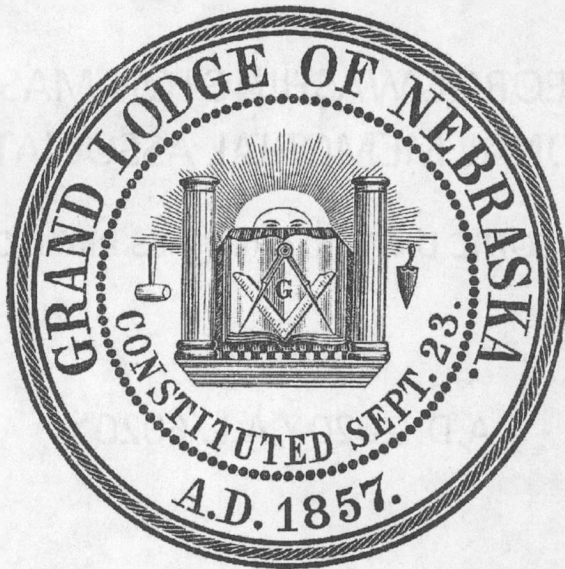


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Bruce A. Baker

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2011-2012**

Masonic History of the 145th Grand Master

Bruce A. Baker

Bruce A. Baker was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mid-West Lodge No. 317 on October 19, 1996, the product of a one-day conferral. After passing through the chairs, he was elected and served as Master of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in 2004. Bruce also became a member of Saints John Lodge of Education No. 331 in 2006.

Bruce was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on July 12, 1999, in Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings, along with his father, Glen H. Baker, Sr. and his daughter, Lisa Baker. He served as Worthy Patron in 2003, along with his wife, Susie, as Worthy Matron.

He joined the York Rite in Hastings on January 29, 2000, the Hastings Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite on March 22, 2003, the Tehama Temple Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 2007 and the Tangier Temple Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 2009. M.:W.: Brother Bruce has served on the Grand Lodge Scottish Rite 8th Degree team since 2006. He was inducted into Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners in 2010, and the Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76 in 2011.

Bruce was appointed Grand Historian in 2006 by Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr.; Grand Junior Deacon in 2007 by Most Worshipful Brother Dean Skokan; appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 2008 by Most Worshipful Brother Reginald S. Kuhn; elected Grand Junior Warden in 2009, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Russell G. Reno; elected Grand Senior Warden in 2010, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons; and elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2011, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, until his resignation in April 2011. Bruce was installed as the 145th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Omaha on April 16, 2011.

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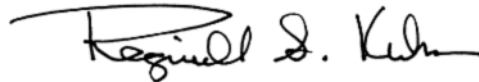
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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Grand Island, Nebraska, February 3 and 4, 2012, 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 August, 2012.



Reginald S. Kuhn
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful Bruce A. Baker
Grand Master

First Day – Public Opening
Friday, February 3, 2012

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2012.

Most Worshipful John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master, presided.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bruce A. Baker and his Lady Susie. Past Grand Master Parsons led grand honors for Most Worshipful Bruce A. Baker, Grand Master.

M.:W.: Bruce A. Baker presided from the lectern and introduced the Grand Chaplain for the invocation.



Very Worshipful Donald E. Rife, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.



Grand Master Baker asked that all remain standing for the presentation of the colors. The Colors were presented by the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.



M.:W.: Baker welcomed the audience to the 155th Annual Communication. During the Public Opening, he explained that presiding officers from several of the appendant bodies of the Nebraska Masonic family would be welcomed; proper tribute would be paid to deceased brothers and the Grand Orator would bring his oration. He explained that during the next couple days, business of the Grand Lodge would be transacted, leaders would be elected, and educational workshops would be attended, with a few introductions and awards thrown into the mix. Equally important, he noted, was that the Annual Communication promised to provide some great entertainment, very good food, and the opportunity to enjoy the Masonic fellowship of old and new friends within this great fraternity. Due to the tight schedule and resulting time constraints, not every appendant body representative would be introduced and that in no way reflected the esteem in which they are highly regarded.



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



Grand Senior Deacon Joe McBride introduced the representatives:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Shanda Lyn Born, Grand Worthy Advisor
Betty Garwood, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska

Nebraska Job's Daughters

Lauren Busche, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Ashley Murphy, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
Nickki Parks, Miss Nebraska Congeniality
Samantha McCrea, Grand Guardian
Jerry Taff, Associate Grand Guardian
Debbie Parks, Past Grand Guardian

Nebraska DeMolay

Dalton Kock, State Master Councilor
Adam Medley, State Junior Councilor
Michael W. Stuhr, Executive Officer

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

- Carol Hudkins, Worthy Grand Matron
- Carl Plants, Worthy Grand Patron
- Judy Wehrbein, Associate Grand Matron
- Alvin Benemerito, Associate Grand Patron
- Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary/Past Worthy Grand Matron
- Pam Boshart, Grand Treasurer
- Sharlene Coulter, Associate Grand Conductress
- Greg Mason, Grand Chaplain
- Jim Dusch, Grand Marshal
- Jerrie Wilcox, Past Worthy Grand Matron

Daughters of the Nile

- Becky Unger, Queen, Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Omaha
- Sue Krogman, Queen, Naphis Temple No. 66, Lincoln

Social Order of the Beauceant

- Randa Ogier, Worthy President, North Platte Assembly No. 177

M.:W.: Bruce Baker introduced Kearney City Councilman Bob Lammers to bring greetings on behalf of the City of Kearney.



Grand Master Baker invited Brother Paul Younes to the podium to bring greetings from the Younes Hospitality Management Group.



M.:W.: Baker called on Shanda Lyn Born, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



M.:W.: Baker invited State Master Councilor Dalton Kock to the podium to bring greetings and present the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year and the DeMolay Mason of the Year awards.

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

State Master Councilor Dalton Kock and State Junior Councilor Adam Medley presented the awards for DeMolay Mason of the Year and Sponsoring Body of the Year.

“This year’s Mason of the Year has been a very active Mason, and has been an active supporter of the Masonic youth groups in his community for many years. He has served as Master of his lodge, Worthy Patron of his Eastern Star Chapter, and has worked with his local Rainbow Assembly serving as Rainbow Dad. He is a Past Commander of the local Commandery, has been designated a KCCH in the Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Tangier Shrine Chanters. He has been tireless in his efforts to support our Masonic Youth by serving on the Grand Lodge Youth Committee and on the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference Planning Committee. He as served as a director and officer of the Masonic Youth Foundation for greater than 15 years. It is my distinct pleasure to present the Mason of the Year Award to James Carlton of Bellevue Lodge No. 325.”

DeMolay Chapters must have at least three Master Masons on their Advisory Board and be sponsored by a Masonic Family Body. Each year, Nebraska DeMolay recognizes a group who has gone “above and beyond” as the Nebraska DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year.

“The 2011 recipient is always looking for ways to assist their chapter. This group has always been very generous of their time and financial resources. The officers of the sponsoring body are known to the members of their DeMolay Chapter not only because they see them in the building from time to time but because they will attend meetings on occasion and work side by side with them on various projects. Their unsolicited response has always been “whatever it takes.” The decision over this year’s award was very difficult, not only because there are several DeMolay sponsoring bodies doing a good job, but also because this group has won the award previously.

Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Tangier Shrine of Omaha Nebraska.”



M.:W.: Baker invited Carol Hudkins, Worthy Grand Matron, and Carl Plants, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Miss Ashley Murphy, Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter, was asked to bring greetings from Nebraska Job’s Daughters.



M.:W.: Baker welcomed Randa Ogier, Worthy President of Assembly No. 177 in North Platte to bring greetings from the Social Order of the Beauceant.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Grand Master explained that W.:B.: Patrick Barger, Chairman of the Membership Committee, was currently serving in Afghanistan. M.:W.: Baker said that he is proud to present the Membership Awards in Brother Barger’s absence. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive net growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each winning lodge received a traveling trophy to display in their lodge for one year. The winner in the large lodge division was Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln. The trophy in the small lodge division went to Garfield Lodge No. 295 in O’Neill.

CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS AWARDS

Grand Master Baker indicated that the Change for the Troops Program was started in 2010 by M.: W.: John Parsons with the enthusiastic approval of the line officers. Change for the Troops is a great program made possible by the support and generosity of the local lodges and supporting appendant bodies. He went on to say that the awards would be given in two categories for the Change for the Troops Program: Total Contributions and Total Per Capita Contributions. The top three lodges in each category would receive a sculpture featuring the flag and bald eagle, and the top ten lodges in each category would receive certificates for their participation in and contribution to the program, with two additional organizations receiving honorable mention. M.: W.: Baker read the top three winners in each category and asked that a representative from each lodge come forward to receive the awards. He then read the remaining seven winners in each category, and the honorable mention appendant bodies, and asked that a representative pick up the certificate after the close of the Public Opening.

Awards for Top Total Contributions

1. Platte Valley No. 32
2. Plainview No. 204
3. George W. Lininger No. 268
4. Plattsmouth No. 6
5. Cotner No. 297
6. Geneva No. 79
7. Papillion No. 39
8. Custer No. 148
9. Robert W. Furnas No. 265
10. Shiloh No. 327

Honorable Mention:

1. North Platte York Rite Bodies
2. Omaha York Rite Bodies

Awards for Top Total Per Capita Contributions

1. Plainview No. 204
2. Platte Valley No. 32
3. Franklin No. 264
4. George W. Lininger No. 268
5. Geneva No. 79
6. Robert W. Furnas No. 265
7. Stromsburg No. 126
8. Custer No. 148
9. Plattsmouth No. 6
10. Cotner No. 297



M.:W.: Baker called attention to the lists of Emick, Grand Lodge Youth Committee, and Houghton Scholarships printed in the program, indicating Masonic funds were well invested in these young scholars.



M.:W.: Baker then asked Donald Rife, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

Donald E. Rife, Grand Chaplain

Brethren, Ladies and Guests All, We take time each year to remember our brothers that have reached the end of our toilsome journey and have gone to be with our Supreme Architect. Let us be reminded that life's events cannot be foretold, its mysteries cannot be fully understood and that the ultimate end is inevitable. Let us not postpone our preparation for the moment when our departure shall come that we may be ready and not afraid to enter into the presence of that great Judge to whom the secrets of every life are

known. As we view the names of our departed brethren, let us remember their hard work and dedication that has preserved the integrity and honor of this great fraternity.

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the lives of our departed brethren, for the memories that they have provided for us, and the lessons that they have left behind for us to build on. Be there for the families and loved ones in their time of need. In your name we pray, Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald E. Rife, 173, 135
Grand Chaplain

A PowerPoint presentation was then observed listing the names and lodges of the brethren who departed in 2011 to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

M.: W.: Baker thanked V.: W.: Rife for his report.

GRAND ORATION

John B. Ferguson, Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brethren, and Ladies, Welcome to the 155th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As I sat down to begin to write this oration, I find myself, to put it mildly, intimidated. On reflection, I was reminded of the wise words of my friend and brother Most Worshipful Brother John Farmer, Past Grand Master of Wyoming, and by western standards, my neighbor. He only lives about forty miles away. He told me that in academic circles when an undergraduate student publishes work that has been done by another it is called plagiarism; however, when a graduate student publishes work written by someone else, it is called research. I then set about to research this presentation.

In the Winter 2011 edition of the Nebraska Mason, Most Worshipful Brother Charlie Amidon, Past Grand Master, is quoted as saying “It has often been said that the aim of Masonry is to find good men and make them better. Hogwash! A good friend of mine and Past Grand Master states our aim correctly. We can’t make a man better. All we can do is present him with a few simple values that he can use to make himself better. Of course, our duty is to support him in his journey towards unattainable perfection.” Now, more on this subject a little later.

