stamm II, Grand Master of Connecticut, at the 2004 Conference of Grand Masters. The Grand Masters of North America voted to endorse the program and to implement a standard program across North America. It was stated, according to information from the Center of Missing and Exploited Children, that a child is reported missing in North America every 41 seconds. This presentation confirmed our earlier thoughts and encouraged us to implement the Comprehensive Masonic CHIP in Nebraska. M.:W.: Les Seiler, Grand Master, authorized R.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska, Deputy Grand Master to proceed with the organization of CHIP in Nebraska.

The concept of CHIP in Nebraska is to provide a service to the families of our communities and to assist with bringing relevance to Masonry in Nebraska. The comprehensive CHIP is composed of five components: 1) a digital photo for use in identification and Amber Alert; 2) 3-5 minute videotape interview to learn vital information of the child's habits, mannerisms, and provide four profiles/views of the child; 3) fingerprints and vital stats of the child; 4) Toothprint® (tooth impression) which provides a dental record, DNA, and scent for canine detection and location; and 5) cheek swab for long term DNA (if kept frozen is said to retain DNA for up to 30 years). This ID packet is all given at no cost to the parents and with only a permission sheet from the parents retained by the Masons.

The program received endorsement by the Nebraska Sheriff's Association, who have agreed to do the fingerprinting; also by the Nebraska Dental Association, Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association and the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association to do the toothprints and cheek swabs. Funding of the program is through the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, a 501c(3) charitable organization, thus, most contributions are tax deductible.

The program is envisioned to be conducted and supported by our total Masonic Family. Each event is to be planned and hosted by our Masonic Family; this includes funding the

event, promoting the event, arranging to staff the actual event, arranging an event location, etc. It is encouraged that other community organizations are invited to participate as volunteers for the implementation of the event. A procedure manual is in the development phase. All events are to be scheduled through our State CHIP Coordinator, Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

The program was blessed to receive a major financial contribution, which funded the purchase of most of the equipment for two "Kits" and materials for 1000 youth packets. Our goal was to conduct 2-3 pilot Events in 2004. Our first Event was in conjunction with the Masonic All-Star Band Camp, an opportunity to host a "private" activity (We ID'd 74 youth). Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, hosted our second Event in conjunction with a community celebration, which included a pancake feed at the Lodge (50 youth). Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City, hosted a Cornerstone Ceremony for a new library. As an addition to the Ceremony and open house, a CHIP Event was held at the Library (180 youth). Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 has elected to work with the schools in Cass County. Their first Event was held at St. John the Baptist Elementary School (110 youth). Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus, complemented a "Vital Stats Health Fair" to make the fair a Family Event (512 youth). Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial, hosted an Event at Chase County Schools, during the school day (343 youth). This event involved several community organizations with nearly 60 volunteers.

We're pleased and excited that several Events are in the planning stages for 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327, Chairman
John Maxell, 327
Kent B. Broyhill, 5
Maynard Tatelman, 288
Richard Corwine, 39
Jerry Bishop, 302
E. Newton Kelley, 3
John O'Loughlin, 11, 310

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Don C. Bottorf, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matter of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the 2004 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don C. Bottorf, 49, Chairman
Richard H. Cooper, 263
Jay H. Speck, 6
Charles Hastings, 317

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Donald W. Madsen, Chairman

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

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

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Lowell C. Erickson, Chairman

The end of our three-year annual premium policy is approaching. Commercial lines insurance continues to harden. Our carrier has notified us that, upon policy renewal, we may expect to realize a 5% rate increase on some lines of coverage.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell C. Erickson, 251, Chairman
Roger D. Anderson, 46
Robert A. Neville, 183
Jeffrey J. Noble, 78

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Kenneth D. Beebe, Chairman

This year saw remarkable accomplishments. The Committee met three times in 2004, one of which was an "online" meeting.

Goals initially set by the committee were:

1. Update the Grand Lodge website with the Grand Master's picture and address and the roster of Grand Lodge officers.
2. Dissemination and reception of electronic information with respect to:
 - Masonic Education
 - Contact information
 - Constituent Lodge administration
 - Membership recruitment
3. Investigation of the legal and privacy concerns of utilizing the Internet as a medium of information transference.

All of these goals were met either in full or in part. Credit for these accomplishments belongs largely to Worshipful Brother Scott Dodge, as well as the other members of the committee.

Focus was placed on the Grand Lodge website, as it is a primary source for the reception and dissemination of electronic information. With this in view, changes to the website's

style, design and functionality were agreed to and occurred in the first four months and continued throughout the year. Examples of these changes included the modification of the website's home page by adding information, links, and search capability, and the addition of a portal system. Also, many of the Grand Lodge forms needed by Lodge Secretaries are now available via download.

These are only a few of the many changes the site has experienced within the past year. The Grand Lodge website, as with all websites, is a work in progress. Additional changes are anticipated as we move forward.

The committee is grateful for the excellent work being done by Michelle Fulmer and the office staff in the area of office and internet technology.

Respectively submitted,
 Kenneth D. Beebe, 119, Chairman
 W. Scott Dodge, 297
 Patrick J. O'Neill, 327
 Dean Papenhagen, 50

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman

The primary purpose of the Committee on Freemasonry and Religion is to act as a resource to the membership when questions arise in this area. As happens every year, occasionally anti-masonic tracts appear, from obscure sources, and with an author or publisher seldom, if ever, identified. These publications most often confuse Masonry with a church or religion, and they then argue that we promote false doctrine.

Although Masonry is not a religion, the vast majority of Masons are actively religious in their own houses of worship. As such, they do not believe in efforts to remove Christian, Jewish or other religious observances from our nation's life. For example, it is refreshing to see citizens who rebel against the secularists who do not want to see the mention of Christ as part of the observance of our national Christmas holiday.

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

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

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

REPORT ON THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brother Master Masons all;

It is my pleasant duty to bring you this report of activities and happenings of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. I am pleased to tell you that Executive Director Ben Harvey and his efficient staff of office, house parents and supervisory personnel continue to operate the home in a smooth and efficient manner. We average about 30 children under our continuing care on the Home grounds. Brandy House (no relation) recently graduated leaving just four in college. Our Home continues to provide a clean place to live and an environment that encourages learning and exhibiting a work ethic while gaining an education. We provide an experience in several fields of endeavor, and for those who prove able, a chance to further their education by attending college. Children come to us needing help restoring their lives to normal, and special attention to their learning ability. Thanks to you, sisters and brothers, we have the ability and the desire to perform that task in the best manner possible. We make every effort to prepare them for their future life.

We are well along in the planning stage for what, for now, we refer to as a "Learning Center." The drawing of construction plans for the new building, and selection of the location, will follow the approval of the floor plan after much review, thought and eventual finalization. Planning for funding and furnishing the building will be announced in the near future as it is our wish that the funds will be available before letting the contract for construction. The Board has visited another campus that recently began utilizing a similar type building, which was larger and more extensive than we require, but gave us the latest thinking and wonderful examples on what can be accomplished by students who have access to such a facility. We feel this is the way to accomplish our dream without spending more than what we feel is required. We are working with the Fremont School System and Midland College so as to include the best solutions to our children's problems. We are not building a school, but a place in which each child with individual problems can receive tutoring under close supervision, and those with special needs in other areas can be brought up to speed. We need to do a better job of preparing our children for the future. Education is the cornerstone of that future. If you have the desire to help fund this project please earmark those donations to the Learning Center Fund, a separate category of the building fund.

Our board members meet each month to pay the bills, keeping their eye on the budget, discuss what is taking place on our farm properties and the storage business as well as making plans for the future. We have a well-rounded hard working group of board members, and I speak for those very proud members who happily perform their duties in your behalf. We commend you and thank you as members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. As residents of our wonderful Home, the children's lives are greatly enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives. What we do here is truly Masonry at work.

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

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director

It has been a pleasure for our staff to serve Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives another year at The Nebraska Masonic Home. I didn't think 2004 would pass as quickly as it did, but I definitely was proven wrong.

An extremely important and challenging development is taking place at The Nebraska Masonic Home. In June 2004 we received written notification from the Nebraska Health and Human Services Department that state laws had changed, and The Nebraska Masonic Home was no longer exempt from licensure. Needless to say, an incredible amount of preparation and planning for all departments was immediately necessary in order to fully cooperate with the Department of Health and Human Services to comply with state law.

The staff and Board of Trustees have taken a very positive and aggressive approach to this new challenge. My compliments to all the management staff and employees for the intense effort everyone has put forth and will continue to do on a daily basis as we strive to complete the ongoing licensure process.

Several key positions have been filled to oversee mandatory, regulatory requirements and perform the additional responsibilities that result when a facility is licensed.

Mary Vrbka was hired to fill the required position of a licensed administrator on October 11, 2004. Mary came to The Masonic Home with 2½ years of experience in a licensed facility in western Nebraska. I look forward to working with Mary and utilizing her knowledge and experience as she assists me in maintaining our high quality of care while operating The Home as a licensed facility.

The Masonic Home has always taken pride in its excellent reputation. I want to reassure everyone that The Masonic Home's primary goal as we continue to prepare for licensure approval and the survey process is to continue to provide Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives with the highest quality of care in the Midwest.

On behalf of our residents and staff, I want to extend a special thank you to everyone in the Nebraska Masonic Family for the special attention and visits you have made to The Masonic Home. We appreciate all of you so much. We strive to keep The Masonic Home visible, and we are eager to assist you in any way that we can.

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

Our resident census has fluctuated this year from 91 in October to 97 in January. Our average census was 94 during 2004. The current census is 93 and is comprised of 73 women, 21 men and 5 couples.

It was refreshing for our facility's employees to see many Masonic groups return to The Home to hold monthly meetings or use our chapel for ritualistic work and then stay to

share a meal with our residents. A special plus was that most of these groups brought their ladies with them so our residents were treated to even more special visitors. We enjoy showing our beautiful facility to all of our visitors. The pride our employees experience when they are complimented on a delicious, beautifully presented meal, the cleanliness and excellent upkeep of our facility, and the attractiveness and obvious good care provided to our residents is a real boost. The positive comments are all well deserved compliments. Our employees enjoy hearing the residents give praise about the Activity Department to our guests. There is no better testimonial for our guests than to hear positive comments from the residents that live here at The Home.

The annual picnic dinner in June hosted by Narcissus Kensington and in July by Home Chapter No. 189 will always be the two long-standing traditional events that our residents and staff look forward to the most. Everyone feels so fortunate to have the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of Eastern Star officers and companions attend the Home Chapter Picnic. It gives all of us such pride when a guided tour of our beautiful facility is conducted for our guests, many of whom are first-time visitors. So many special friendships have been made through the years. We always enjoy these days of delicious food, good conversation, and fun.

On November 23 The Boon Memorial Food Truck made its yearly delivery to The Nebraska Masonic Home. Edwin Weber of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 should be extremely proud of the excellent job he continues to do as the coordinator of this very worthwhile project. The residents, staff, and Board of Trustees greatly appreciate the commitment that the lodges and chapters make to this worthwhile cause.

The Christmas season is off to a beautiful start when the Tangier Shrine Chanters entertain our residents. This special event took place on December 7 in the chapel. There were a record number of residents in attendance to enjoy all of their favorite Christmas carols.

A very special thank you is extended to Grand Master, Les Seiler; the Grand Lodge officers; Grand Lodge office staff, Worthy Grand Matron, Jill Ramsey; Worthy Grand Patron, Wayne Jacobsen; and the Eastern Star Grand family. Thank you so much for your support during 2004. Both Grand families have shown their commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home in so many ways through the years; your support through annual visits, individual acts of kindness and concern for our residents or through monetary donations. Each act of support is truly appreciated by our residents, employees, and Board of Trustees. The Masonic Home looks forward to an ongoing relationship of respect, friendship, and support with both Grand Families.

It is impossible to find the words to express my deep appreciation to the Administrative Staff, Department Supervisors, and all of the employees for their commitment to the residents and The Home. I truly believe The Home and the quality of care we provide would not be what it is today without their hard work and determination. We have had some very difficult months this year where many decisions and changes had to be made. I commend every employee for his or her loyalty and ongoing commitment the last 12 months. You and the residents are my inspiration as I look forward to the year ahead with enthusiasm.

A special thank you is extended to Anita Crisp, Executive Director and Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation for their hard work and commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home and our residents. They play an important role in making our facility the success that it is today in the health care industry.

It is with regret that I inform you that at the October 12, 2004, Board meeting, Harry Spencer tendered his resignation from the Board of Trustees effective January 11, 2005. Harry Spencer was first elected to the Board in 1941 and served as President from 1983 to 1991, and he has been President Emeritus since 1992. Harry is responsible for professionally and personally guiding our Board in looking to the future in order to provide a Masonic Home that has been a leader in the long-term healthcare field and has set an example for other facilities in the field to follow. Harry, your years of endless knowledge and devotion to the residents and the future of The Masonic Home is more than commendable, it is outstanding. We thank you for devoting your life to making The Nebraska Masonic Home what it is today. All of us are proud to call Harry Spencer our mentor and our friend. We will continue to make you proud as we move forth doing the work you have taught us to do in a true Masonic manner. God Bless you Harry Spencer as you continue to be our inspiration.

My very sincere and personal thank you goes out to The Masonic Home's 15-member Board of Trustees. Each one of you gives of your time, advice, and expertise in ways too numerous to mention. Your commitment and dedication to The Home and our residents are obvious and you are all to be commended. Each Board member should pride himself on the success of The Masonic Home. The support and guidance you have personally provided to me through the years are truly appreciated. On behalf of our residents and employees I extend to each of you a sincere thank you for your continued commitment to making The Nebraska Masonic Home the excellent facility it is today.

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

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Dwight E. Smith made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Les Seiler.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved that Section 2-601 be amended as follows:

In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the Child Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this amendment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW
Dean F. Skokan, Chairman

The report was presented by W. Reginald S. Kuhn.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), Section 2-303 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-303 – HOLDING TWO OFFICES – With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no two of the offices named in Section 2-301 shall be held by the same person, nor shall a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden be at the same time the Master or Warden of a subordinate lodge. An officer of a chartered subordinate lodge may also be an officer of a lodge under dispensation.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), Section 2-207 is amended as follows:

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

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), Section 2-208 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-208 – CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURE – If, after due notice as provided by Section 2-207 and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication, the Grand Secretary shall give

due notice to all members of the subordinate lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or any officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there is a quorum present as defined by Section 2-201, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if two-thirds of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof. If a quorum fails to be present at such stated meeting, the question may be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight, as set out in Section 2-503.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), the title of Chapter XVI and the content of Sections 2-1601 and 2-1602 are amended as follows:

**CHAPTER XVI.
MASONIC YEAR PIN AWARDS**

Sec. 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS – The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:

Paragraph (b):

(b) "Period of membership" shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, if such be the case. Periods of suspension for non-payment of dues under three years shall be included when making the aforesaid computation, and periods of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in the parent lodge only. Expulsions for any reason or suspensions for non-payment of dues longer than three years shall be deducted when computing the number of years a member has been in good standing. All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

Sec. 2-1602 – YEAR PIN AWARDS – All Master Masons in good standing who have been such for periods of fifty, sixty and seventy years, respectively, and who are members of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled, upon application by the Lodge, to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable year pin, which shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge funds. Subordinate lodges are authorized to present a suitable year pin to Master Masons who are members in good standing of the subordinate lodge, for a period of twenty-five years, at the expense of the subordinate lodge presenting the same.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), the third paragraph of Section 1-202 is amended as follows:

Sec. 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN –

Third paragraph:

The Grand Master may, at his discretion, name as Deputy Grand Custodian Emeriti such number, not exceeding three in one year, of brethren as he may deem proper who have served as Deputy Grand Custodians in this Grand Lodge.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), Section 1-403 will be deleted in its entirety:

Sec. 1-403 – (Not used)

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 7 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), the second paragraph of Section 2-606 will be deleted in its entirety:

Sec. 2-606 – FEES, MINIMUM RETURN – The minimum fees of the three degrees shall be Forty Dollars divided as follows: \$20.00 for the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason, \$10.00 for the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason and \$10.00 for the degree of Master Mason; the fee for the degree of an Entered Apprentice shall accompany the petition for initiation; and no degree shall be conferred on any person until the fee, as fixed by the bylaws as of the date the candidate's petition was received, is actually paid, nor shall fees ever be refunded after the degrees are conferred. Fees paid in advance become the property of the lodge on a favorable ballot, and the Secretary shall at once, upon receipt of any fee or other funds, pass the same into the funds of the lodge. They shall be returned to rejected petitioners and to candidates stopped by objection, but not to those who decline to submit to the regular mode of preparation. When fees have been paid for any of the degrees, and the candidate has been ready to receive them but dies without receiving them, the fees should be refunded to his estate. No lodge shall impose a fee for admission or demission, provided, however, that in any case where application for admission is presented by a brother to a lodge in which the fees are higher than those charged by the lodge issuing such demit, the lodge to which application for admission is made, may require that the brother pay to it such difference in fees, or any part thereof, that the lodge may elect.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean F. Skokan, 15, Chairman
Loren S. Lindahl, 59
Thomas S. Stewart, 46

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



V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Joe D. McBride led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Les Seiler then closed the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Following the close of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge of Master Masons was closed by members of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings Lodge No. 50.

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Hastings, Nebraska
February 4-5, 2005

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.:W.: Les Seiler	GRAND MASTER
R.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska	Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr.	Grand Senior Warden
R.:W.: Dean F. Skokan	Grand Junior Warden
R.:W.: Bruce A. Watkins	Grand Secretary
V.:W.: Joe D. McBride	Grand Chaplain
W.: Dale W. Anderson	Grand Orator
W.: John T. Parsons	Grand Historian
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek	Grand Custodian
W.: E. David Watts	Grand Marshal
W.: Reginald S. Kuhn	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Russell G. Reno	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Edward W. Nolte	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Kent B. Broyhill	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Arthur S. Dye	Grand Tyler

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JACK H. HENDRIX, 174..... (113th)	1978	
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WARREN D. LICHTY, 314..... (114th)	1979	
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BEVIN B. BUMP, 158	(118th)	1983
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PAUL R. EVELAND, 119	(122nd)	1988
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92-1025 Makakilo Dr., #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385, 800-832-9502		
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DWIGHT E. SMITH, 205	(133rd).....	1999
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13448 Burdette Street, Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701		
MICHAEL E. JONES, 51, 173	(136th).....	2002
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KENNETH D. BEEBE, 119.....	(137th).....	2003
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(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

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

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Board of Grand Trustees (§1-401: 3 members - 3 year term)

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George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (§1-313: 3 to 5 members)

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Nebraska Work (§1-314: 3 members - 3 year term)

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Finance (§1-318: 5 members - 5 year term)

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Appropriations (§1-325: 5 members - 5 year term)

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Grand Lodge Office (§1-321: 5 members - 5 year term)

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Membership (§1-328: 5 members)

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Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

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

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Masonic All-Star Band (§1-311: 5 members - 5 year term)

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REGULAR COMMITTEES**Grievances (§1-316: 3 to 5 members)**

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

Chm. Donald W. Madsen, 11, 5322 N. 45th St., Omaha 68104-1414, 402-451-1057
 Scott Brendel, 146, 1108 Brown St., Holdrege 68949-1534, 308-995-5551
 Keith J. Jarvi, 248, RR 2 Box 48, Wayne 68787-9506, 402-375-4310

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

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NAME	APPOINTED
District #1	
Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th St., Plattsmouth 68048-7802, 402-298-8570	1989
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth; Springfield #112, Springfield	
District #2	
Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th St. N., Bellevue 68005-4303, 402-733-6249	Emeritus
Capitol #3, Omaha; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah #302, Omaha	
District #3	
Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496	1993
Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha	
District #4	
James E. Cornish, 31, 520 County Road 24, Tekamah 68061-5056, 402-374-1135	1976
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig	
District #5	
Ronald D. Grass, 31, 420 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689	1990
Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Magnolia #220, Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill	
District #6	
Thomas R. Reed, 274 & 5, 969 170th St., Dakota City 68731-3085, 402-987-3230	1996
Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Relief #219, Coleridge; Golden Rule #236, Allen; Laurel #248, Laurel	
District #7	
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 108, RR 1 Box 99, Table Rock 68447-9756, 402-839-2955	1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40, Humboldt; Table Rock #108, Table Rock	
District #8	
John C. Sierks, 4, RR 1 Box 15, Brownville 68321-9704, 402-825-6061	1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Trestle Board #162, Brock	
District #9	
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003-1021, 402-944-7014	1960
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110, Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley	