Our fraternity as a whole continues to find itself a subject of cable television programming. We must show the ideals of Masonry in all forms. We must show that – morality, tolerance for all religions, service to mankind as a whole and to illustrate our various charities, the importance of family, and patriotism. Over time, I’ve come to realize that there is a seeming conflict in what we say that there is in reality not a conflict at all, but requires an intelligent and thoughtful discernment between two parallel but totally separate aspects of our organization. On the one hand there is the “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” line of thought. Our ancient landmarks are written in stone and forever set as is right and proper. The structure of our relationships with one another with society as a whole and with our Creator is timeless and unchanging. One of the principles to which a newly installed Worshipful Master must give his assent to is that it is not within the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry. To do so

would change the very definition of our institution. On the other hand, while these principles must remain inviolate, it is equally obvious that regular small adjustments in our methods must be made in order to remain viable and relevant in an ever-changing society.

Our social environment is evolving at a very rapid, even exponential, pace. Consider the computer, barely fifty years ago the transistor came into common use. My grade school teacher, Mrs. Connell, described it to us with a sparkle in her eye and wonder in her voice. I will never forget that. The transistor was the thing. No one in the 1960's could have conceived or foretold the ability of this small instrument that I carry with me nearly all of the time. I'm certain a large majority of you have one like it with you, hopefully turned off or set to vibrate as Most Worshipful Brother Bruce has directed. Please bear with me, I'm trying to make a point here. We call this a cell phone. But consider how much more it is than a simple telephone. For example, it is a phone book. It is a calendar that can remind us of an appointment we have; and should we forget to look at it, it will give us an alarm. It is a music collection with a huge capacity for high quality music. It is a library. In less than one minute I can download any of many thousands of books by just the touch of a few buttons, and start reading whatever it is my heart desires. Then there are movies – do you realize how many bits or bytes of data are required for a movie or a video? The answer is billions, and in high definition no less. But that's not nearly all, we've barely scratched the surface. It's a camera, a 10 megapixel camera. This tiny one-quarter inch lens shoots not only still pictures, but video. It stores all of our pictures for editing and viewing until you delete them or send them to another location. This tiny instrument can communicate with GPS satellites in orbit. Just type in any address in North America and it will provide you with detailed directions to your destination. And it is a computer with full internet access. Stock quotes, weather forecasts – there's an app for that. It's an alarm clock, a calculator, a compass, it can record voice memos, just push a button, and if your mind hasn't already turned to jelly, there are video games. Is that enough? Oh I forgot texting. If we're not in a place where it is rude or inappropriate, such as a darkened movie theater or in this room, while we are in session at least, or a place where it is downright dangerous, such as driving or even walking on a crowded street, we can have a phone conversation without even having to talk.

Gentlemen and ladies, my point is this, technology and society in general are evolving faster every day. Why then do our attitudes and actions pertaining to our lodge in many ways seem to be floundering fifty years behind? Our landmarks, customs and ritual remain properly unchanged, but we have unprecedented opportunity to improve our day-to-day methods. Now, I'll leave the specifics up to you because just as every brother's understanding of Masonry is individual and personal, so is every lodge an entity unto itself with its own personality. But when a group of Masons unite in some endeavor with its eyes on the same goal, great things can happen.

As I wind down, I feel that I need to share with you just one profound experience that I had just recently. Just last week I had the honor and privilege of representing our Grand Master Baker and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. At the Grand Master's banquet on Thursday night, I was privileged to sit at the Grand Master's table with Most Worshipful Brother John Egan, Grand Master of Colorado for the year 2011. In two separate instances, the representatives of two different grand jurisdictions mentioned that we are not meant to improve on the quality of our brother Master Masons alone, but rather to improve our own standing as good men and Masons. This comes back to Most Worshipful Brother Charlie – people are listening. On the second evening at the All Masonic banquet, I had

the honor of being seated with the members of the lodge in Aurora, Colorado. At the table were two older gentlemen in their late seventies or eighties. One of them wore a collar with an award attached, much like an officer's jewel. Also at the table was the immediate Past Master of the same lodge and the current Worshipful Master with his wife. The Master and his wife were probably in their thirties, and the Past Master about forty. The young Worshipful Master proudly explained to me that the medal the older gentleman wore was roughly the equivalent of our Master Mason of the Year award. Later then when the 2011 awards were presented, the Aurora Lodge won the equivalent of our Gold Pan Award and the Mason of the Year award was presented to the immediate Past Master. The reason for their success was obvious to me. The commitment, the energy and excitement of these brothers had been impossible to ignore from the moment I sat down. There I sat among them, young and old, totally united in their purpose. They were a powerful force to whom failure to succeed was not an option.

Brothers and guests, I submit to you that although the example I've used is a lodge in another grand jurisdiction, I do so only because it is so fresh in my mind. Nebraska Masonry is equally vibrant, equally testing new ground. Your Grand Lodge Officers all see this regularly. Swisher Lodge is meeting in Afghanistan right now under dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, spreading Nebraska Masonry halfway around the world as we meet here this weekend.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, I leave you with this. Yes, there are hills to climb and valleys to cross. Yes, there are many ruts in the road, but Nebraska Masonry will learn and adapt. We have a true and trusty foundation. We have the materials, the working tools and the vision to build for future generations. By applying the three great tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, tempered by the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, Nebraska Masonry will grow and will prosper through the twenty-first century and for ages to come.



M.:W.: Baker thanked the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp for serving as the color guard; Bill Gekas and Gary Jones for serving as photographers throughout the session; and Paul Rutherford for his dedicated service as audio specialist for so many years aimed to preserve and document the proceedings of this annual communication.

This being the first year for a new voting procedure to assist with taking a ballot by show of hands where delegates received a color coded voting card indicating the total number of votes they were carrying, Grand Master Baker reminded the delegates to pick up their packets and voting cards from Credentials before the Formal Session opened.

Most Worshipful Baker then asked everyone to remain seated as the Grand Lodge Officers retired. The room would then be cleared in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin promptly at 10:05 a.m. A current dues card would be required for admittance to the Formal Session, and Deputy Grand Custodians were asked to assist at the door.

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Most Worshipful Bruce A. Baker
Grand Master

First Day – Formal Opening Session
Friday, February 3, 2012

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife invoked the blessing of Deity.

M.:W.: Baker appointed M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 155th Annual Communication.

A motion was made by someone that the 155th Annual Communication be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order. Several voices were heard to second the motion. Exercising his right to refuse to entertain a motion, the Grand Master moved on.

Grand Master appointed M.:W.: B.: Ken Beebe to assist in the East due to the absence of a Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

The Grand Master declared the 155th Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

M.:W.: Baker thanked members of Mid-West Lodge No. 317for doing a superb job of opening the lodge. The officers who opened were:

- Worshipful Master W.:B.: Bill Dittmer
- Senior Warden B.: Jimmy Brown
- Junior Warden B.: Tyson Wademan
- Secretary/Treasurer W.:B.: Dan Nonneman
- Chaplain W.:B.: Bob Summers
- Senior Deacon B.: Arthur Tellez
- Junior Deacon W.:B.: Roger Deininger
- Tyler..... W.:B.: Rick Yates



Grand Master Baker gave the following instruction: “Brethren, as I’ve traveled around the state, it’s occurred to me, long before that time, but it’s been reinforced how important our obligation is to what we stand for and what we do as Masons in Nebraska. Therefore, we are going to begin this communication with a re-obligation of the Master Mason’s degree. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, place Most Worshipful Brother Phil Lorenzen at the altar in due form to be re-obligated in the Master Mason’s degree. Brethren, fall in as you are able in proper form, with your right hand resting on the shoulder of the brother in front of you and join Most Worshipful in this re-obligation, which will be administered by our Grand Custodian, Most Worshipful Brother Scott Krieger.”

M.:W.: Krieger administered the obligation to M.:W.: Lorenzen.

Grand Master Baker commented, “Next to hearing a group of men like this say ‘So Mote it Be’ and pledge allegiance to our nation’s flag, that has to be a close third to one of the most impressive things this Grand Master has ever heard. This is a very solemn obligation, Brethren that we all willingly and knowingly took at the altar of Masonry when we became Master Masons, and I appreciate you taking part in that. I hope, like myself, you’ll all reflect on the meaning of the obligation that we took freely.”



M.:W.: Baker asked all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to retire with the Grand Marshal to form a procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.:W.: Baker raised the lodge and the Past Grand Masters were brought to the East. Grand Senior Deacon Joe McBride introduced them individually.

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

Dean Skokan	2007
Reginald S. Kuhn	2008
Russell G. Reno	2009
John T. Parsons	2010

M.:W.: Baker led the grand honors.

Grand Master announced that it was a pleasure to have Past Grand Masters Beebe and Skokan serve in the East with him at the communication, with M.:W.: Skokan being his Masonic father and M.:W.: Beebe being his Masonic grandfather.



R.:W.: Grand Secretary Reginald S. Kuhn brought the report of the Committee on Business and Rules, and then moved for its adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Reginald S. Kuhn, 134, 19

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

1. The Grand Master shall appoint a brother to serve as Parliamentarian of the Annual Communication. The Parliamentarian need not be a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise and consult the Grand Master regarding procedures.
2. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the East unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master.
3. Amendments which have been brought to the floor for ballot: One of the signers of an amendment shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
4. Officers speaking on any motion, resolution, committee report or other matter may speak from the East. Members of the Grand Lodge may then speak from the main floor at a microphone near the altar or as directed by the officer presiding. Time permitting, other 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 Grand Secretary moved for approval, and the motion was seconded and passed.



M.:W.: Baker asked all visiting Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other distinguished guests from other jurisdictions, and officers of Nebraska appendant bodies, to retire with the Grand Marshal to form in procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

W.:B.: Jack Lorenzen referred the brethren to the Report of the Finance Committee on page 32 in the Annual Communication book and announced that the Finance Committee met in 2011 to conduct its assigned duties as prescribed in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He indicated that the books were independently audited by a certified public accountant and noted that the revenue did exceed the budgeted amount, however, a net deficit still exists, but it was less than budgeted. Still, a draw on the investment account was required to meet the total budget. The Finance Committee found satisfactory documentation for expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to conduct its work in a complete and timely manner.



Most Worshipful Baker announced that the motion and second previously made regarding Roberts Rules of Order was not ignored, however, was not in a timely manner, and by the authority vested in him as Grand Master, the motion will not be accepted and it would not be voted upon. He went on to state that if further explanation was needed, he would call on the Parliamentarian.

A brother approached the microphone. “Most Worshipful Sir, I am your humble servant, Doug Johnson, Secretary of College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln, Nebraska, on your request, on behalf of the members, I would ask for that explanation.”

Grand Master Baker asked Most Worshipful Skokan to approach the microphone, where he gave the following explanation: “Our Constitution, Article X, Section 2, subparagraph (a) provides that the Grand Master has the power and the duty rather to preside at all Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge. It does not allow the imposition of rules upon him. If the body wishes those rules to be imposed upon the Grand Master in conducting the meeting, the only way to do so would be by a constitutional amendment and not by a motion from the floor. You can’t amend the Constitution or affect the Constitution in any other way than by amending it.”