District #10

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

District #11

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

District #13

Ashley H. Story, 314, 72516 U Rd., Wilcox 68982-9541, 402-567-2405 2002
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165, Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson

District #15

James R. Taylor, 327, 11335 Fowler Ave., Omaha 68164-2220, 402-493-2854..... 2002
Northern Light #41, Stanton; Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Wisner #114, Wisner; Newman Grove #305,
Newman Grove

District #16

To Be Appointed

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

District #17

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

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson Ave., Hastings 68901-3727, 402-463-2015..... 1964
Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud; St. Paul #82, St. Paul;
Minden #127, Minden; Guide Rock #128, Guide Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Lotus #289,
Ravenna; Mid-West #317, Hastings

District #19

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-1307, 402-477-9464..... 2001
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising City; Lebanon #323,
Columbus

District #20

Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901-2873, 402-463-4602..... 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, 12429 P Rd., Stromsburg 68666-5060, 402-764-3950 1984
York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg; Polk #311, Polk

District #24

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

District #25

Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001-2514, 308-345-3669 Emeritus
McCook #135, McCook; Culbertson #174, Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument #293, Arapahoe

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221-0776, 402-967-3361 1979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

R. William Lichtenberger, 207, HC 74 Box 3, Callaway 68825-9302, 308-836-4492 2003
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Mason City #170, Mason City; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway

District #28

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

District #29

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

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-2238 1996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

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

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037-9506, 308-423-2547 1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade

District #33

To be Appointed
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace

District #34

Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 404 5th St., Scribner 68057-3057, 402-664-3438 2000
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner

District #35

Harold W. Noble, 325, 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005-4020, 402-733-9081 1987
Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha #288, Omaha;
Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-474-4141 1999
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Lincoln; DeWitt #111, DeWitt; Canopy
#209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361-0063, 402-759-3869 1992
Oliver #38, Seward; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96,
Utica

District #38

Dean Papenhagen, 50, 210 E. 2nd St., Hastings 68901-5217, 402-462-8540 2003
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

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- Eugene C. Sibley, 314 5221 S. 67th St., Lincoln 68516-2319
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001-2514
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 801 5th Street N., Bellevue 68005-4303
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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL		
1 - Nebraska	9	2	8	0	212	8	0	4	1	0	0	13	1	7	0	0	0	8	217		
2 - Western Star	2	2	1	0	179	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	3	8	0	0	11	172		
3 - Capitol	3	0	3	0	130	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	0	0	1	0	124		
4 - Nemaha Valley	4	1	4	0	66	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	3	69		
5 - Omadi	1	3	1	0	150	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	3	13	0	0	16	139		
6 - Plattsmouth	6	0	7	0	266	7	1	1	0	0	0	9	1	7	3	0	0	11	264		
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	57		
10 - Solomon	6	0	6	2	66	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	2	0	0	0	3	70		
11 - Covert	28	1	29	0	588	29	3	0	4	0	0	36	1	10	3	0	0	14	610		
14 - Peru	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	34		
15 - Fremont	10	0	10	0	279	10	2	0	6	0	0	18	0	15	1	0	2	18	279		
19 - Lincoln	1	1	1	0	251	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	9	8	0	0	17	237		
21 - Washington	2	0	2	0	89	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	90		
23 - Pawnee	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	93		
26 - Beatrice	0	0	0	0	227	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	5	0	0	12	216		
27 - Jordan	1	0	1	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	23		
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	38		
31 - Tekamah	4	0	4	0	161	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	5	1	0	0	6	160		
32 - Platte Valley	2	3	2	0	265	2	2	0	5	0	0	9	1	12	9	0	2	24	250		
33 - Ashlar	2	1	2	2	233	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	4	11	10	0	3	28	209		
34 - Acacia	4	0	4	0	94	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	3	3	0	0	6	94		
35 - Fairbury	1	0	1	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	70		
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	5	46		
37 - Crete	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	73		
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	63		
39 - Papillion	4	1	3	1	329	3	3	1	5	0	0	12	3	10	15	0	0	28	313		
40 - Humboldt	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	50		
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	30		
43 - Hebron	1	0	1	2	54	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	6	0	0	7	51		
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	22		
46 - Rob Morris	5	0	5	0	244	5	7	0	1	0	0	13	2	5	6	0	0	13	244		
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	28		
50 - Hastings	5	1	6	1	202	7	0	3	0	0	0	10	1	4	5	0	0	10	202		
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	5	53		

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52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40
53 - Charity	1	1	0	0	44	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	7	39
54 - Lancaster	6	1	8	0	395	8	0	0	14	0	0	22	0	15	29	0	0	0	44	373
55 - Mosaic	3	0	5	2	135	5	1	1	2	0	0	9	2	4	2	0	0	0	8	136
56 - York	0	0	0	0	124	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	117
57 - Mt. Moriah	0	1	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	99	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	2	0	0	0	9	91
61 - Thistle	7	0	7	0	161	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	160
62 - Keystone	1	0	2	0	47	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48
64 - Blue Valley	2	0	2	0	62	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	1	1	5	0	0	0	7	60
65 - Osceola	3	3	2	1	94	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	95
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	42
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	51
73 - Friend	3	0	3	0	46	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	47
75 - Frank Welch	7	0	7	5	145	4	1	0	2	0	0	7	0	5	5	0	0	0	10	142
77 - Nelson	2	0	3	0	61	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	3	0	0	0	10	54
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
79 - Geneva	1	1	0	0	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	6	120
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45
82 - St. Paul	1	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	33
89 - Cedar River	0	0	3	0	48	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	49
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42
94 - Bennett	6	0	6	0	30	6	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
95 - Garfield	1	0	1	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	64
96 - Utica	2	0	2	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	29
97 - Euclid	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	67
102 - Waterloo	2	1	2	2	117	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	3	0	1	0	9	111
103 - Ord	1	1	1	0	43	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	41
104 - Wymore	1	1	0	0	72	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	64
106 - Porter	1	0	1	0	35	1	0	0	0	17	0	18	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	50
108 - Table Rock	1	0	1	0	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
110 - Pomegranate	1	0	1	0	116	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	109
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	27

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112 - Springfield	37	2	38	0	209	38	2	0	5	0	0	45	0	3	9	0	0	0	12	242
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	41
119 - North Bend	2	0	2	1	99	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	7	93
120 - Wayne	1	0	1	0	113	1	1	0	7	0	0	9	0	5	12	0	0	0	17	105
121 - Superior	3	0	3	0	51	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	51
126 - Stromsburg	0	1	0	0	78	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	75
127 - Minden	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	13	16	13
128 - Guide Rock	1	1	1	1	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	43
132 - Scribner	0	2	0	0	21	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	19
134 - Solar	3	0	3	1	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	24
135 - McCook	1	0	1	0	139	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	133
136 - Long Pine	3	3	0	0	33	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	32
143 - Crescent	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
146 - Jachin	1	3	0	0	128	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	129
148 - Custer	2	0	4	1	127	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	124
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	35
158 - Samaritan	1	1	2	1	92	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	88
159 - Ogalalla	1	0	1	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	93
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	39
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	20
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	28
170 - Mason City	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	36
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	28
177 - Hay Springs	2	0	2	0	60	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	59
180 - Justice	1	1	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	37
183 - Alliance	0	1	0	0	172	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	4	1	0	1	0	6	169
184 - Bee Hive	3	0	3	2	230	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	9	0	0	1	0	12	221
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	57
194 - Highland	0	0	0	0	40	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	42
195 - Arcana	1	0	1	2	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	52
198 - Purity	0	1	0	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	26

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201 - Scotts Bluff	3	0	3	0	116	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	115
204 - Plainview	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	56
205 - Golden Fleece	3	0	2	1	63	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	60
207 - Parian	2	0	2	0	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	32
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	28
210 - East Lincoln	2	0	2	2	347	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	14	10	0	0	0	24	325
211 - Cement	1	0	1	1	52	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	55
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	39
219 - Relief	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	19	22	0
220 - Magnolia	1	2	2	1	31	2	0	4	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	35
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	47
224 - Silver Cord	2	0	2	0	80	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	79
227 - North Star	2	2	2	0	160	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	3	5	0	0	0	9	155
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	67
229 - Comet	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	8	63
234 - Zion	2	2	2	0	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	32
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	20
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	40
250 - G Washington	2	1	2	0	83	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	4	16	0	0	0	20	69
251 - Wausa	1	0	1	0	50	2	0	0	0	19	0	21	3	0	2	0	0	0	5	66
256 - Hickman	13	1	13	0	197	14	1	0	8	0	0	23	2	2	22	0	1	0	27	193
263 - Mitchell	0	0	0	1	74	0	0	0	1	50	0	51	1	6	0	0	0	0	7	118
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	56	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	58
265 - R W Furnas	5	1	5	0	129	7	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	3	14	0	1	0	18	119
268 - G W Lininger	8	1	8	0	178	9	0	1	1	0	0	11	3	2	5	0	0	0	10	179
271 - Oasis	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	6	0	1	50	58	0
274 - Olive Branch	8	0	10	0	57	11	1	1	1	0	0	14	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	68
279 - Wallace	1	0	1	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
281 - Florence	2	1	2	0	162	2	2	0	2	0	0	6	1	9	6	0	1	0	17	151

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284 - Seneca	1	1	1	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
285 - Camp Clarke	4	0	4	1	75	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	75
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	44
287 - Union	0	0	0	1	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	45
288 - Omaha	3	0	3	1	97	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	96
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	31
290 - John J. Mercer	19	1	19	0	519	19	1	1	25	0	2	48	3	25	30	0	0	0	58	509
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	49
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	49
294 - James Eatmon	1	0	1	1	87	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	84
297 - Cotner	23	2	23	2	191	23	3	1	0	0	0	27	0	4	6	1	0	0	11	207
300 - Liberty	16	3	18	2	232	17	1	1	0	0	0	19	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	247
302 - Mizpah	19	3	19	2	279	16	1	0	1	0	0	18	0	10	4	0	1	0	15	282
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	31
310 - Victory	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	8	0	0	0	15	74
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
314 - Craftsmen	3	1	2	0	244	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	11	2	0	1	0	15	231
317 - Mid-West	3	0	6	0	293	8	1	0	1	0	0	10	0	13	9	0	4	0	26	277
320 - College View	1	1	1	0	71	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	72
323 - Lebanon	0	1	0	0	122	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	5	6	0	0	0	12	112
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
325 - Bellevue	5	1	6	1	256	6	1	0	1	0	0	8	2	7	14	0	1	0	24	240
326 - Centennial	2	0	2	0	159	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	8	5	0	0	0	16	146
327 - Shiloh	12	3	11	0	157	11	1	1	1	0	0	14	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	165
328 - Miloma	9	1	9	0	160	9	0	0	8	0	0	17	0	2	9	0	1	0	12	165
TOTALS	398	72	407	47	15655	417	63	41	161	86	2	770	59	514	460	3	33	99	1168	15257