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gene Wehrbein, Chairman

The Youth Committee has continued their work this year supporting our Nebraska young people through various activities:

1. The Fourth Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was held on October 1 & 2, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska. 370 (220 youth and 150 adults) attended the Conference. Several motivational speakers inspired the attendees and participants also took part in the "Food Flood." Assemblies, Bethels and Chapters brought 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Conference and an additional 2,000 pounds of non-perishable groceries were purchased at a Kearney grocery store with all donations helping to fill the local food pantry that serves 23 Nebraska counties.
2. The Silent Auction will be held during Grand Lodge in 2012. The money raised will be divided among the three Nebraska Masonic Youth Groups (DeMolay, Job's, and Rainbow).
3. \$1,000.00 Scholarships were awarded this spring to the following: Gavin Thurow – International Order of DeMolay for Boys, Abigail Paxton – Job's Daughters International, Jennifer Reid – International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Heather Wilkie (the International Order of Rainbow for Girls) Grand Master Scholarship.
4. We will continue to promote youth involvement in our Masonic activities, scholarships, camps, etc, as well as encouraging more adult participation.

The Committee wishes to thank our Nebraska Grand Lodge for their continued commitment to our Nebraska youth in support of these activities. We also wish to show our appreciation to everyone who faithfully support our youth organizations, our young people and adult sponsors through their monetary donations, their time and their talents.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gene Wehrbein, 6, Chairman
 Tim Birdsall, 210
 James Carlton, 325
 Michael Lagueux, 54, 332
 Bruce Bugbee, 65
 Ervin Imig, 102
 Jeffrey Coleman, 39, Ad-hoc

W.:B.: Wehrbein referenced the location of the report and thanked everyone for their support of the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference held in October, as well as those who brought items for the Silent Auction being held at Annual Communication. He then moved for the adoption of the report of the Youth Committee as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



Prior to beginning the introductions of visiting dignitaries, Grand Master Baker took a moment to thank the members of Falls City Lodge No. 9 and Solomon Lodge No. 10 in Ft. Calhoun for their work in putting together lodge historical materials for display at the Annual Communication and encouraged everyone to take a look at the tables in the lobby.

M.:W.: Baker also noted that on the table before him was a gavel presented to him by the Grand Master of Wyoming, M.:W.: Brother Allan Pierce, who is a wood worker. M.:W.: Pierce couldn't attend the Annual Communication because he was at the Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Utah as required by their bylaws.

Additionally, Grand Master Baker announced that there is a gavel that is passed down from Grand Master to Grand Master. It is a hand-crafted gavel that was presented to Most Worshipful Charlie Amidon when he was installed as Master of Florence Lodge No. 281 in 1967. In 2001, He presented it to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and it is intended to be used a traveling gavel. Grand Master Baker thanked M.:W.: Amidon for sharing the gavel with the Grand Lodge.

Finally, Grand Master Baker held a gavel that was presented to him by his family when he was installed as Grand Master. He indicated that he would be using the different gavels throughout the Communication.

SWISHER LODGE U.:D.:

Grand Master Baker noted that mention was made in the Public Opening of Swisher Lodge that was operating in Afghanistan. He said that the dispensation was signed on December 1, 2011 and renewed on January 1, 2012, to allow them to continue to work under dispensation. There are three brothers from Nebraska lodges serving as the top officers in that lodge, degree work is being performed, and the lodge is growing under the direction of Worshipful Master Patrick Barger, who also serves as Personal Representative of the Grand Master for the Lincoln area. M.:W.: Baker encouraged everyone to remember what those members were doing for Masonry a half a world away and to keep them in thoughts and prayers, hoping for their swift and safe return.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICERS OF VISITING JURISDICTIONS

The visiting brethren were escorted to the front by Grand Marshal Ron Stites and introduced by Grand Senior Deacon Joe McBride.

- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska..... M.:W.: Frederick H. Wisdom, Grand Master
 W.:B.: Russell W. Hobson, Grand Lecturer Emeritus
 M.:W.: Doysa L. Whitaker, Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of ColoradoM.:W.: Karl Hinkle
 Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Iowa M.:W.: Jerry L. Levay, Grand Master
 W.: Bryce B. Hildreth, Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference
- Grand Lodge of Kansas M.:W.: Tracy L. Bloom, Grand Master
 R.:W.: Don Newman, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Montana.....M.:W.: John Mangen, Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of South Dakota R.:W.: John C. Hantz, Deputy Grand Master
 R.:W.: Charles H. "Chuck" Gilson, Senior Grand Warden
 R.:W.: Douglas C. McFarland, Junior Grand Warden
 M.:W.: Dean Behrens, Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Washington..... M.:W.: Gale Kenney, Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Wyoming R.:W.: Clarence Vranish, Deputy Grand Master
 R.:W.: William D. Townsend, III, Senior Grand Warden
- Masonic Service Association..... M.:W.: Lanny R. Sander, Executive Commissioner and
 Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma

M.:W.: Baker led grand honors and then greeted each individually.



M.:W.: Baker asked Tracy Bloom, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to bring greetings on behalf of the out of state dignitaries.

“Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master. You caught me by surprise. I thought I did something wrong there for a minute. It’s my pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas and the other dignitaries. The Grand Lodge of Kansas currently has about 21,800 members. One of our problems, like I’m sure of many other jurisdictions, is the loss of membership. I noticed reading the book that you have legislation today that is dealing with background checks, something that we are also looking at, something that many Grand Lodges have in place already. I heard a study from I believe it was the Grand Lodge of Florida when they implemented their background checks, eighteen percent of the petitioners that had put down on their petitions that they had no felony convictions actually had felony convictions. When some of them were asked why they didn’t list them, they said, “Well, we didn’t think you were really gonna check.” I think it’s time, in this day and age, brothers, that is an essential thing that every Grand Lodge needs to implement and I applaud you for your efforts. We will be following soon, I hope.

I would also like to relay one other quick story, if I may. As Grand Master, you get to travel around, you get to see a lot of things, and you get to experience a lot of things, and towards the end of your year you get to thinking that you’ve seen and heard everything, and I can guarantee you that last weekend this Grand Master saw something and experienced something that I haven’t ever experienced before and I hope I don’t get to experience again, but it was a good experience. Some of my brothers from Overland, Kansas called me. We have a brother that is currently ill in a hospital. He has taken his first degree, and proved up on his first degree, but it doesn’t look hopeful that he’s going to get out of the hospital. He had a very burning desire to become a Mason, and these brothers relayed that story to me. Subsequently, we went to his bedside in the hospital, and gave him the second and third degree obligations, of which he affirmed, with some difficulty, but he did affirm those obligations. The part of that I want to relay to you is while you’re Master Councilor of DeMolay mentioned that he took his Master Mason degree two weeks ago and has proved up since, I have no doubt that this brother will prove up in his lodge, should he exit that hospital. I also have no doubt that if he doesn’t, he will prove up in another way. When I called his family back into the hospital room, we discussed some things, we presented him with this lambskin and his dues card, and if I ever had any doubt that he didn’t understand what was going on, it was put to rest right there. Because when he broke down in tears and cried like a baby, I knew that he understood exactly what happened and exactly the position that he was in right there. Now, Brothers, that’s what Masonry is about, and I hope each of you in some way or another get to experience that heartfelt Masonic love for each other.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the opportunity to speak. I do have to admit that R.:W.: Don and I tried to follow along on the third degree

obligation the best we could. That seems to have changed a little bit coming through the borders someplace, but we got the hint. Thank you very much.”



Grand Master thanked M.:W.: Bloom for his remarks. He also pointed out that the derby he was wearing was on loan to him from the Worshipful Brother from Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and he assured him that it was the correct headdress for the common man in the late 1800’s, and somehow it seemed fitting that he wear it.

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

The visiting brethren were escorted to the front and introduced by Grand Senior Deacon Joe McBride.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

- Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr. Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Supreme Council for Nebraska
- Curt Edic.....General Secretary, Omaha
- Gene Gatti.....General Secretary, Alliance

Grand York Rite of Nebraska

- Steven R. Barchus.....Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- Theodore J. JohnsonGrand Scribe
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- Anthony T. “AJ” Johnson.....Grand Lecturer
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
and Conductor of the Work, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska
- David A. Shaw.....Grand Master of the Third Veil
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- Paul D. Rutherford.....Grand Sentinel
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- Bruce T. Anderson.....Grand Secretary/Recorder

Red Cross of Constantine

- James F. Brown, Jr.Intendant General for Nebraska

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

- Gary L. Kruse Potentate, Tehama
- Charles Haskell..... Assistant Rabban, Tehama
- Greg Hadcock.....Potentate, Tangier
- Daryl Finley.....Assistant Rabban, Tangier
- Gary Unger High Priest and Prophet, Tangier
- Don S. Larson.....Recorder, Tangier
- James B. Parks, Sr. Treasurer and Past Potentate, Tangier
- Michael A. Buchardt.....Potentate, Sesostris
- Ron Cervený.....Chief Rabban, Sesostris

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Iowa

- David G. Krogh Potentate, Abu Bekr

National Sojourners, Inc.

- Carl Diamond National Sentinel, Heroes of ‘76
- Charles Folsom Past National President/Past National Commander
- Frederick B. Vihovde Past National President and
Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota (late arrival)

M.:W.:B.: Baker made the comment that he appreciated everyone’s attendance at the session, and asked the brethren to welcome the leaders of the appendant bodies.

M.:W.:B.: Baker asked Charles Sederstrom, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council for Nebraska, to bring greetings on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies.

“Most Worshipful Brother Bruce and Brethren, it gives me a great deal of pleasure and a great honor to be here on behalf of all of the appendant bodies and to thank all of you for being here today. I’d like to extend my thanks to Worshipful Brother Bruce for the wonderful job he’s done this year, along with his entire line, and I’d like to, on a personal note, and on behalf of all of my brothers in the appendant bodies, tell you that there is nothing that is more proud for us than to meet our brothers in a function like this. To be able to spend time with all of you yesterday and today has been wonderful. And I can tell you that it is so great to see men that we’re all proud of, men that are all ethical and great brothers. Thank you so much for all you do for the organization and thank you Brother Bruce for all you’ve done this last year.”



M.:W.: Bruce Baker asked M.:W.: Lanny Sander of the Masonic Service Association to come to the podium to bring an update on the activities of MSA. He also presented Grand Master Baker with a framed certificate of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association in appreciation of all that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska did for MSA in 2011.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT FOR GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Baker declared the next order of business would be the election of the 2012 Grand Lodge Officers.

“Brethren, before declaring the ballot open, I will address a couple of items for clarification. We will be voting on the five elected offices individually, starting with Grand Master. Because of the unusual circumstances of this year’s election, I will briefly address the reason for the names being printed on the ballots and the color coding. The name listed on each office represents the traditional advancing line that is the officer who would traditionally stand for election to that office listed. Having been placed in the Grand Master’s position a bit earlier, a year nearly, than I expected, I cannot overstate the value of this seasoning process that is provided with this non-official advancing line.

The color coding should assist the tellers in ensuring an accurate election. You must choose only one of the voting options on your ballot, which was included in the packet you received at registration, by either selecting the officer listed by using the check box or filling in the name of the officer for which you’re voting on the provided line. If both options are used, your ballot will be considered spoiled or a void ballot and will not be counted. We will not vote on the next

office, and I cannot stress this enough Brethren, we're going to elect one office at a time. We will not vote on the next office until we have an election of the office being considered. Nominations are not required for a write-in candidate, however, I would invite any brother that wishes to be considered as a write-in candidate to come to the microphone to make that declaration and take a couple of minutes to state his name, lodge and qualifications. Brethren, this does not necessarily need to be done, but I welcome that.

A couple of other items for clarification – to be considered for an elected Grand Lodge Office, the brother must have served as a Master of a lodge. You must vote on the colored ballots only. That's all that will be considered, Brethren. The ballots will be deposited with the Deputy Grand Custodians at the back of the room. When you have marked your ballot, you will need to take your voting card and your ballot to be deposited in the back of the room, the two corners. If you have more than one vote, you must display that number of votes that you have with proxy votes in addition to your own vote. Brethren, while this process may require a little additional time to complete, I believe it's the fairest and simplest way to accomplish the election of the 2012 Grand Lodge officers while assuring the wishes of the Craft are achieved. The floor is now open to any who would care to declare their desire to be considered a candidate for the office of Grand Master."

A brother approached the microphone to speak:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, John VerMaas, Hickman Lodge No. 256, I would like to be considered to say a few words for the position of Grand Master of Nebraska."

Grand Master Baker asked him to please proceed.

"I'd like to take a couple minutes to introduce myself, my business background and my Masonic lodge background. I have a 52-year based building company in Lincoln, Nebraska. I've been past National Homebuilders Association serving as a director on a local level, and president at the national level. We primarily focus VerMaas Construction managing over 110 federal buildings in 12 states. We were one of the first United States green builders counsel, accredited green builders, and we have employees that are league certified and accredited professionals. I am a proud member of the Eastridge Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. I would like to say in my career of building, I've made a habit to, with the buildings that we could, have cornerstones on these buildings. I have worked with the Grand Lodges in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, having cornerstones.

I've been a Past Master of Hickman Masonic Lodge No. 256 on two different occasions. I was raised a Master Mason in 1959. I have belonged for over 50 years, 52 to be exact. As Master of my lodge in 1966 and 1971, I've been a Scottish Rite Mason, 32nd degree, since 1962. I was Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite. I hold an honorary 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite. I've been a member of the York Rite since 1979. I received the Red Cross of Constantine. I've been a member of Sesostri Shrine Temple since 1963, a member of the Cushman Motor Corps Unit in 1963 to 1971. I was a founder and a current member of the Harley 74's since 1971. I was president of the Central States Motor Corps Association in 1975. I've been a member of the

Kachina Club. I was a member of the Appropriations Committee of the Grand Lodge for 25 years. I have a gold ribbon for special recognition for membership. I know that I've signed over 50 Masonic lodge petitions. I have over 65 Shrine petitions, the most for our Shrine temple.

I was appointed to the Sesostris Shrine Divan in 1978. I was potentate of Sesostris Shrine Temple in 1984. I was a member of the Board of Governors of the Shrine Twin Cities Hospital. I was elected to Imperial Outer Guard of Shrine North America at the Imperial Session in Los Angeles in 1986. I was Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America in 1996-97. I was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Colorado Corporation, which is our hospitals, from 1997 to 2004. I was voted Chairman Emeritus of Shriners Hospitals for Children at the Imperial Session in 2009. I'm a life member of Hickman Lodge No. 256, a life member of Scottish Rite, a life member of Sesostris Temple. I'm a member of the Sojourners, Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp. I'd just like to say I'd like to bring integrity, dealings with Masonic lodges and restore trust back to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Grand Master, one of his primary duties is leadership, and I have provided a lot of leadership to the Masonic Craft and in my business. So with that I would ask you would consider voting for me for Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Thank you very much."

Grand Master Baker thanked Brother VerMaas for his remarks and asked if there were any other brethren who cared to step forward. He reminded everyone that a brother does not have to step forward to be considered for the position as a write-in candidate. R.: W.: Brother Rex Moats approached the microphone, and the Grand Master invited him to speak.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters and Brethren all, my name is Rex Moats and I've had the honor and privilege to serve as the Nebraska Grand Senior Warden in 2011-2012. Prior to this year, I served as the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Senior Deacon and was appointed Grand Junior Deacon by Past Grand Master Reginald Kuhn. I served as Worshipful Master of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn in 2006-2007. My wife Diane and I currently serve as the Worthy Matron and Patron of Luna Chapter No. 169, Order of the Eastern Star in Elkhorn. I'm a member of Tangier Shrine, the Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite, York Rite Bodies, as well as the Sojourners. My wife Diane and I have been married 25 years. We have four children, ages 15, 13, 10 and 7, and I'm proud to report that the 15 year old is a Rainbow Girl at the Elkhorn Assembly. If elected as Grand Master, I look forward to continuing to moving Nebraska Masonry forward in a positive and productive way. I'm excited for the opportunity to continue to serve the Craft, and would appreciate your vote. Thank you."

Grand Master Baker thanked Right Worshipful Brother Moats for his comments and declared the ballot open. He announced to the brethren that the current vote would be for Grand Master only, and directed all who were voting to deposit their ballots at the back with the tellers.

After it appeared all who were entitled had balloted, the Grand Master inquired three times, "Have all balloted who are entitled to do so?" He then declared the ballot for the office of Grand Master closed.



Most Worshipful Baker invited M.:W.: Frederick Wisdom, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to come forward and bring greetings.

“To the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bruce Baker, Past Grand Masters, to the brothers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, visiting dignitaries, good morning. On behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its members, we are thrilled to be seated here in your jurisdiction today. We have been treated, Most Worshipful Sir, with all the kind respects and dignity that has always come from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and we thank you. For 21 years, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska have melded themselves together, bringing brothers together in unity. Oh how good and pleasant it is to be in this state. From Past Grand Master Charlie Amidon of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and from Norman C. Hall and Edward Medlin from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, who started this tradition so long ago, we cannot say anything but thank you, thank you, thank you, because with that we have moved forward and we just hope that throughout the jurisdictions in this great land that it will continue to spread and that Masonry will no longer be separated, but will be together.

We thank you for your outstanding support in the Children’s CHIP program because without you we would not have started that years ago, and to this date in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Omaha, Nebraska, we have come forward and identified children so that if they somehow disappear we can find them, so thank you, once again, Most Worshipful Sir for that. The Change for the Troops Program was brought to our Masonic Hall by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John Parsons, and every year Worshipful Brother Russell Hobson ensures that we get that can moved around and I thank him for that and I thank you for allowing us to be a part of that, because our troops, as a veteran myself, are our responsibility to make sure we take care of them. To have a lodge in Afghanistan, that is fantastic, and I can’t say anything more to that except keep moving forward; keep moving forward, Nebraska; keep moving forward, Nebraska, and once again, thank you, Most Worshipful Sir.”

Grand Master Baker thanked Grand Master Wisdom for his comments and expressed his appreciation for attendance by the officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.



M.:W.: Baker invited Grand Master Karl Hinkle to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

“Good morning Brethren. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Brethren and dear friends all, I bring you greetings from the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. This is my first time at the grand session, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I’ve wanted to come for a number of years, but for those of you who are familiar with our Past Grand Master Brian Cotter, you’ll understand that he pulled rank on me, and so I’ve been unable to attend until this year. Some interesting things that are going on in the Grand Lodge of Colorado, briefly that I want to relate to you. We have developed a perspective among a lot of brethren in Colorado that for a number of years we haven’t paid as much attention as we should to what

happens within the tiled recesses of the lodge. We're discovering that men who are coming to the fraternity in Colorado at least, and I suspect it's true around the world, that these men, regardless of their chronological age, are keenly interested in the esoteric side of Freemasonry, meaning the symbols and the philosophy of the Craft. And so we've embarked on a program of Masonic education in the state of Colorado that perhaps has a little bit different twist than what many might be accustomed to.

Some of you probably heard a speaker by the name of Cliff Porter; some of you may own his book. He is my chairman of Masonic Education for the Grand Lodge for this year, so we are developing a series of volumes, Masonic Education volumes that contain articles of interest written by Masonic authors from around the country. The topics and the materials run the gamut from the meaning of the initiatic experience to kabbalah, to gnosticism, to alchemy to hermeticism, and a whole host of other projects. Our brethren in our constituent lodges told us that they would love to start discussions and programs of interest to their brethren, but they didn't know where to start and they didn't feel like they had the materials with which to develop their own lodge programs, and so that's what we're providing them in the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Our hope is that these introductory materials, and there will be a series of at least three volumes coming out this year, our hope is that these materials will assist the brethren of our constituent lodges then to begin their own studies and begin their own programs within their own lodges, so that when a man knocks on the door of the lodge and says 'Hey, I read this stuff about you guys,' we're prepared to deliver it to them.

Now you might be asking yourself how a Grand Master who's been a Mason for 20 years has become such a rabble-rouser among the Craft. I had a pretty good start. When I became a Mason, the brother who conducted me on all three degrees was then a Past Grand Master. And one of the other brethren of the lodge, a Past Master of that lodge at that time, who participated in the work, would later become a Grand Master. And yet another brother who participated in the work was at that time a Grand Lodge Officer and would himself later become a Grand Master. And brethren, that work that was done was so meaningful and so beautiful to me the underlying meanings of our symbols and our philosophy were so imbued in me at that time that I set out on a quest to learn everything I could about those symbols and that philosophy and the esoteric secrets of the Craft.

The Past Grand Master who conducted me because he said he just loved conducting on the degrees more than anything he'd ever done in the Craft was Charles Amidon. And the Past Master of the Lodge who would later become a Grand Master was Ivan Vrtiska. And the Grand Lodge Officer who would also of course later become a Grand Master was Phil Lorenzen. And that lodge was Shiloh 327 in Omaha. My job took me to Colorado Springs, which is where I grew up, less than six months after I was raised and so I never got to return the favor those brethren and the other brethren of Shiloh 327 did for me over those few months. And so I'm here today, most importantly, to bring my gratitude back to Nebraska. I've always felt like I am, at heart, a Nebraska Mason. Don't tell the guys in Colorado I said that. But this is where my Masonic journey started and this is where my love for the Craft began, and so brethren today most importantly I want to thank you, my Nebraska brethren, for helping me build

such a solid foundation without which I would not be standing before you today. Brethren, I wish you a successful session. I think we'll be spending perhaps a little more time than we previously planned here together given the weather. I don't really relish the thought of heading west on I-80 right about now. But brethren, again, thank you very much and it's always a pleasure to be here with my brethren.

Grand Master Baker thanked M.: W.: Hinkle for his greetings.



Most Worshipful Baker asked Grand Master Jerry Levay to come forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

“Brethren, I bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, kind of your sister Grand Lodge across the river. Where I'm from in Sioux City we work very closely with the lodge in South Sioux City. We're all members of the same Scottish Rite Temple, and it's great. They get to come over to Iowa and see how it's really supposed to be done. We've got to take these jabs at one another, you know. I'm very glad to be here this year. Brother Karl went into some things. I got involved in Masonry, exposed to Masonry let's say, at a very early age. I was a member of the Order of DeMolay in Sioux City, and I was so impressed by the men that I met there, and it affected me greatly, that when I had the opportunity to become a Mason I was very happy to do that. My father was a Mason. My father actually joined because his son was Master Councilor of the DeMolay Chapter and he couldn't go see what he was doing. So my dad became a Mason, and was a very proud Mason after that.

In Iowa, we are also, and I'm going to poke a little fun at Brother Parsons over there, having been here last year, I heard about the program that he has for the troops and that was an idea I'd had long before that, and he stole it from me, so that's what I was going to do this year in Iowa. I got everything laid out to supply phone cards to our deploying troops and when I finally got things ready to go, I went out on the National Guard website and found that most of those troops were back in Iowa. My initial thought was, 'Well, there goes my program,' and then I thought, 'what better way to lose it?' So we've changed things in Iowa. We're still collecting money from the lodges and through some other things and now what we're going to do is we're going to identify those military families and families of veterans who have some needs that aren't being met. I was severely dismayed in talking to my older brother, who is a Colonel in the Air Force, that an injured soldier who may be hospitalized miles away from his home, there's no help for that family to make the travel there to visit him. And we had a soldier in Iowa give his life in service and was eligible to be buried in Arlington and his family was responsible for the cost of moving his remains from his home of record to Arlington to be buried, and I thought that's just not right. So what we're going to do with the money we collect this year is seek out those families and help them with whatever expenses they may need. So far, we were fortunate enough to help a family come home from Germany. The father was serving in Afghanistan and he had a chance for some leave, but they didn't have enough money to get the whole family home for Christmas, so we helped with that and put them over the top so that that family could come home for Christmas, and we had a chance to help one other family.