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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	1974	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel.....	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger.....	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley.....	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys.....	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple.....	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese.....	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
23rd	1888	George B. France	56
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4
25th	1890	Robert E. French.....	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson.....	17
28th	1893	James P.A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers.....	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard.....	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham.....	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell.....	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King.....	54
43rd	1908	William A. DeBord.....	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.....	105
48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting.....	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele.....	55

52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple.....	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith.....	136
57th	1922	Edward W. Wellman.....	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell.....	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites.....	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis.....	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet.....	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews.....	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster.....	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston.....	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday.....	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith.....	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson.....	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge.....	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter.....	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre.....	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt.....	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee.....	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund.....	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith.....	198
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White.....	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver.....	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46
95th	1960	John F. Futcher.....	302
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin.....	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart.....	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf.....	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	228

105th	1970	John H. Brown	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg	210, 64
130th	1996	V. Kaye Ramsey	290, 317
131st	1997	Kenneth G. Fleming	75
132nd	1998	Don E. Rasmussen	82, 135
133rd	1999	Dwight E. Smith	205
134th	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.	54
135th	2001	Philip A. Lorenzen	10, 327, 1
136th	2002	Michael E. Jones	51, 173
137th	2003	Kenneth D. Beebe	119

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

- George Armstrong September 23, 1857 To June 2, 1858
- Robert W. Furnas June 2, 1858 To June 4, 1862
- Robert C. Jordan June 4, 1862 To June 24, 1863
- Stephen D. Bangs June 24, 1863 To June 24, 1865
- J. Newton Wise June 24, 1865 To October 27, 1869
- Robert W. Furnas October 27, 1869 To June 21, 1872
- William R. Bowen June 21, 1872 To May 6, 1899
- Francis E. White June 9, 1899 To June 11, 1925
- Lewis E. Smith June 11, 1925 To June 6, 1946
- Carl R. Greisen June 7, 1946 To June 6, 1968
- Robert W. Cook June 6, 1968 To April 5, 1969
- Norris W. Lallman June 4, 1969 To June 13, 1981
- Ralph W. Gerry June 13, 1981 To June 15, 1985
- Paul R. Pierce June 15, 1985 To December 6, 1986
- Edward M. Cummings December 6, 1986 To May 1987
- Albert T. Reddish May 1987 To September 1989
- Don E. Rasmussen September 1989 To November 1992
- Virgil L. Tubach November 1992 to August 1995
- Reginald S. Kuhn August 1995 to October 2003
- Deceased

PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

- Lee P. Gillette, 2 1882-1883, 1887-1894
- Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84 1884-1887
- James A. Tulleys, 53 1894-1900
- Robert E. French, 46 1901-1927
- Lute M. Savage, 3 1927-1948
- Raymond C. Cook, 6 1948-1965
- Robert W. Cook, 33 1965-1967
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281 1968-1981
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1 1981-1984
- T. Leo Stines, 36 1984-1985
- Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 & 64 1985-1990
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 1990-2000
- Emeritus

GRAND LECTURERS

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

**The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians
And Date of Appointment**

The first reference providing for an “Assistant Custodian” was made in 1869. In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a “Board of Custodians” to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877
L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

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

- John J. Mercer, 3 1910
- Samuel S. Whiting, 54 1910
- Walter W. Wells, 192 1910
- Ensign J. Rix, 55 1910
- James D. Phillips, 93 1910
- Frederick L. Wolff, 135 1910
- Ernest H. James, 1 1910
- Fred A. Howe, 119 1910
- Robert B. Walker, 170 1912
- Frank W. Farrand, 36 1913
- Ira C. Freet, 56 1913
- Benjamin Wood, 210 1913
- Edward M. Wellman, 1 1913
- Charles A. Eyre, 268 1913
- Robert A. Armstrong, 32 1913
- Levi Pringle, 276 1913
- Earl M. Bolen, 130 1914
- Frank L. Haycock, 207 1914
- George A. Stevens, 158 1914
- Harry M. Jones, 46 1916
- Levi D. Phipps, 31 1916
- Alfred G. Hunt, 33 1916
- Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 1916
- Barclay M. Hickman, 38 1916
- Orville A. Andrews, 50 1917
- Andrew H. Viele, 55 1917
- Maro C. Shipherd, 15 1920
- Jesse Lowther, 219 1920
- Franklin C. Tym, 25 1920
- Lute M. Savage, 3 1920
- Frank M. Johnson, 188 1920
- Lamont L. Stephens, 106 1922
- Frances S. Robey, 19 1922
- John B. Lichtenwallner, 275 1923
- Harry R. Belville, 146 1923
- George R. Patterson, 136 1923
- William J. Birkoffer, 249 1923
- D. Horace Schall, 307 1923
- Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 1924
- William D. Edson, 53 1926
- Francis B. Rodwell, 224 1926
- Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 1926
- William McCormack, 268 1926
- Harry L. Mantor, 306 1927
- John R. Easley, 49 1927
- L. Donald Huston, 65 1928

• Elmer Surber, 95	1928
• John M. Bennett, 19	1928
• Earl Barnett, 146	1929
• Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
• Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
• Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
• Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
• Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
• Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
• Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
• Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
• Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
• Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
• Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
• Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
• Jesse P. Entriiken, 295	1934
• Harrold D. Weddel, 208	1937
• Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
• Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
• Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
• S. William Beck, 43	1940
• Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
• Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
• Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
• Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
• F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942
• Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
• Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
• Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
• George S. Schwab, 49	1946
• Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
• Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
• LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
• Ernest E. James, 1	1946
• Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
• Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
• Paul D. Fleming, 293	1949
• Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
• Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
• Ralph M. Carhart, 120	1950
• Morris V. Balcom, 46	1950
• William F. Flicklinger, 56	1951
• Forest A. Lape, 183	1951
• Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	1954
• Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	1954
• Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
• Clifford D. Webster, 75	1956
• Matthias E. Mael, 173	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 128	1957
• Asa J. Farnham, 106	1958
• Robert B. Conrad, 125	1958
• Winston C. Swanson, 120	1958
• Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210	1959

• Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....	1959
• Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
• Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....	1960
• Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323.....	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38.....	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281.....	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23.....	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19.....	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240.....	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291.....	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177.....	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135.....	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164.....	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256.....	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183.....	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33.....	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33.....	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183.....	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302.....	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15.....	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210.....	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159.....	1966
• Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258.....	1966
• Ward L. McGlashan, 180.....	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49.....	1966
• Walter Brown, 1.....	1967
• John C. Nelson, 250.....	1967
• Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65.....	1967
• Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210.....	1967
• Howard G. Whitmore, 81.....	1967
• Frank R. Harris, 77.....	1967
• Gerald V. Inslee, 158.....	1968
• John C. Sierks, 4.....	1969
• Paul D. Jacobsen, 148.....	1969
• David O. Kipling, 281.....	1970
• Herman O. Hansen, 3.....	1970
• D. Wayne Erickson, 146.....	1970
• Walter S. Cork, 75.....	1970
• Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136.....	1971
• O. Wayne Thompson, 201.....	1971
• John A. Brandt, 26.....	1971
• Dale E. Kube, 55.....	1971
• Robert E. Kyes, 36.....	1972
• Mannie O. Hansen, 1.....	1973
• Richard O. Cowles, 174.....	1975
• Jens P. Nielsen, 121.....	1975
• Ralph E. McNulty, 61.....	1975
• Don L. McCoy, 11.....	1975
• Everett K. Dappen, 265.....	1975
• Alfred V. Peltzer, 148.....	1975
• Roger L. Shillington, 180.....	1976
• James E. Cornish, 31.....	1976

- Ben D. Fussell, 79.....1976
- Victor D. Hunt, 62.....1976
- Lynn Doty, 251.....1977
- Marvin R. Weber, 204.....1977
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1977
- Harry L. Saum, 308.....1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 26.....1979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 40.....1979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....1979
- Arthur J. Ferguson, 221.....1979
- Leslie G. Weber, 204.....1979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....1980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3.....1981
- David E. Menck, 15.....1982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 183.....1982
- Justin F. Fauss, 55.....1982
- Augustus W. Clark, 33.....1982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....1982
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....1984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....1984
- Leslie Evert, 195.....1985
- William Fogle, 135.....1985
- Roscoe Malick, 297.....1985
- R. Winton Wilson, 199.....1985
- Robert E. Kyes, 36.....1985
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1985
- Gordon E. Richards, 75.....1986
- Harold Noble, 325.....1987
- Deon D. Eberly, 314.....1988
- Steven A. Green, 54.....1988
- Steven K. Jones, 265, 263.....1988
- Lloyd Vrtiska, 108.....1988
- Robert M. Littrell, 77.....1989
- Roy L. Smith, 6.....1989
- Daniel E. Spearow, 26.....1989
- LeRoy Crye, 328.....1990
- Ronald D. Grass, 31.....1990
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317.....1990
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135.....1990
- Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....1990
- Gordon L. Carley, 75.....1990
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 15.....1990
- Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 288.....1991
- Delmar Jones, 46, 65.....1992
- Don L. Jelinek, 54.....1992
- Albert Wise, 79.....1992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33.....1993
- Rodney L. Samp, 159.....1994
- Robert L. Carter, 314.....1995
- Richard H. Cooper, 263.....1996
- Thomas R. Reed, 5.....1996
- Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....1997
- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....1997