So we're going to search out those families and we're going to provide them with whatever help we can as our way of saying thanks to those who serve our country selflessly. And realistically, they give us the ability to meet in this public room as Masons without fear of retaliation from our government. We all know that in a totalitarian government or a tyrannical government this would not happen. We would be meeting in secret, possibly under penalty of death if we were found out. So what better group of people to support than those who give us the freedom to meet freely as Masons and to have all of the other freedoms that this great country has.

I'm glad to hear the brother from Prince Hall. Iowa finally made the move here. About 12 years ago we recognized Prince Hall and it's been a great association ever since. I could never quite understand, even being a young kid in DeMolay, how this really good friend of mine who happened to have darker skin than I did, could not join DeMolay, and I thought this just doesn't sound like what they've been teaching me. So I'm glad to see that we're realizing that Masons are Masons and that comes from the heart and not from the outer surface. So, Grand Master, I wish you a great grand session and I thank you for putting me on the spot up here today. There will be some penalties."

Most Worshipful Baker thanked Most Worshipful Brother Levay for his remarks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT FOR GRAND MASTER

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass presented the report of the balloting for the Grand Master, stating that there were a total of 268 votes cast among seven different names, with the following brothers receiving the top two number of votes:

John VerMaas	69
Rex Moats.....	183

The election was deemed proper. The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from R.:W.: Rex Moats on his election as Grand Master. Right Worshipful Moats accepted and expressed his humble appreciation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER/GRAND MASTER-ELECT

Grand Master Baker indicated that he would like to get through the election of the Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect before calling from labor to refreshment. He invited anyone who wanted to declare their intention as a write-in candidate to approach the microphone to give their qualifications. He additionally noted that it was not required to come forward to make the declaration to be a write-in candidate.

A brother approached the microphone to speak:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, your humble servant Doug Johnson, Secretary of College View Lodge No. 320, I wish to place a nomination in the name of Scott Krieger, Sr., who I think is too humble to put himself there. I wish to have consideration given to him."

Grand Master Baker thanked the brother for coming to the microphone, and again, reminded the brethren that nominations were not necessary, and anyone that has served as a Master in Nebraska is qualified to be considered for an elected office. With no further

comments, Most Worshipful Baker declared the ballot for Deputy Grand Master open, and asked that all ballots be marked and deposited with the tellers at the back.

After it appeared all who were entitled had balloted, the Grand Master inquired three times, "Have all balloted who are entitled to do so?" He then declared the ballot for the office of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect closed.



While waiting for the ballots to be counted, Grand Master Baker went over details of the afternoon workshops on lodge leadership, membership sustaining committees and investigating committees.



Most Worshipful Bruce Baker invited Past Grand Master John Mangen to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Montana.

"Greetings everyone from the state of Montana. I bring you greetings from our Grand Master Will Alexander. You know, Susie told me yesterday, as most of you know, Susie's a school teacher and she said you're the little Johnny they tell the stories about in school. The Grand Master sent Bruce a pair of working gloves that he can work on the railroad and I was talking to Bruce the other day and his stories of steam travel are really interesting. He's really not that old. Anyway, I've got to tell you, brothers, I feel a lot like Elizabeth Taylor's seventh husband on their wedding night. I know what to do, I'm just sure I can make it very interesting. (laughter) I know most of you, especially, the progressive line in Montana is 13 years and I know you guys expect some profound words of wisdom from a man who's put in that much time, and I'm sorry to disappoint you. But there is one piece of wisdom I'd like you all to maybe try out and it's a test to find out who loves you more, your dog or your wife. And to find this out, what you do is you lock them both in the trunk of the car and go back in an hour and see which one's glad to see you. (laughter) Thank you very much, brethren, thank you all."

Grand Master Baker thanked Past Grand Master Mangen and commented that "One of the great things about being afforded the opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge is being able to travel and meet characters like Most Worshipful John. You need to meet his wife Mary Alice. They're just like polar opposites. So, thank you, John."



Most Worshipful Bruce Baker asked Worshipful Brother Skip Pounds, Personal Representative of the Grand Master, to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master Bruce, distinguished Grand Officers and distinguished brethren and friends, I bring you greetings first of all from the silver state, as you heard last night, Nevada. And it is Ne-va-da, not Ne-vaaaaa-da. We get kind of sensitive about that. Nevada is not really a large Masonic state. We, like everybody else, struggle for membership. We have Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow. I'm going to comment about one of the neglected parts of Masonry, the unseen, the unheard support of our Masonic fraternity. It is our strength and our refuge. It is called our living Masonic widows. How many of you, my brothers, are here because your wife, your mother, your daughters encouraged you to become an active Mason? How many

of you are here because a Mason’s wife, mother or daughter says ‘Oh don’t go.’ Yes, my brothers, they are a support of our fraternity. They are our strengths. And the other thing is, I made this comment at lodge in Hastings last night when I was there because that is home. Yes, folks, Nevada is home. I have to apply for a visa every year I come back here. I don’t know why. We were talking about the Job’s Daughters and having brothers attend, and not just the Job’s Daughters Bethels. It is the Rainbow Assemblies and the DeMolay Chapters. They need our support. They are, frankly, our daughters and sons. How well can you or do you tell your own daughter and son, ‘I don’t have time.’ That is what we oftentimes tell ourselves. My brothers, they are our future. They are our destiny, and without them, where will we go? Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you very much, thank you brothers for your hospitality and tolerance of my return.”

Grand Master Baker thanked W.:B.: Pounds for his attendance at the session, and for his remarks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER/GRAND MASTER-ELECT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass presented the report of the balloting for the Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, stating that there were a total of 269 votes cast among seven different names, with the following brothers receiving the top two number of votes:

Scott Krieger.....	50
Thomas Hauder.....	196

The election was deemed proper. The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from R.:W.: Tom Hauder on his election as Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect. Right Worshipful Hauder accepted and expressed his appreciation.



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene following the workshops at 3:00 p.m.

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Most Worshipful Bruce A. Baker
Grand Master

Afternoon Session
Friday, February 3, 2012
3:00 p.m.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife invoked the blessing of Deity.

M.:W.: Ken Beebe, acting as Deputy Grand Master, called the 155th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012.



M.:W.: Bruce Baker welcomed the brothers back to the session and made a few announcements. He informed the brethren that a three-part appeal had been filed with the Grand Secretary concerning a trial commission, the resulting verdict and sentence, and the subsequent appeal of that verdict and sentence. Grand Master further indicated that he referred the matter to the Jurisprudence Committee for their counsel and that it would be covered Saturday morning before the session is closed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

Grand Master Baker reminded the brethren of the voting procedures that would be followed for the election of officers and invited anyone who wanted to declare their intention as a write-in candidate for the position of Grand Senior Warden to approach the microphone to give their qualifications. He additionally noted that it was not required to come forward to make the declaration to be a write-in candidate.

A brother approached the microphone to speak:

“Most Worshipful Brother, Worshipful, Worshipful Grand Master, well, I’m a little bit out of my element here, but it’s been a long time since I’ve come to Grand Lodge where we were able to write in names, so you can tell it’s been a long time for me. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Scott Dodge, and that’s spelled D-o-d-g-e, just like the car. I am a Past Master of Cotner Lodge No. 297, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, of which I’m currently the secretary, and I’m also a member of Bennett Lodge No. 94 in Lincoln Nebraska. I’m offering up my name as a candidate. I have been, why, as I said, Past Master of Cotner Lodge and while being Past Master, that was the first, while being Master, that was the first time the lodge ever won the Rock Maul Award. And since that time they’ve won it multiple years since, which, to the delegates from Cotner Lodge, congratulations guys, I’m proud of you for all those years. I followed Russ, Most Worshipful Brother Russ Reno, that’s a tough act to follow. He was Master right before me. So I’ve had some experience with, with leadership having to follow him. I was asked to come over to East Lincoln Lodge 210 by Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Rittenburg before his death to offer myself up as Secretary over there to fix some problems that they had with that lodge, of which I’m glad to say that that lodge is now, is starting to turn around and growing in membership and interest as well. And by the same token, I was also asked to come over to Bennett Lodge 94 to help with that lodge. I’m also a member of the Scottish Rite, of which I’m also a Past Venerable Master of the Lincoln Valley Orient of Nebraska, and also a KCCH. Gentlemen, for those who don’t know me, again, I’m Scott Dodge, and I appreciate your vote. Thank you guys.”

Grand Master Baker thanked the brother for coming to the microphone, and asked if there were any other brothers who wished to declare themselves as a write-in candidate. There being none, Most Worshipful Baker declared the ballot open for balloting on the position of Grand Senior Warden, reminding the brethren to mark their ballots and deposit them with the tellers at the back.

After it appeared all who were entitled had balloted, the Grand Master inquired three times, “Have all balloted who are entitled to do so?” He then declared the ballot for the office of Grand Senior Warden closed.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

K. Roger Dill, Chairman

Once again we had an outstanding year at the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. 266 students from 91 different high schools attended the camp. This was the 17th year of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band and our largest band ever. The camp was very early because of the Shrine Bowl date and will be early again in 2012. Even with the

larger number of students, we had no problems because the band directors who nominate the students send us their very best. Their way is paid for by scholarships provided by Masonic Lodges throughout the state, Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine organizations, individual members and other donors. Again this year DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbows donated the water bottles. This is a great way to introduce these fine organizations to the students as their logos are on the bottles.

Every year we try to improve the camp and this year we played a concert on Friday night at the SouthPointe Pavilions in Lincoln. We were very well received and were invited back to play again. The students enjoyed this venue and the barbeque meal afterward. This year we were the only activity on campus at UNL and everyone enjoyed the lack of long lines for meals. Our schedule is a hectic one of rehearsals, activities and lack of sleep. However, we have very few complaints and almost everyone who attends the camp wants to return. I think this is a reflection on how well the camp is run and how well it is organized.

The clothing line for our students and the items we provide are starting to show up more and more. As I travel around to different high schools, I see Masonic Band back-packs, sweat shirts and t-shirts being worn by students who attended our camp. The clothing line is on the Grand Lodge web site and is available to everyone. There are also many pictures of our students and activities on the site.

As chairman of this committee, I would like to thank the committee members, the staff of the Grand Lodge, the band directors and the chaperones who make my job very easy. We are always looking for more chaperones. I promise to try and not overwork the people who volunteer their time and talent to help us with band camp.

Michelle Fulmer deserves a big thank you from all of us. Without her this program would not happen. The Band Camp does as much as any other activity in promoting Masonry and Masonic values to not only the students but also the parents, friends and relatives of the students. We receive many thank you’s from all who attend and see the results of a week of hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
K. Roger Dill, 310, Chairman
Joseph A. Chapman, 21
Jennie Danner
Donald G. Havekost, 132 & 72
Dennis E. Rix, 15
Robert Rolfs, 102
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 198 & 38
Jan Thoman, OES

W.:B.: Roger Dill made a few brief comments, noting the need for chaperones and thanking the lodges, chapters and appendant bodies for scholarships provided, and then moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



Most Worshipful Baker invited Doug McFarland, Junior Grand Warden from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, to come forward and bring greetings.

“My Brothers, I wasn’t prepared for this, I thought that our Deputy Grand Master would be back and I know they’re onsite someplace. The Senior Grand

Warden came with me. In fact, he drove me, so he better not have taken off. It's been a great pleasure to be at the grand communication here in Nebraska. I've met many of you at the Grand York Rite Session in Columbus over the years and it's really great to see old friends again and make new ones, and I bring greetings from Grand Master Richard Decker. He had to leave early as his mother-in-law has some health issues, so he had to take off after this morning's opening session. But I bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and the Masons of South Dakota. Thank you."

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Michael E. Jones, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation held its annual meeting Thursday, February 2. The stated purpose of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation being education and the ongoing development of the Masonic Library and Museum was affirmed. A concerted effort to inventory and appraise the numerous and in many cases unique items of the museum will convene in 2012. This effort will be conducted by a special committee of the Foundation in conjunction with assistance by the Grand Lodge. We see the value of the collection consisting of unique, special and historic artifacts as a stimulus to encourage our Nebraska Masons to remember the Foundation in their financial planning and their giving. We envision a day when the entire collection is displayed and maintained in a state of the art facility for all visitors to see and appreciate. This vision will require funding. When the vision is changed to reality, the legacy of our fraternity, as exemplified by these artifacts, will make all Masons very proud. We'll be anxious to share with you a list of the artifacts. We'll get those printed and hopefully distributed through the Nebraska Mason.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, President

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Change; Change; Change! Change is inevitable. However speaking as Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work, might I pose that it may be possible that change is not always good. Perhaps the idea of "change" is over-used, politically, economically, as to foreign relations, as to morality, as to marriage and family values – in short as to most everything we come into contact with in our daily lives. Too often the suggestion of change seems a good idea that on down the pathway morphs into an empty concept with no defined goals. Perhaps too often we measure success of any venture or activity as "we made changes—thus we succeeded." Changing to simply put one's mark on an activity may be a false sense of accomplishment. Is it possible that the expression "we have always done it that way" still has merit? The ideals, lessons and symbolism expressed in the ritual of Freemasonry are timeless. Morality is morality, level is level, plumb is plumb, square is square. There are no grey areas in Masonry.

The charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work includes assistance to the Grand Custodian in his efforts of oversight to see that the ritual is precise, well presented, and that it is not perverted or subjected to wholesale change to fit the whims of self-appointed champions of a new cause. Thus change in the ritual ought to be slow and carefully amended only as absolutely necessary and only after very cautious review.

But change in one area seems desirable—not in the content of the ritual, but in the manner in which it is delivered. First impressions are important. Most Worshipful Scott Krieger is an outstanding ritualist. He is a perfectionist in his delivery and his floor work. He is demanding of himself and demanding of our great contingent of dedicated Deputy Custodians. They spend countless hours aiding all of us in our proficiency and delivery of the work. The change needed, in the opinion of your Chairman of Nebraska Work, is simply to encourage every one of us as Masons to be more demanding of ourselves in the manner in which we deliver the message in our ceremonies. We cannot all be like Scott Krieger in our ability to memorize and deliver, but each of us can hone our skills a bit more. It starts with practice which results in confidence, followed by improved proficiency. First impressions are important; the message of the ritual and its language is beautiful. But that message and its carefully crafted expression is lost if we leave a mediocre impression on the candidate. We do not have multiple chances to impress.

Ritual is a key component of that which separates us from other organizations. Masonic Ritual remains important. It is the bonding agent for many of us, with the lessons contained therein demanding of Masons a higher standard of self-imposed conduct. Masons are not confined only to civil or governmental law, every Mason's conduct is first governed by one's heart with his first responsibility to God and secondly to his brother, Masonic or not. The lessons are timeless, demanding, and just as applicable today as when first understood and stated. Ritual and lectures are not just words to be memorized and uttered back to the candidate, they are to be understood and applied as a guide to a Mason's daily life. The manner in which ritual is performed is the basis of a new Mason's view of our Fraternity and its seriousness. If we don't undertake ritual seriously, our candidates will certainly not take the meaning seriously.

Quality of work is a matter of pride – if your lodge does not feel comfortable in the ritual, there are many brothers in other lodges who are willing to help, not in a condescending manner but quietly and graciously. The Grand Custodian and Deputy Custodians are always ready to suggest names of others in your area to help in the ritual. The support and encouragement of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Baker and each of the Grand Lodge Officers is appreciated. Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian has endeavored to provide incentive and encouragement to each subordinate lodge and its officers. Your Committee appreciates the efforts of the officers and members of subordinate lodges willing to take the time to learn the ritual, including lectures and to deliver them with feeling and understanding, enabling the new candidate to better appreciate the beauty and profound content of the Masonic degrees.

W.:B.: Jerry Verbeek's efforts resulted in updates to the Book of Ceremonies. We have identified the inadvertent errors in the cipher which will be corrected in the next printing. Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work attended and participated in the annual Deputy Custodians' School in Hastings in September. The efforts of the Deputy Custodians and their apprentices are acknowledged and applauded. Committee members also attended and participated in the Grand Custodian's schools of instruction held throughout the State. The schools of instruction are a great fellowship opportunity as well as a learning opportunity. Masters are encouraged to find ways to increase attendance—it is good to have several members of each lodge in attendance.

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

Date	Host Lodge	Location	Number of Candidates
January 29, 2011	Florence 281	Omaha	16
April 9, 2011	George W Lininger 268	Omaha	17
May 7, 2011	Rob Morris 46	Kearney	5
July 16, 2011	Springfield 112	Springfield	15
October 15, 2011	Bellevue 325	Bellevue	10

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

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327 & 1, Chairman
Roger A. Deininger, 317
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15

M.:W.:B.: Phil Lorenzen encouraged those in attendance to work on their own proficiency, expressed appreciation for the service of Most Worshipful Brother Scott Krieger and the Deputy Grand Custodians, and moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT FOR GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass presented the report of the balloting for the Grand Senior Warden, stating that there were a total of 229 votes cast with Joseph D. McBride receiving 207 votes. The election was deemed proper.

The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from R.:W.: Joe McBride on his election as Grand Senior Warden. Right Worshipful McBride accepted and expressed his appreciation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

Grand Master Baker invited anyone who wanted to declare their intention as a write-in candidate for the position of Grand Junior Warden to approach the microphone to give their qualifications. He additionally noted that it was not required to come forward to make the declaration to be a write-in candidate. There being no brothers to come forward, Most Worshipful Baker declared the ballot open for balloting on the position of Grand Junior Warden, reminding the brethren to mark their ballots and deposit them with the tellers at the back.

After it appeared all who were entitled had balloted, the Grand Master inquired three times, "Have all balloted who are entitled to do so?" He then declared the ballot for the office of Grand Junior Warden closed.



Most Worshipful Baker invited R.:W.: Clarence Vranish, Deputy Grand Master, to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

"Thank you. You know, this is kind of a, I don't know, I'm trying to figure out what kind of an opportunity this is because I didn't want to be the last thing between you and lunch, and that was a fantastic lunch we had here, and I don't want to put you to sleep either. I bring you greetings from our Grand Master Allan Pierce from Wyoming, and one of the things that we're real proud of is that on July 4, 1862, the first recorded meeting and tyled meeting was held on Independence Rock on the Oregon Trail. We're having the Sesquicentennial Re-enactment of that this year. The unique thing is we have the original bible from that meeting and the square and compass were cut out of a piece of cardboard and we also have the original square and compasses. Now, we're going to do this on July 6, 7 and 8. It will be a dry camp. We'll have a lot of fun, have some meals there, and there's a place to park out there. Independence Rock is halfway between Casper and Rawlins. It's a great time. We did it two years ago. We normally have the re-enactment every ten years on the years ending with zero, but this is the sesquicentennial, so we're going to have a special celebration this year. We have people come over, come round from all over the states and it's a really, really great time. So if you're interested, get ahold of your secretary and I'm sure he'll fix you right up.

I tell you, Wyoming originally started, when the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was formed, it was formed with four lodges. Two of them had a charter from Nebraska and two of them were chartered from Colorado. Of all the rituals I've seen, Nebraska is the closest to our ritual. So if guys want to come to Wyoming, we'll let you polish up on your ritual. And I say that tongue in cheek because you guys do an excellent, outstanding job of your ritual and I'm very, very pleased with it and very happy. The one thing I would like to share with you, and it's gonna be the message my year, which is we need to be proud that we're Masons. When I was a little feller, I went to Sunday school, we had songs about don't hide your light under a bushel basket. And as Masons I think we tend to do that. We tend to be so secretive about who we are. And so, I can't wear any rings because rings do nasty things to my fingers, but I always wear a hat, a baseball cap, with a square and compass on it, or I have a shirt and it says Wyoming Masons, and I wear that when I go out a lot, and you would be surprised, very seldom do I never receive a comment. There's always someone about 'Oh, my dad was a Mason,' or we get to talking about it or they would ask me questions. I was in Cabela's and one of the clerks there was a Mason from the local lodge there and we got to talking. So I would encourage every one of you to be proud that you're a Mason and be proud of your square and compasses and let our light shine without the world. It's been a pleasure to be here. This is my first time to Nebraska and it's been a wonderful, wonderful time, and I want to thank you for your hospitality and warmth and it's a great time. Thank you and good luck to you, Bruce."

Most Worshipful Baker thanked Right Worshipful Vranish for his remarks.

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

M.:W.:B.: Baker announced that all lodges that achieved a net increase in membership would receive a certificate for their accomplishments. The percentage of growth is calculated with new raisings, reinstatements and deaths, and does not include affiliations and demits. He read the following lodges that earned the award and asked that one representative of each come forward to receive the certificate.

Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler
Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Fairbury
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse
Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill
Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water
Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine

Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon
Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River
Seneca Lodge No. 284, Thedford
Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT FOR GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass presented the report of the balloting for the Grand Junior Warden, stating that there were a total of 227 votes cast with John T. Maxell receiving 217 votes. The election was deemed proper.

The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from W.:B.: John Maxell on his election as Grand Junior Warden. Right Worshipful Maxell accepted and expressed his appreciation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT FOR GRAND SECRETARY

Grand Master Baker invited anyone who wanted to declare their intention as a write-in candidate for the position of Grand Secretary to approach the microphone to give their qualifications. He additionally noted that it was not required to come forward to make the declaration to be a write-in candidate. There being no brothers to come forward, Most Worshipful Baker declared the ballot open for balloting on the position of Grand Secretary, reminding the brethren to mark their ballots and deposit them with the tellers at the back.

After it appeared all who were entitled had balloted, the Grand Master inquired three times, "Have all balloted who are entitled to do so?" He then declared the ballot for the office of Grand Secretary closed.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

The Grand Master's Recruitment Award Program recognizes the top petition signers in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. This award is calculated on a point system giving 10 points for every first-line signature and three points for every second-line signature. There were fourteen qualified recipients in 2011, with a four-way tie in points for seventh place, and a five-way tie in points for sixth place. Grand Master Baker read the names and asked them to come forward to receive their pin.