Roger A. Deininger, 317	1998
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1998
Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....	1999
Jack D. Nichols, 265	2000
Harold C. Mueksch, 132	2000
Carl C. Plants, 54	2001
• Joseph D. Chrisman, 279	2002
Ashley H. Story, 314.....	2002
James R. Taylor, 327.....	2002
Dean Papenhagen, 50.....	2003
R. William Lichtenberger, 207.....	2003
Gordon L. Carley, 75	2003
Suman Vallabhbhai, 314.....	2004
• 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
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th)	1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st)	1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd)	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd)	1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th)	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th)	1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th)	1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th)	1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th)	1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th)	1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st)	1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd)	1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd)	1928
Ira C. Fleet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th)	1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th)	1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th)	1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th)	1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th)	1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th)	1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st)	1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd)	1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd)	1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148	(80th)	1944-45
Benjamin F. Eyre	Aug. 12, 1993	1	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt	Feb. 14, 1977	318	(82nd)	1947
Elmer Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July -, 1964	5	(Honorary)	1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron	Dec. 22, 1993	37	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	April 17, 1980	68	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale	Feb. 23, 1988	54	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye	Feb. 14, 1989	46	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher	July 11, 1984	302	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	Nov. 4, 1997	210	(96th)	1961
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th)	1963
Louis V. Sylvester	Dec. 4, 1997	281	(100th)	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19	(101st)	1966
Carl R. Greisen	June 28, 1995	32	(Honorary)	1966
John A. Bottorf	Feb. 21, 1984	49	(102nd)	1967

Norris W. Lallman	Nov. 1, 1984	72	(103rd)	1968
John H. Brown	Feb. 2, 1978	1	(105th)	1970
Russell L. Fickes	April 18, 1989	33	(106th)	1971
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th)	1972
Frank J. Mattoon	July 4, 1997	75	(108th)	1973
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323	(111th)	1976
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977
Byron C. Jenkins	Sept. 12, 2000	325	(115th)	1980
Harold C. Wurdeman	June 21, 1985	323	(116th)	1981
Paul R. Pierce	July 31, 1999	50	(117th)	1982
Robert A. Metcalf	Nov. 22, 2002	210	(119th)	1984-85
James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	Aug. 28, 1999	294	(126th)	1992

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
ROCK MAUL AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to be the most outstanding Lodge that year by the Grand Master.

1981	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1982	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327	Omaha
1983	Culbertson Lodge	No. 174	Culbertson
1984	Scotts Bluff Lodge	No. 201	Gering
1984	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1985	Comet Lodge	No. 229	Ceresco
1985	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Hickman
1986	Springfield Lodge	No. 112	Springfield
1987	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32	North Platte
1989	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
1990	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1991	Corinthian Lodge	No. 83	Wakefield
1992	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1993	Bartley Lodge	No. 228	Bartley
1994	North Star Lodge	No. 227	Lincoln
1995	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1997	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
1998	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314	Lincoln
1999	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
2000	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2001	Papillion Lodge	No. 39	Papillion
2002	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
2003	Osceola Lodge	No. 65	Osceola
2004	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
2005	Liberty Lodge	No. 300	Lincoln

**Grand Lodge Of Nebraska
GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
1997	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1998	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	Hastings
1999	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2000	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
2001	Wallace Lodge	No. 279	Wallace
2002	Blue Valley Lodge	No. 64	Wilber
2003	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
2004	Camp Clarke Lodge	No. 285	Bridgeport
2005	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

**Grand Lodge Of Nebraska
GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water
2001	John Dick	Fremont No. 15	Fremont
2001	Loral Johnson	Purity No. 198	Imperial
2002	Robert A. Merchant	Wayne No. 120	Wayne
2002	Arthur S. Dye	Mid-West No. 317	Hastings
2003	Floyd P. Vrtiska	Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock
2003	Warren K. Urbom	Craftsmen No. 314	Lincoln
2004	Harold J. Daub, Jr.	Nebraska No. 1	Omaha
2004	Richard L. Ely	Guide Rock No. 128	Guide Rock

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Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	February ,1855	Oct. 3,1855 •1
Western Star	No. 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	May 10,1855	May 28,1856 •2
Capitol	No. 3	Omaha	Douglas	January 9,1857	June 3,1857 •3
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Nemaha Valley	No. 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December 15,1857	June 2,1858
Omadi	No. 5	So. Sioux City	Dakota	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Falls City	No. 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4,1864	June 23,1865
Solomon	No. 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington.....	August 15,1865	June 22,1866
Covert	No. 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24,1865	June 22,1866
Peru	No. 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23,1867	June 19,1867
Fremont	No. 15	Fremont.....	Dodge	July 3,1866	June 20,1867
Lincoln	No. 19	Lincoln	Lancaster.....	May 4,1868	June 25,1868
Washington	No. 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24,1868	June 25,1868
Pawnee	No. 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4,1869	Oct. 28,1869
Beatrice	No. 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23,1870	June 22,1870
Jordan	No. 27	West Point	Cuming	December 25,1869	June 23,1870
Blue River	No. 30	Milford	Seward	April 25,1870	June 23,1870
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19,1869	June 23,1870
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15,1870	June 23,1870
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11,1870	June 22,1871

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Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July 18,1870	June 19,1872
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30,1871	June 19,1872
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City	Merrick	August 9,1871	June 19,1872
Crete	No. 37	Crete	Saline	January 8,1872	June 19,1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward	July 25,1871	June 18,1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion	Sarpy	November 18,1872	June 18,1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt	Richardson	December 16,1872	June 18,1873
Northern Light	No. 41	Stanton	Stanton	January 20,1873	June 18,1873
Hebron	No. 43	Hebron	Thayer	March 10,1873	June 18,1873
Harvard	No. 44	Harvard	Clay	March 25,1873	June 18,1873
Rob Morris	No. 46	Kearney	Buffalo	February 21,1873	June 26,1874
Evening Star	No. 49	Sutton	Clay	December 22,1873	June 26,1874
Hastings	No. 50	Hastings	Adams	January 3,1874	June 26,1874
Fidelity	No. 51	David City	Butler	January 18, 1874	June 26,1874
Hiram	No. 52	Arlington	Washington	February 26,1874	June 26,1874
Charity	No. 53	Red Cloud	Webster	March 2,1874	June 26,1874
Lancaster	No. 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20,1874	June 26,1874
Mosaic	No. 55	Norfolk	Madison	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
York	No. 56	York	York	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
Mt. Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7,1874	June 23,1875
Wahoo	No. 59	Wahoo	Saunders	January 20,1875	June 23,1875
Thistle	No. 61	Lexington	Dawson	May 8,1875	June 21,1876
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1,1876	June 21,1876

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Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October	6,1876	June	20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November	23,1876	June	20,1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February	10,1876	June	19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	March	19,1878	June	25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May	4,1878	June	25,1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December	26,1878	June	25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March	15,1879	June	23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August	1,1879	June	23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November	24,1879	June	23,1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March	20,1880	June	22,1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April	15,1880	June	22,1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April	22,1880	June	22,1881
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January	19,1882	June	20,1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February	7,1882	June	19,1883
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May	5,1882	June	19,1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June	28,1882	June	19,1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July	14,1882	June	19,1883
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July	21,1882	June	19,1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September	7,1882	June	19,1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September	14,1882	June	19,1883
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November	10,1882	June	19,1883
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December	9,1882	June	19,1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January	24,1883	June	19,1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February	13,1883	June	19,1883

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DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline.....	February 28,1883	June 19,1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30,1883	June 19,1883
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend.....	Dodge	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne.....	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128	Guide Rock	Webster	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132	Scribner.....	Dodge	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134	Clarks	Merrick.....	August 8,1884	June 24,1885
McCook	No. 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine.....	Brown	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Crescent	No. 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24,1885	June 24,1885
Jachin	No. 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13,1885	June 17,1886
Custer	No. 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer	August 10,1885	June 17,1886
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer	November 28,1885	June 17,1886
Samaritan	No. 158	Chadron	Dawes.....	March 17,1886	June 16,1887
Ogalalla	No. 159	Ogallala	Keith	August 14,1886	June 16,1887
Trestle Board	No. 162	Brock.....	Nemaha	October 9,1886	June 16,1887
Atkinson	No. 164	Atkinson	Holt	August 19,1886	June 21,1888
Barneston	No. 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20,1886	June 21,1888
Elwood	No. 167	Elwood	Gosper	June 21,1887	June 21,1888
Robert Burns	No. 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock	November 15,1887	June 21,1888
Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock	November 16,1887	June 21,1888

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Hay Springs	No. 177		Hay Springs.....	Sheridan	February	20,1888	June 21,1888
Justice	No. 180		Benkelman	Dundy	October	8,1888	June 20,1889
Alliance	No. 183		Alliance.....	Box Butte	January	18,1889	June 20,1889
Bee Hive	No. 184		Omaha	Douglas	January	22,1889	June 20,1889
Minnekadusa	No. 192		Valentine	Cherry	August	15,1889	June 20,1890
Highland	No. 194		Cortland.....	Gage.....	September	21,1889	June 20,1890
Arcana	No. 195		Gordon	Sheridan	October	17,1889	June 20,1890
Purity	No. 198		Imperial	Chase	December	24,1889	June 20,1890
Blazing Star	No. 200		Burwell	Garfield	August	5,1890	June 18,1891
Scotts Bluff	No. 201		Gering	Scotts Bluff	August	8,1890	June 18,1891
Plainview	No. 204		Plainview	Pierce	September	1,1890	June 18,1891
Golden Fleece	No. 205		Chappell	Deuel	September	2,1890	June 18,1891
Parian	No. 207		Callaway.....	Custer	January	31,1891	June 18,1891
Canopy	No. 209		Elmwood	Cass	September	4,1891	June 16,1892
East Lincoln	No. 210		Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November	5,1891	June 16,1892
Cement	No. 211		Wood River	Hall	November	27,1891	June 16,1892
Palisade	No. 216		Palisade	Hitchcock.....	July	18,1892	June 15,1893
Bloomfield	No. 218		Bloomfield	Knox	January	18,1893	June 15,1893
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

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Comet	No. 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant.....	July 19,1895	June 10,1896
Golden Rule	No. 236	Allen	Dixon	August 3,1895	June 10,1896
Friendship	No. 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7,1895	June 10,1896
George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig.....	Burt	August 1,1895	June 17,1897
Laurel	No. 248	Laurel	Cedar	February 12,1900	June 7,1900
George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster	June 20,1900	June 6,1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa	Knox	November 18,1900	June 6,1901
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln.....	Lancaster	December 7,1903	June 9,1904
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5,1906	June 5,1907
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin	Franklin.....	June 11,1907	June 10,1908
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21,1907	June 10,1908
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walthill.....	Thurston	September 20,1909	June 8,1910
Wallace	No. 279	Wallace	Lincoln	February 25,1911	June 4,1912
Florence	No. 281	Omaha	Douglas	January 17,1913	June 4,1913
Seneca	No. 284	Thedford.....	Thomas.....	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16,1913	June 9,1914
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh	Garden.....	November 25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December 15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha	Douglas	March 24,1914	June 8,1915
Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo	June 11,1914	June 8,1915
John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha	Douglas	November 21,1914	June 8,1915
Diamond	No. 291	Orchard	Antelope	November 23,1914	June 8,1915
Monument	No. 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas	December 18,1914	June 8,1915

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Kimball	No. 294	Kimball	Kimball	June	10,1915	June	7,1916
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June	15,1917	June	5,1918
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January	10,1918	June	5,1918
Mizpah	No. 302	Omaha	Douglas	November	12,1918	June	4,1919
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove	Madison	January	14,1920	June	9,1920
Victory	No. 310	Valley	Douglas	December	27,1920	June	8,1921
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk	January	4,1921	June	8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March	22,1922	June	5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams	January	8,1925	June	10,1925
College View	No. 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July	1,1927	June	6,1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte	November	14,1928	June	5,1929
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo	Hall	January	16,1936	June	1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March	5,1955	June	8,1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	Douglas	November	26,1955	June	6,1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	Douglas	September	3,1965	June	10,1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	Douglas	January	19,1972	June	28,1972
Saints John Education	No. 331			December	27, 2000	February	2, 2002

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

Hartington No. 155	Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979	
Creighton No. 100	Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980	
Star No. 88	Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981	
Gladstone No. 176	Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981	
Eminence No. 223	Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981	
Antelope No. 276	Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982	
Bladen No. 319	Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982	
Oak Leaf No. 312	Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983	
Crofton No. 273	Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984	
Harlan No. 116	Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984	
Hardy No. 117	Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984	
Merna No. 171	Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984	
Lee P. Gillette No. 272	Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985	
Occidental No. 215	Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985	
Siloam No. 147	Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985	
Ponca No. 101	Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986	
Boaz No. 185	Danbury with McCook No. 135
McCook, September 16, 1986	
Curtiss No. 168	Curtiss with McCook No. 135
McCook, February 15, 1986	
Clay Center No. 139	Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, March 5, 1986	
Unity No. 163	Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110
Ashland, December 30, 1986	
Gothenburg No. 249	Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, January 14, 1987	
Granite No. 189	Gibbon with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 1987	
Amity No. 169	Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177
Hay Springs, May 1987	
Golden Sheaf No. 202	Randolph with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 31, 1987	
Faith No. 181	Crawford with Sioux No. 277
Harrison, December 1987	
Potter No. 313	Potter with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, October 1988	

Western No. 140	Western with DeWitt No. 111
DeWitt, December 1988	
Zeredetha No. 160	Reynolds with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, December 1988	
Right Angle No. 303	Omaha with Papillion No. 39
Papillion, December 31, 1988	
Trowel No. 71	Neligh with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, January 1990	
Alpha No. 316	South Sioux City with Omadi No. 5
South Sioux City, March 1, 1990	
Shelton No. 99	Shelton with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 27, 1990	
Nehawka No. 246	Nehawka with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, June 20, 1990	
Anselmo No. 258	Anselmo with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, August 28, 1990	
Globe No. 113	Madison with Mosaic No. 55
Norfolk, August 28, 1990	
Harmony No. 321	Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, November 28, 1990	
Silver No. 266	Silver Creek with Osceola No. 65
Osceola, April 25, 1991	
Cable No. 225	Arnold with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, May 17, 1991	
Grand Island No. 318	Grand Island with Ashlar No. 33
Grand Island, August 9, 1991	
Orient No. 13	Rulo/Falls City with Falls City No. 9
Falls City, August 21, 1991	
Rawalt No. 138	Oxford with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, October 9, 1991	
Beaver City No. 93	Beaver City with Monument No. 293
Arapahoe, January 30, 1992	
Meridian No. 188	Cozad with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, February 20, 1992	
Hampton No. 245	Hampton with Aurora No. 68
Aurora, February 21, 1992	
Crystal No. 191	Scotia with Ord No. 103
Ord, March 10, 1992	
Edgar No. 67	Edgar with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, March 10, 1992	
Gavel No. 199	Carleton with Lily No. 154
Davenport, March 23, 1992	
Cambridge No. 150	Cambridge with Bartley No. 228
Bartley, April 20, 1992	
Mt. Zion No. 161	Shelby with Composite No. 81
Rising City, November 11, 1992	
Endeavor No. 262	Indianola with Bartley No. 228
Bartley, December 3, 1992	
Fraternity No. 235	Winside with Wayne No. 120
Wayne, April 28, 1993	

John S. Bowen No. 232	Kennard with Washington No. 21
Blair, May 4, 1993	
Minatare No. 295	Minatare with Scotts Bluff No. 201
Gering, January 24, 1994	
Pilot No. 240	Lyons with Tekamah No. 31
Tekamah, June 6, 1994	
Bayard No. 301	Bayard with Camp Clarke No. 285
Bridgeport, September 12, 1994	
Upright No. 137	Burchard with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, September 6, 1995	
Golden Rod No. 306	Lodgepole with Golden Fleece No. 205
Chappell, December 6, 1995	
Bassett No. 254	Bassett with Silver Cord No. 224
Ainsworth, December 29, 1995	
Chester No. 298	Chester with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, February 24, 1997	
Ornan No. 261	Spencer with Garfield No. 95
O'Neill, February 27, 1997	
Stella No. 105	Stella with Humboldt No. 40
Humboldt, April 7, 1997	
Melrose No. 60	Orleans with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, July 21, 1997	
St. Johns No. 25	Omaha with John J. Mercer No. 290
Omaha, March 6, 1998	
Fairmont No. 48	Fairmont with Geneva No. 79
Geneva, May 14, 1998	
Ionic No. 87	Niobrara with Bloomfield No. 218
Bloomfield, November 11, 1998	
Tecumseh No. 17	Tecumseh with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, December 23, 1998	
Sutherland No. 299	Sutherland with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, February 15, 1999	
Gilead No. 233	Butte with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, March 17, 1999	
Mt. Nebo No. 125	Genoa with Cedar River No. 89
Fullerton, April 7, 1999	
Auburn No. 124	Auburn with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, June 23, 1999	
Sioux No. 277	Harrison with Mitchell No. 263
Mitchell, December 2, 1999	
James A. Tulleys No. 267	Overton with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, June 26, 2001	
Perkins No. 308	Grant with Ogallala No. 159
Ogallala, December 19, 2001	
Republican No. 98	Republican City with Franklin No. 264
Franklin, December 31, 2001	
Mason City No. 170	Mason City with Porter No. 106
Loup City, July 16, 2004	
Relief No. 219	Coleridge with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, October 29, 2004	
Oasis No. 271	Morrill with Mitchell No. 263
Mitchell, December 1, 2004	

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado - Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	Gold Hill, Colorado - Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.:D.:	Central City, Colorado - Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.:D.:	Bannack City, Idaho - Instituted April 1863 or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.:D.:	United States Army - Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.:D.:	Nevada City, Idaho - Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming - Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME AND LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 – Decatur.....	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 – Columbus.....	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 – Nebraska City.....	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 – Arago.....	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 – Ashland.....	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 – Rock Bluff.....	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 – Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 – Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).....	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 – Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 – Salem.....	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 – Columbus.....	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 – Firth.....	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 – Ulysses.....	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 – Waco.....	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 – Doniphan.....	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 – Steele City.....	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 – Arapahoe.....	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 – Brainard.....	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 – Dorchester.....	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 – Odell.....	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 – Indianola.....	June 8, 1904
Minden No. 127 – Minden.....	October 27, 2003
Ark & Anchor No. 131 – Ainsworth.....	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 – Johnson.....	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 – North Loup.....	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 – Valparaiso.....	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 – Pierce.....	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 – Grafton.....	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 – Shickley.....	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 – Grant.....	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 – Ulysses.....	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 – Arcadia.....	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 – Miller.....	June 6, 1918
Wauneta No. 217 – Wauneta.....	December 31, 1991
Ithmar No. 238 – Crab Orchard.....	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 – Ravenna.....	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 – Battle Creek.....	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 – Holbrook.....	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 – Springview.....	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 – Huntley.....	June 7, 1939
Swastika No. 280 – Sargent.....	December 31, 1988
Mullen No. 282 – Mullen.....	December 17, 1998
Exeter No. 283 – Exeter.....	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 – Cowles.....	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 – Otoe.....	December 15, 1964
Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329 – Lincoln.....	September 10, 1993
St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330 – Geneva.....	June 3, 1998

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.: RITE, same as Ancient Craft except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (AO) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACIO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT Add 4000 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 4000 = 6004.
A.:A.:S.: RITE Add 3760 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 3760 = 5764. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH Add 530 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 530 = 2534.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS	Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 2004 and 1000 = 3004.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 2004 = 886.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 2004 and 1913 = 3917.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska #1	Pepper Aasgaard	Gregory Wells	Sean Reed*	Jack Duffield
Western Star #2	Edward L. Reed	Charles E. McElfresh	Erhardt Steinman*	-
Capitol #3	Charles Lovell*	E. Newton Kelley	Michael J. McCall	-
Nemaha Valley #4	T. R. Groves	Michael Andrew*	-	-
Omadi #5	Christopher L. Twiford	David G. Krogh*	-	Chris T. Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Alfred G. Dietrich	Travis G. McGill	Brett R. Bennett	Jay H. Speck
Falls City #9	Darrel J. Koso	-	Robert L. Ferguson	-
Solomon #10	Russell G. Christensen	-	-	Philip A. Lorenzen
Covert #11	Donald L. Gockley	Michael I. Donham	Loyal T. Winborn*	Lawrence J. Zwart
Peru #14	Steven Norris*	David L. Pease*	Steven W. Schulte*	Theodore R. Groves
Fremont #15	-	Art Twyford*	Karl Rasmussen	Dennis L. Smith
Lincoln #19	-	Douglas B. Johnson	-	-
Washington #21	Frank E. Wolff	-	-	Gary D. Finn
Pawnee #23	Gary Bedea*	Daniel C. Boellstorff*	Richard Mach*	Robert M. Schafer*
Beatrice #26	George A. Thomas III	Joseph E. Manes	Lance R. Brinkman*	Theodore J. Johnson
Jordan #27	Robert Rose	-	-	-
Blue River #30	James D. Boshart*	-	Gary L. Brhel	Richard T. Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	-	Randall L. Hart	-	-
Platte Valley #32	Roland S. Coker	Howard C. Gebhardt	Walter W. Johnson	Glenn R. Mulholland
Ashlar #33	Max A. Cates	Thomas G. Townsley	Roger L. Galusha	William D. Parrish
Acacia #34	James R. Cummings	Dennis Coufal	Roger Coufal	Marlyn Grubbs
Fairbury #35	John A. Lammers	-	-	Glen Riensche
Lone Tree #36	-	-	-	-
Crete #37	Rick W. Wienke	-	James A. Clark	-
Oliver #38	-	-	-	-
Papillion #39	Steven D. Penney	-	William Henderson	Dale H. Wulff*
Humboldt #40	Edgar A. Bredemeier*	-	Dwain V. Myers*	Homer H. Fishwood
No. Light #41	Charles M. Meyer*	Gerald L. Kuhn*	-	Robert E. Schellpeper
Hebron #43	Ed L. Bliss	-	-	-
Harvard #44	-	Warren Christensen	-	-
Rob Morris #46	Roger A. Hansen	Michael J. Webb*	Daren L. Morgan	-
Evening Star #49	-	-	-	Don C. Bottorf
Hastings #50	J. Phillip Odom	Erik Nielsen	Stanley Thayer	W. Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51	-	Rex M. Rehmer*	-	-