7 - Kevin R. Thornburg, Cotner 297
7 - Stephen O. Sparks, Rob Morris 46
7 - W. Scott Dodge, East Lincoln 210
7 - Charles A. Burk, Lincoln 19

- 6 - Todd E. Zietlow, North Bend 119
- 6 - Ralph J. Riemann, Cotner 297
- 6 - A. Carl Highman, Papillion 39
- 6 - David J. Gibbs, Jr., Miloma 328
- 6 - Brett R. Bennett, Plattsmouth 6
- 5 - Roger A. Mlady, Capitol 3
- 4 - David C. Norton, Bellevue 325
- 3 - Jay H. Speck, Plattsmouth 6

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

- 2- Jason E. Knupp, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
- 1- Charles J. Odorizzi, III, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290

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



Most Worshipful Baker asked Past Grand Master Gale Kenney to approach the East to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

“First of all, Most Worshipful Brother Bruce and Brethren all, I’ve used that term because my feeling is titles are nice, it’s a little icing on the cake, but the most important title that you will ever, ever have is Brother, and never forget that. Don’t forget where your roots are. I had some things written down I was going to say, I just don’t know if they’re appropriate or not and so maybe I’m just going to wing it for a couple minutes as I get to kind of almost close your session out this afternoon, thank you so much. I love coming down to Nebraska. I have a lot of ties here and a lot of respects. I enjoy, not the weather, but I do enjoy coming down here and like I said, it doesn’t matter really where you travel, you’re home. And I feel home here with all of my brothers. And it kind of reminds me a little bit of a story about a brother who went to lodge one night and they had a festive board afterwards and he tied it on a little bit too tight, and the brothers weren’t going to let him go home, so he stayed with one of the brothers that night. Well, the next morning when he got home, his wife was not a very happy camper, but he explained to her what had happened and she was okay with that. Well, the next stated meeting they went to, the secretary of the lodge read a letter and it happened to be from this brother’s wife. She said, ‘Would the brother who put my husband up at the last stated meeting after the festive board please just drop me a short note.’ Well, my brethren I want you to know in the course of the next three days, she received forty letters. So I guess we kind of stay together, don’t we.

You know, this is the greatest fraternity you’ll ever find. It’s just wonderful. I almost didn’t recognize my brothers from South Dakota. I miss the green coat, Dean. Where is it? I know you’re a has been, you don’t need to worry about that, it’s okay. They tell me sometimes what PGM stands for and I’m not sure, ‘power gone man’ or ‘prestige gone mister,’ but, you know, in reality what it really is is ‘precious grand moments.’ It’s the most wonderful journey that you’ll ever want to take. And a lot of times it’s a course, it’s a road that’s kind of rugged sometime and not always fun, but you know, that comes with the territory and that’s just what it’s all about. I’m so thankful today that you did the

obligation because I haven't had my Master Mason's obligation in 31 years, and so I retook it today. Now, your work's a little bit different than ours, but it was close enough that I could probably follow along pretty well. And it's very important because we take that obligation at that altar there and a lot of times we just forget what we did. And sometimes I find, and it doesn't matter what jurisdiction it is, you know, sometimes we just can't seem to play in the sandbox together. But this is the greatest fraternity and we always come through it and we always hold our heads high and we move on with that.

I wanted to share a story with you, my brethren, I'm not really sure if it's appropriate or not, but I think it still is good, and it's called 'Friends.' It says, Two friends were walking through the desert and during some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt but, without saying anything, wrote in the sand, 'Today, my best friend slapped me in the face.' They kept on walking until they found an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in a mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on stone, 'Today, my best friend saved my life.' The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, 'After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone. Why?' The other friend replied, 'When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.' Learn to write your hurts in the sand my brethren and to carve your benefits in stone. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forgive them. Do not value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life. People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. My brethren, never forget where you were first prepared to be made a Mason, in your heart. Always remember to treat yourselves with your head, but treat others with your heart.

In closing, I have a philosophy of once a steward, always a steward. We must never forget that, for the best leaders are not self-serving takers, they are servers and givers and in the process of serving and giving, they bring out the best in themselves and others. That was a quote from Dr. Zimmerman. Thank you, Grand Master Bruce for extending the hand of friendship, fraternalism and brotherly love. And Nebraska Masonry is, indeed, alive and well. Grand Master, I have a little small token for you, and I spent no money on getting this bag, it's from the Hard Rock, we now have one in Seattle, come visit us, and I do bring you greetings from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Michael L. Sanders. He is currently up where it's more cold, in Alaska, attending their grand lodge, so this is a little gift from him from us to you. Your 155th Communication is going well, you have done an excellent job and I congratulate you on that, and the other officers that have been installed, oh, that haven't been installed, but have been elected as well, congratulations to you sir. Thank you."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT FOR GRAND SECRETARY

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass presented the report of the balloting for the Grand Secretary, stating that there were a total of 229 votes cast, one was invalid, and Reginald S. Kuhn received 217 votes. The election was deemed proper.

The Grand Master then elicited acceptance from M.:W.:B.: Reg Kuhn on his election as Grand Secretary. Most Worshipful Brother Reg made the following comments:

“I’m going to digress for just a moment. I’m a lawyer.” (Grand Master Baker, “And obviously they don’t hold that against you?”) M.:W.: Reg, “I guess not. I see Bruce Watkins sitting in the back of the room. Bruce, could you stand? I think most of you know that Right Worshipful Brother Bruce has served as our Grand Secretary with distinction and Bruce is not a flamboyant kind of guy but he has faithfully labored in serving this Grand Lodge for the past eight years. So first of all, I think we need to give him a round of recognition for his service. My brothers, when I finished the privilege of serving as your Grand Master three years ago, it was not my intention to be standing here, but, a very wise mentor of mine says ‘We serve the things that we love,’ so I am very pleased to accept your election.”



Most Worshipful Baker made a few announcements regarding the location of meetings to be held following the close of the session, reminded the brethren of the location of the various vendors and hospitality rooms, and encouraged everyone to take part in the silent auction that benefits the youth groups.



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 8:30 am.

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Most Worshipful Bruce A. Baker
Grand Master

Membership Banquet
Friday, February 3, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

Presentations and Grand Lodge awards were given at the banquet, including:

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

M.:W.:B.: Baker invited a representative of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Ron Giesselmann's absence, Phil Lorenzen represented Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth in her absence, and Mike Jones, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, to come forward to receive checks representing the proceeds of the Ninth Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented a check in the amount of \$4,822.34.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Grand Master Bruce Baker asked Stephen Kennedy, President of the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program Foundation, to present the CHIP Awards. The CHild Identification Program (CHIP) Award recognizes outstanding contributions, monetary or otherwise, in the promotion and assistance with CHIP events. One award is given to a member of the Masonic Family, and the second goes to an individual, company or charitable group that has met the award guidelines. Nominations for the awards are submitted by individual lodges to the Awards Committee for selection.

The award in the Masonic Family category was presented to Agnes Anderson, a member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings. Agnes was unable to attend the banquet due to the weather.

Two awards were given in the Non-Mason category. The recipients were Lincoln Public Schools and Adams Bank and Trust. Representatives of each organization were scheduled to attend the banquet, however, were unable to be there due to the weather.

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 lodges surround the gold pan.

The Gold Pan is awarded annually to the Nebraska Lodge showing the greatest improvement or making the most significant contribution to Nebraska Masonry.

M.:W.:B.: Baker presented the award to members of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

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

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

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

As guidelines to award the Rock Maul, the following are used: officer leadership, attendance, bulletin or newspaper, ritual, enthusiasm, fellowship, temple appearance and condition, secretary reports, and programs other than regular meetings and ritual meetings held through the year.

The Grand Master announced Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln as recipient of the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award and Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow as winner of the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award.

After the awards presentations, Randy Riggle provided entertainment with his Nostalgia Show.

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Morning Session
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V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife invoked the blessing of Deity.

M.:W.: Ken Beebe, acting as Deputy Grand Master, called the 155th 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 4, 2012.

M.:W.:B.: Baker welcomed the brethren. He asked those who bid on items in the silent auction Friday night to pay for and pick up those items.

Grand Master Baker made the following announcement:

“Brethren, I alluded yesterday in the afternoon session to the three-part appeal that I had referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. The parties that filed that appeal have withdrawn the same. Therefore, there is no appeal to consider and just so that you’re aware, it has been handled and will be addressed a little bit later in my Address.”

Most Worshipful Baker invited Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn, Grand Secretary, to the microphone to make an announcement about the procedures for submitting resolutions to amend the constitution and/or bylaws. He indicated that they needed to be in written

form, signed by five registered voting delegates, and submitted prior to the close of the session.

Grand Master Baker then invited W.: Brother Greg Fyn to the microphone to make the following motion:

“Worshipful Brother Bruce Baker, due to the circumstances of last year’s Annual Communication, I would like to make a motion that we reconsider the location of the 2014 Annual Communication and permit the Right Worshipful Grand Master-Elect to choose the venue of his choice.”

The motion was seconded from the floor. Most Worshipful Baker repeated the motion and reminded the brethren that voting would take place using the colored voting cards. A brother asked a question from the audience and the Grand Master instructed the brother to go the microphone to identify himself and address the question so that everyone could hear it.

“John Streiff, Zion Lodge No. 234, I don’t understand where, I thought he said 2014, is that right?”

Grand Master Baker answered, “That’s correct.”

Brother Streiff: “Where is it scheduled to go?”

Grand Master: “Last year we voted to have it in Lincoln, Nebraska.”

Brother Streiff: “Oh, okay, thank you.”

Grand Master: “And with the change of the personnel, with the situation of the last fourteen months, the brother that proposed Lincoln has since made the move up a year and he has committed to what I had committed to here in Kearney for 2013.”

Brother Streiff: “Thank you.”

There being no further discussion, Grand Master Baker called for the vote by a show of voting cards. The motion carried.

Thomas Hauder, the newly elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect was invited to the podium and moved for approval to hold the 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 6-8, 2014. The motion was seconded and carried.

Grand Master Baker asked Joe McBride, the newly elected Grand Senior Warden, to the microphone where R.:W.: McBride moved for approval to hold the 158th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 5-7, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried.

Grand Master Baker asked R.:W.: Rex Moats to approach the lectern and announce the slate of appointed officers for the 2012-2013 term, when he will serve as Grand Master.

Donald E. Rife, Grand Chaplain
Robert W. Moninger, Grand Orator
Christopher M. Carter, Grand Historian
Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Custodian
Ronald d. Stites, Grand Marshal

Dennis E. Rix, Grand Senior Deacon
Richard D. Myers, Grand Junior Deacon
John B. Ferguson, Grand Senior Steward
Kevin R. Lindly, Grand Junior Steward
LeRoy Moats, Grand Tyler
Mark W. Clinton, Grand Musician

R.:W.: Moats made the following special appointments:

Patrick D. Barger, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
Brett R. Bennett, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
Kent B. Broyhill, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
Lowell C. Erickson, Personal Representative of the Grand Master

Right Worshipful Moats moved for the approval of the aforementioned appointed officers for 2012-2013. The motion was seconded and, with no discussion, motion carried.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.:B.: Baker asked M.:W.:B.: Dwight Smith to come forward to give the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. M.:W.: Smith read the report:

At this time we will only give a report on the findings of the form of the recommendations to be voted on. On motion, second and approval, Recommendations #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were found to be in proper form, and can be voted upon at the session. The proposed Constitutional Amendment that was submitted to the lodges was determined to not be in proper form and may not be submitted for voting upon at the session. The remainder of the Jurisprudence Report will be submitted later on in the session, and approval will be requested at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Smith, Chairman, 205
Steven Mattoon, 75
Les Seiler, 317 & 331
Dean Skokan, 15
Reg Kuhn, 134 & 19

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.:B.: Baker asked M.:W.: Ken Beebe to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations. M.:W.:B.: Beebe gave the general instructions, limiting remarks to two minutes or less per brother, and indicated the voting would first be attempted by a show of raising the voting cards in the air, then moving to a paper ballot if necessary. Most Worshipful Beebe reminded the brothers that a two-thirds majority vote would be necessary for approval of any recommendation.

Recommendation No. 1

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

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

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.

2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.

3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of *reciting the Master Mason's obligation, and of* answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the Lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has *memorized the Master Mason's obligation and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, and prove to the Master that he has* completed all the questions in the Standard

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

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion failed to gain a two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend **Section 1-304 – TRIAL COMMISSIONS** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

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

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. With no discussion, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion passed.