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Hiram #52	Troy L. Clausen*	-	Kenneth Reed*	Sydney R. Clausen
Charity #53	Hayes J. McDole*	-	-	Marlin K. Hoffman
Lancaster #54	David R. Jelinek	Donald C. Gasparetti	F. Joe Huskey*	Michael D. Lagueux*
Mosaic #55	-	-	-	-
York #56	Phillip E. Towle	Fran L. Crowe	Kim E. Shepherd*	Harry W. Gordon*
Mt. Moriah #57	David G. Njus	-	-	Larry Lee Saunders*
Wahoo #59	-	Jared Ketner	Gregory Nabity	-
Thistle #61	Dennis H. Biehl	-	-	-
Keystone #62	Charles Monter	Mylus Robison*	-	Daryle L. Osborne*
Blue Valley #64	-	-	-	Leonard L. Freeouf
Osceola #65	Bruce J. Bugbee	James D. Carlson	Kerry L. Voigt	-
Aurora #68	-	-	-	-
Hooper #72	-	-	John Ramsay	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	Marvin H. Kraus
Frank Welch #75	C. Scott McDaniel	Jeffrey Makris	Robert England*	Frank M. Minshall
Nelson #77	Allan D. Sole	-	Richard W. Wroughton*	Frank R. Harris
Albion #78	David W. Gallion	Jeffrey J. Noble	E. Lee Howell*	Thomas F. Ehlers*
Geneva #79	Thomas J. Ortgies	Charles Barbur, Jr.*	-	John M. Jacobs
Composite #81	Gregory A. Whitmore	Allen D. Laird	-	Lawrence G. Whitmore
St. Paul #82	James Ross*	-	-	Wesley E. Stevens
Corinthian #83	Alvin G. Sundell*	Terry L. Henschke	Robert G. Berns*	Robert A. Jones
Cedar River #89	Dennis McCoig	Joe Blackwell	Gerald Foland	-
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	Norman E. Case*	Don A. Johnson*	Peter B. Kruse*
Bennett #94	Rick Harris	Roger Miner	Fred Liebers	-
Garfield #95	-	-	-	-
Utica #96	T. John Hinkel*	Ray E. Cain	-	Loren L. McNeil
Euclid #97	Joel D. Christensen*	Gerald A. Stohlman*	Charles L. Spohr	Willie C. Kunz
Waterloo #102	Robert Rolfs	-	-	Robert R. Attebery
Ord #103	Charles P. Zangger	-	-	Dan P. Hersh
Wymore #104	B. Dean Marples	David L. Thoman*	Richard E. Monfelt*	Robert E. Cullison*
Porter #106	-	-	-	-
Table Rock #108	-	-	-	Lloyd F. Vrtiska
Pomegranate #110	Lee A. Graham*	-	Stephen D. Campbell*	-
DeWitt #111	Dewey Geistlinger*	-	-	-
Springfield #112	Rodney S. Sederstrom	Richard C. Lammers*	-	Donald P. Ellenberger
Wisner #114	-	-	-	Clint W. Frerichs

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North Bend #119	George R. Anderson	-	Doug Rasmussen	David G. Otte
Wayne #120	-	-	-	Gail Axen
Superior #121	Lloyd D. Swihart	James D. Rust*	-	A. Gary Keeling*
Stromsburg #126	-	-	Kurth DeLand*	-
Guide Rock #128	-	-	John Ely	Richard L. Ely
Scribner #132	Donald G. Havekost	-	Elza Appleby*	Harold C. Mueksch*
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	-	-	-
McCook #135	Donald E. Rife	Don G. Hopkins*	Leland V. Petsch	Marshall D. Grant
Long Pine #136	Gary R. Wolfe*	Jackson M. Roark*	-	-
Crescent #143	Brian L. Cornwell*	-	Charles L. Sweet	-
Jachin #146	Ash Story	-	Scott Brendel	Bruce G. Raddatz*
Custer #148	Douglas P. Sadler	-	Monte Gies*	Jerry W. Bigbee
Lily #154	Tregan P. Albers	-	Perry O. Rhoades	-
Samaritan #158	Dale W. Anderson	-	-	-
Ogalalla #159	-	-	-	-
Trestle Board #162	Theodore R. Groves	Daniel Boellstorff*	-	Bruce A. Petzoldt
Atkinson #164	-	Dale Mellor*	Charles Shane*	James A. Widtfeldt
Barneston #165	John C. McMurray	-	-	Arlyn H. Weyer
Elwood #167	-	-	-	-
Robert Burns #173	Lyndell Whipps*	-	-	Loren T. Hawkinson
Culbertson #174	Roland J. Miller*	Richard L. Lomax	C. Keith Miller*	Riley R. Morthole*
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	Vernon L. Platt
Justice #180	-	-	R. Scott Hogeland*	Paul Erdman
Alliance #183	Bradley M. Dutton*	Guy E. Hielscher*	-	Roscoe W. Bills
Bee Hive #184	Tommy J. Nastase III*	-	-	-
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	Gayle Miller
Highland #194	Roger J. Olson	-	John K. Dolen	-
Arcana #195	Richard E. Barth	-	James O. Smith*	-
Purity #198	Robert W. Rolfe*	Keith A. Wood	Tom W. Elder*	Byron L. Hust
Blazing Star #200	-	-	-	-
Scottsbluff #201	-	-	-	-
Plainview #204	Gale R. Retzlaff	Alan L. Tharnish*	-	Dick Hemmingsen*
Golden Fleece #205	Jack D. Woodman*	-	-	Robert A. Hayes
Parian #207	-	-	-	Larry L. Mowrey*
Canopy #209	-	-	-	-

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East Lincoln #210	Christopher Rosenthal	Robert Pratt	-	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	-	Roland R. Engel*	-	David E. Thienel
Palisade #216	Steven D. Ridlen*	Richard L. Baxter*	Charles B. Schluckebier*	Viron E. Baxter
Bloomfield #218	-	-	-	-
Magnolia #220	-	-	-	Harold D. Lewin
Wood Lake #221	Mark J. Mundorf*	Dustin E. Wheeler	Adam Fischer*	Rodney J. Palmer*
Landmark #222	-	-	Randy L. Hart	-
Silver Cord #224	Rick E. Carr	-	Michael E. Hitchcock	-
North Star #227	Dennis D. Mundt	Harry A. Storz	Richard Sulley*	Steve B. Wetzel*
Bartley #228	Leon E. Wright*	Roy G. Hart*	-	Gary A. Newcomb*
Comet #229	-	-	-	-
Zion #234	-	-	-	-
Golden Rule #236	-	-	-	-
Friendship #239	Edwin C. Weber	-	Max A. Cates	James E. Ceplecha*
Geo. Armstrong #241	-	-	-	-
Laurel #248	-	-	-	-
G. Washington #250	-	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell E. Erickson
Hickman #256	Todd E. Tinnean	Jeff Douglass	Ric L. Helms	Darrel L. VerMaas*
Mitchell #263	Jeffrey Chapman*	Rodney L. Ramig*	Ames Hartung III*	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	-	-	-	-
Robt. Furnas #265	Leonard Tindell	Larry D. Fausnaugh*	-	Donald E. Loos*
G.W. Lininger #268	Michael E. McNulty	Michael J. Mulligan*	Anthony Johnson	Ronald D. Stites
Olive Branch #274	Donald L. Berg	Elton E. Bray*	Kyle J. Peterson	John S. Kruse*
Wallace #279	Randall E. Ogier	Jack M. Curtis*	Otis Pierce*	Eric J. Chrisman*
Florence #281	Paul L. Welsch*	-	Micah I. Evans	Doyle E. Berg
Seneca #284	Ralph H. Eatinger	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	Craig A. Barnette	-	Robert Hughes*	-
Oshkosh #286	Bernard L. King*	-	-	Merton L. Rose
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	Galen L. Crawford*	-	-
Omaha #288	Thomas J. Schmidt	David L. Peterson*	Mark D. Pilley*	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	-	-	Dale R. Link
John J. Mercer #290	Byron O'Dowd	George E. Eckert	Wendell C. Manley	Armando R. Benitez*
Diamond #291	-	-	-	-
Monument #293	Melvin W. Johnston	-	Leroy L. Dixon	-
James Eatmon #294	-	Joseph H. Belden*	-	John B. Ferguson

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Cotner #297	Scott E. Bennett	James B. Hyland	-	Ralph J. Riemann
Liberty #300	Brent Myers	Wade R. Kendle	James Pischel	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	Ezio "Rocky" Ognissanti	Steve R. Wagner	Dean R. Stockman*	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	-	-	-	Tedd Kaufman
Victory #310	Cal Peacock*	Gregg Kava	Richard Johnson	K. Roger Dill
Polk #311	-	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	Eugene C. Sibley	-	-	-
Mid-West #317	Robert L. Williams	Eduardo Casas	Richard M. Goehring III	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	Robert L. Brommer	-	John W. Feit	Douglas B. Johnson
Lebanon #323	Harold D. Chadwell	Rick Porter	-	John H. Lippert
Cairo #324	-	Lawrence O. Rolofson, Jr.	-	Richard L. Heckman
Bellevue #325	Horace H. Reynolds IV*	-	Michael A. Kegley, Jr.*	Paul "Al" Zamiska
Centennial #326	Robert M. Loper	Brian W. Schamber*	Richard C. Voshell*	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	R. Todd Simpson	James R. Taylor	Andrew L. Winslow*	Paul D. Rutherford*
Miloma #328	Barry P. Higgins	Steven D. Andersen	Brian L. Miller	Donald L. Miller*

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
		Africa, Cameroon		
		Africa, Congo		
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Alabama	Gary D. Finn, 21	3/15/2002
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Alaska	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19, 134	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	9/3/1976
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Arkansas	Dennis Brydl, 314, 287	12/12/2000
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/1974	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Australia, Queensland	Russell Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
G. T. Brice		Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 290	5/4/1985
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	9/8/1960
Peter Alexander Pothecarey	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/1979
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Belgium	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Bolivia	Jack D. Nichols, 265	
		Brazil, Acre	Sydney Clausen, 52	3/12/2002
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman		
.....		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	2/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brazilia		
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Wilson Chinalli	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso		
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutomoto Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
		Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	4/18/1994
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Scott G. Brendel, 146	5/31/2002
		Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte		
Jose W K Neto	9/10/1992	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	1/15/1993
		Brazil, Rondonia	Duad O. Dempster, 291	
		Brazil, Roraima	Richard H. Cooper, 263	3/19/1999
		Brazil, Santa Catarina		
Sidnei Luiz Saut	12/1/1991	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281, 327	6/7/1977
R.W. Orivaldo Fernandes	4/15/2003	Brazil, Sergipe	Will Medow, 55	6/10/1992
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gitz	5/29/1992	Brazil, Tocantins	Gordon L. Carley, 75	6/10/1992
Jose M. Ferriera de Santana	6/22/1992	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 314	6/11/1976
Harold Loewenthal	4/23/1969	Canada, Alberta	Steven A. Green, 54	11/6/1995
J.R. Malcolm Berry	2/24/2003	Canada, British Columbia	Kent A. Talich, 75	4/19/1994
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/1986	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/31/1989
A. G. Brock	7/20/1993	Canada, New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/1995
Morley G. McKay	6/10/2000	Canada, Newfoundland		
Kevin M. Kelly		And Labrador	Jay H. Speck, 6	11/17/1999
Harvey J. Ford		Canada, Nova Scotia	Chad Richter, 317	2/10/1999
Robert G. Wands	2/20/1998	Canada, Ontario	Paul R. Eveland, 119	2/16/1982
A. Ennis Small	1982	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Philip O. Edwards, 326	12/26/2000
Maurice A. Kelso	9/10/1997	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	11/4/1980
Edward L. Lee	3/11/1987	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Rigoberto Jamett Maureira	8/27/1994	Chile	Ben D. Fussell, 79	6/4/1971
Dawson Kwauk	6/26/1980	China	Robert O. Rhodes, 96	
Jose Maria Serna	7/31/1951	Colombia, Barranquilla	Robert J. Prokop, 64	
Rafael F. Moreno		Colombia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	8/7/1969
Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/1980	Colorado	Steven F. Mattoon, 75	10/16/1997
Douglas A. Gray	1/15/1994	Connecticut	Byron Lane, 201	10/19/1992
Carlos Miranda	10/22/1968	Costa Rica	Thomas W. Moore, 264	6/24/2002
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/5/1952	Cuba	John F. Dale, 126	12/14/1989
Zdenek Kirshner	11/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry Bspalec, 37	8/17/1999
Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987

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Ib Andersen	8/22/2003	Denmark	Frank Lawson, 1	12/21/1989
Richard E. Fletcher	11/25/1998	District of Columbia	Les R. Seiler, 317	
M. D. J. C. Navarro	8/25/1969	Dominican Republic	Keith E. Yocum, 75	
F. G. Araya	6/17/1953	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 177	11/7/1978
Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	3/26/1994	England	Ben F. Hughes	7/17/2003
Heikki Aitola	12/31/1997	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/1995
John R. Thomas	8/20/2002	Florida	John Lippert, 323	8/8/1966
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/1954	France	Paul Befort, 32	5/31/2002
Marcel Ibinga Magwangu	5/3/1990	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	2/10/1989
Wm. H. McDaniel	8/6/1989	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	8/3/1960
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		Mexico, Valle de Mexico	Dean T. Dinklage, 114	
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		Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 89	
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Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico		
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		Romania	Tren Miller, 289	3/11/2003
		Russia	Max H. Miller, 79	2/7/2003
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		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	8/5/1992
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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2004

Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		21,285	21,285
<i>Bonds</i>			
<u>Government Securities:</u>			
FNMA Notes, 7.25%, 1-15-2010	25,000	24,304	28,735
FNMA Benchmark Notes, 4.125%, 5-15-2014	50,000	46,125	48,453
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 8-1-2018	50,000	49,175	49,087
FHLMC MTN Ser 3, 4.250%, 8-01-2018	50,000	48,975	49,323
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-18	<u>100,000</u>	<u>97,545</u>	<u>97,104</u>
Total government securities	<u>275,000</u>	<u>266,124</u>	<u>272,702</u>
<u>Public Utility Bonds:</u>			
Union Electric Co., 6.75%, 5-1-2008	<u>50,000</u>	<u>49,054</u>	<u>54,345</u>
<u>Transportation, Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds:</u>			
Abbott Laboratories, 3.75%, 3-15-2011	50,000	47,042	49,000
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	52,258
AT&T Corp. Notes, 7.75%, 3-1-2007	50,000	49,000	53,250
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	50,000	46,451	54,244
Eli Lilly & Co., 6.57%, 1-1-2016	50,000	51,312	56,750
Hewlett Packard Co., 5.75%, 12-15-2006	75,000	81,557	78,086
IBM Corp., 5.375%, 2-1-2009	50,000	50,552	52,000
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	<u>50,000</u>	<u>57,646</u>	<u>58,772</u>
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	<u>425,000</u>	<u>432,718</u>	<u>454,360</u>
<i>Total Bonds</i>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>747,896</u>	<u>781,407</u>

Common Stocks

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
300	Abbott Labs	10,744	13,995
950	Allied Capital Corp.	24,659	24,548
275	Autozone Inc.	22,817	25,110
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	25,487
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	23,360
600	Burlington Res Inc.	11,130	26,100
550	Cato Corp.	12,031	15,851
700	Chicago Bridge & Iron	12,923	28,000
1,850	Cholestech Corp.	18,482	15,170
925	Corning Inc.	37,877	10,887
605	Fidelity National Financial Inc.	12,246	27,630
325	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	11,454	25,074
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	20,355
375	Houston Exploration Company Com	8,956	21,116
625	Inco Ltd.	21,317	22,988
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	14,184
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	17,437
1,350	Level 3 Communications Inc.	42,691	4,577
2,200	Liberty Media Corp.	18,920	24,156
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	17,270
500	Newmont Mng. Corp.	14,505	22,205
525	Omnicare Inc.	20,538	18,176
300	Peabody Energy Corp.	13,356	24,273
1,375	Pengrowth Energy	19,131	28,627
450	Performance Food Group	7,523	12,109
700	Pfizer Inc.	24,197	18,823
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	26,908
350	Sungard Data Systems Inc.	8,244	9,915
550	Unocal Corporation	18,748	23,782
550	Viacom Inc.	27,518	20,015
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	16,383
700	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,129	27,342
Total Common Stocks		568,963	651,853
TOTAL FUND		1,316,859	1,433,260

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2003

	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		47,805	47,805
<i>Bonds</i>			
<u>Government Securities:</u>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.875%, 2-15-2004	25,000		
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 8-15-2005	25,000	24,901	25,608
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-2007	25,000	25,001	26,970
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.0%, 8-15-2009	50,000	47,930	55,145
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	31,293
FNMA Bonds, 4.50%, 10-28-2015	75,000	74,575	75,023
FHLMC Mtn Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	50,000	48,773	48,552
FHLMC Mtn Ser 3, 4.25%, 8-1-2018	50,000	48,975	49,323
Total Government Securities	<u>325,000</u>	<u>298,272</u>	<u>311,914</u>
<u>Corporate Bonds:</u>			
Walt Disney, 6.75%, 3-30-2006	25,000	26,800	26,048
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-2006	25,000	25,000	26,438
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-2008	25,000	26,434	27,150
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	25,000	24,229	27,122
Merril Lynch & Co., 6%, 2-17-2009	25,000	24,393	26,832
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	25,000	28,823	29,386
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	26,129
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	28,313
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>200,000</u>	<u>204,583</u>	<u>217,418</u>
Total Bonds	<u>525,000</u>	<u>502,855</u>	<u>529,332</u>

Common Stocks

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
300	Abbott Labs	10,732	13,995
950	Allied Capital Corp.	24,726	24,548
250	Autozone Inc.	20,800	22,828
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	25,487
350	BP PLC Spons Adr	19,208	20,440
550	Burlington Res Inc.	10,202	23,925
450	Cato Corp.	9,844	12,969
700	Chicago Bridge & Iron	11,892	28,000
1,700	Cholestech Corp.	16,235	13,940
825	Corning Inc.	29,667	9,710
605	Fidelity National Financial Inc.	12,246	27,630
350	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	12,335	27,003
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	20,355
325	Houston Exploration Company	7,762	18,301
575	Inco Ltd.	19,597	21,149
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	14,184
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	17,437
1,275	Level 3 Communications Inc.	36,414	4,322
2,300	Liberty Media Corp.	19,780	25,254
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	17,270
600	Newmont Mng Corp.	17,406	26,646
475	Omnicare Inc.	18,582	16,444
300	Peabody Energy Corp.	13,355	24,273
1,275	Pengrowth Energy Trust	17,765	26,545
400	Performance Food Group Co.	6,687	10,764
650	Pfizer Inc.	22,310	17,479
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	23,064
350	Sungard Data Systems Inc.	8,244	9,915
550	Unocal Corporation	22,061	23,782
500	Viacom Inc.	23,681	18,195
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	16,383
600	Winnebago Industries Inc.	19,825	23,436
Total Common Stocks		532,698	625,673
TOTAL FUND		1,035,553	1,155,005

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