Recommendation No. 3

Amend **Section 2-905 – REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-905 – REFERENCE TO *INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE* – All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, dispensation for a new subordinate lodge and all applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, must be referred to *an Investigating Ceommittee*. *No less than three members of the lodge must be appointed to an Investigating Committee, and in the case of a petition for initiation, the top line and second line signers of the petition may not serve on the Investigating Committee.* A majority of such committee may report on such petition. The report of the *Investigating Ceommittee* shall not be received, nor shall the petition be balloted upon, sooner than the 28th day after the petition or application is received. If any *Investigating Ceommittee* shall fail, or be unable, to submit a report at the next regular communication following their appointment, they shall be discharged and a new *Investigating Ceommittee* appointed to report at the next regular communication thereafter. If *an Investigating Ceommittee* requests more time to investigate a petitioner, the Master of the lodge may grant such additional time to report.

The minutes of the lodge shall show only that the committee made report and shall not disclose whether such report was favorable or unfavorable.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After some

discussion, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion passed.

Recommendation No. 4

This amendment would add a new **Section 2-808 – MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK** to the end of **CHAPTER VIII – TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION** of the Bylaws. The amendment would also add a new paragraph (f) to **Section 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE**.

***Sec. 2-808 – MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK** – A background check, consisting of a criminal history record check, will be compiled for all petitioners seeking to receive the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. The background check will be conducted by the Grand Lodge, and the results thereof will be furnished to the Investigating Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master of the subordinate lodge receiving the petition for their consideration. The form of the Petition to receive the degrees of Masonry shall advise petitioners that a background check will be conducted, and that their signature on the petition will constitute consent to such investigation.*

Section 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE

New Paragraph (f):

(f) The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall, within thirty days of the passage of this amendment, and at its annual meeting each year thereafter, set the amount of the fee to be assessed by the Grand Lodge to conduct the background check required by Section 2-808. Such fee shall reflect the actual cost to the Grand Lodge of conducting the background check and any associated costs. The fee shall be collected by the lodge receiving the petition and transmitted to the Grand Lodge office with a copy of the petition.

If Recommendation No. 4 passes, the following Sections must also be amended in the following ways to change references to petition process.

Amend the **Section 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken:

Sec. 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER – A rejected petitioner for initiation, advancement or admission, must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the petitioner shall be reported as rejected. Notice of such rejection shall be communicated to the petitioner by the Secretary and *the initiation fee* ~~any fees~~ accompanying such petition shall be returned to the petitioner with such communication. *The background check fee shall not be refunded.*

Amend the **Section 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION – One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition which must follow the same course as an original petition, *with an exception to the mandatory background check outlined in Section 2-808.* In no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once.

Amend the **Section 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language:

Sec. 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS – As an alternative to Section 2-903, any three (3) Master Masons, members of the subordinate lodge seeking to exercise the procedures of the Section 2-913, may propose a candidate for initiation by presenting a Recommendation of a Candidate for the Degrees of Masonry signed by all three of said proposers, whose signatures shall be attested by the secretary of the lodge, which form of recommendation shall be in the form provided by the Grand Secretary and which form of recommendation must have attached thereto the regular petition form then in use in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska and available from the Grand Lodge Office, provided however, that the petition shall be in draft form and shall not be signed by the proposed candidate and may otherwise be incomplete. The three proposers shall constitute the investigating committee and the Master shall make declaration of their appointment. At the stated meeting of the subordinate lodge next following the proposal of the candidate, the petition will be balloted on, with a favorable vote being subject to subsequent completion of the petition by the proposed candidate, *including mandatory background check outlined in Section 2-808, along with* satisfactory answers to the questions posed on the petition including, but not limited to a belief in a Supreme Being, and questions as to health, financial responsibility, not having been rejected in another lodge within the time period set out in the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, and the completed petition must be signed by the candidate and applicable fees paid prior to his presenting himself for initiation. After election, the Master shall direct one or more of the three proposers to inform the proposed candidate that he has been proposed, has been elected, and is invited to present himself for initiation upon completion of and signing of the form of petition. *The petition must be signed and a mandatory background check referenced in Section 2-808 completed.* The petition must be completed, signed and returned to the secretary of the lodge within 60 days of the election of the candidate and such return date shall be certified by the lodge secretary. In the event such petition is not completed and returned within such 60 day period, such draft petition shall be null and void and such finding shall be declared by the Master and an entry as to such action recorded in the records of the lodge. In the event of an unfavorable vote, as the candidate did not make the initial application, he will have no knowledge of such rejection and accordingly such proposed candidate would not be subject to a three year hold as being the material of the lodge as set out in Section 2-906; he would not be notified in any form whatsoever of the proposal of a draft petition nor the rejection as provided by Section 2-907; and, he would not be subject to any time limit as set out in Section 2-908 for submission of a petition under his own initiative, but no re-proposal under the provisions of this Section 2-913 by any three members of the subject subordinate lodge may be made until the expiration of not less than six (6) months from the time of the initial unfavorable ballot.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 4 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and voting was attempted by a show of raised voting cards. The vote was too close to call by a show of voting cards, and a new vote was taken by paper ballot. After counting the votes, W.: Brother Ron Grass, Chairman of the tellers, reported that a total of 201 votes were cast, with 90 votes for, 101 votes against and three invalid. The motion failed to gain a two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 5

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

Sec. 2 601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS – Chartered subordinate lodges shall have discretionary power to assess annual dues and special assessments upon its members who are Master Masons in good standing. Such dues and assessments shall be uniform upon such members. The amount of the annual dues *payable to each subordinate lodge by members must be designated in the bylaws in one of two ways: (1) lodge dues plus Grand Lodge per capita and assessments, or (2) a total amount that includes lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita and assessments.* ~~shall include Grand Lodge dues and shall be designated in the bylaws.~~ Special assessments may be made payable in installments. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, but he shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 5 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. There being no discussion from the delegates, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion passed.

Recommendation No. 6

Amend **Section 3-401 – NOTICE TO ACCUSED** – by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 3-401 – NOTICE TO ACCUSED – No lodge shall, for any cause, abridge the rights or privileges of membership of any member, by striking his name from its rolls or otherwise, without due notice and fair trial, as hereinafter prescribed.

Such notice to the accused, if he is in the jurisdiction of the lodge in which charges are filed and his residence is known, shall be served upon him personally at least 10 days before the date fixed for the hearing and trial. If he is not in such jurisdiction the notice may be served by mailing the same to him in the United States mail addressed to him at his last known residence at least 20 days before such date, if his last known residence is within the State of Nebraska, or at least 30 days before such date if such residence is without the State of Nebraska, but in the United States, or at least 90 days before such date of such last known residence is in a foreign country; and a copy of the notice shall be likewise served upon the accuser; and if the residence of the accused be unknown, the commission may proceed to examine the charges ex parte. Any notice served by mail shall be by either registered or certified mail, with request for return of receipt. Proof of service of the foregoing notices must be made and filed with the trial commission before it acquires jurisdiction to take testimony or proceed with the trial; or if the residence of the accused is unknown, proof of that fact must be filed in the form of an affidavit of the Secretary of the lodge. *No more than three attempts shall be required as a reasonable effort to serve notice.* However, the accused brother may, in writing, accept or waive the service of notice.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 6 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After a brief discussion, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion passed.

Recommendation No. 7

Amend **Section 3-102 – MASONIC OFFENSES ENUMERATED** – by adding a new paragraph (j) to the end of the Section, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

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

New Paragraph (j):

(j) Electioneering, defined as the attempt to persuade a brother to vote for or against a particular candidate or proposal other than during a tyled meeting of the lodge where a vote is to be taken and comment is invited by the presiding officer. This section shall not be interpreted to limit the right of any brother to speak for or against a proposition or candidate during a tyled meeting.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 7 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, M.:W.:B.: Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion failed to gain a two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 8

Amend **Section 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE** – by deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE –

Paragraph 6:

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

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 8 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Baker gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. With no delegates coming forward for discussion, M.:W.: Ken Beebe called for the question and, by a show of raised voting cards, the motion passed.

GRAND MASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

The following 2011 Masters earned the Grand Master's Leadership Award:

L. Cecil Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Val Ryckman, Cotner Lodge No. 297

From among the recipients, Val Ryckman was selected as the Master of the Year.

FINAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

The 2011 Committee on Finance met during the past year to conduct its assigned duties as proscribed in Section 1–318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

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

Actual revenue and expenses, compared to budgeted, for 2011 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	500,310.32	499,111
Expenses	548,661.60	566,109
Net Deficit	(48,351.28)	(66,998)

After other activities affecting cash flow, such as prepaid Annual Communication, prepaid expenses, purchases of inventory assets and outstanding accounts receivable, an investment draw of \$30,000 was needed to cover operating expenses for 2011 – \$36,998 less than the investment draw budgeted for 2011. The results of the fiscal year show that the Grand Lodge Officers and staff have been good stewards of the funds of the Grand Lodge operating budget during 2011; however, the expenses of the Grand Lodge continue to exceed the annual revenue and thus, Nebraska Masonry is operating at a deficit, making it necessary to draw from the general investment fund to make up the shortfall.

The Committee on Finance found satisfactory documentation for expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to conduct its work in a complete and timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,
 John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314, Chairman
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11 & 1
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Jeffrey C. Johnson, 19
 David G. Krogh, 5
 Steven S. Nichols, 102
 Thomas J. Schmidt, 288
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227

Account	2012 Budget
Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$264,748.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$7,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$12,034.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$303.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$30,085.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,474.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$12,034.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$288.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$6,017.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$215.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,100.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$4,875.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
4640.000 CHIP Assessment	\$12,716.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$2,064.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$19,814.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$375,667.00
Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$9,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$3,750.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$8,840.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$201.50
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$852.50
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,800.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,750.00
4625.800 Sale of Vet's Luncheon Tickets	\$294.50
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$1,950.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$0.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$390.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$900.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$500.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$32,228.50
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$67,600.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$9,500.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$0.00
4465.000 GM Program Income	\$10,000.00
4905.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$0.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$87,100.00

Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$5,000.00
4641.000 CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	\$15,300.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$7,500.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$32,800.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$527,795.50
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,000.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$6,707.50
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$500.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$8,067.50
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$1,500.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$500.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$4,500.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$0.00
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$0.00
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,660.80
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,791.00
5175.410 Vet's Lunch	\$291.46
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$199.55
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$843.70
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,917.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$0.00
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$383.40
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,500.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$3,000.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$36,361.91
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Installation	\$5,000.00
5220.425 Meals	\$2,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$800.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$7,800.00
Travel & Related	
5210.000 Auto Allowance	\$900.00
5210.100 In-State Travel-Grand Master	\$5,000.00
5210.150 In-State Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$1,750.00
5210.200 In-State Travel-Gr Secretary	\$950.00
5210.250 In-State Travel-Gr Custodian	\$650.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$800.00
5210.350 In-State Travel-Other Officers	\$5,000.00

5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$550.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$325.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$200.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$1,500.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$2,000.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$1,500.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$1,250.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$3,000.00
5240.500 Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries	\$6,200.00
5240.550 Midwest Conference	\$4,200.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$200.00
5240.650 Masonic Renewal Conference	\$0.00
5240.700 Shrine Membership Seminar	\$750.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$500.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$800.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$38,175.00
<i>Occupancy & Related</i>	
5400.100 Office Rent	\$21,600.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$4,700.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$500.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$2,000.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,500.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$5,600.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,700.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$3,005.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$6,000.00
5435.000 Postage	\$4,500.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$2,800.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$100.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,300.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,000.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$1,500.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$600.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp & Semi-Annual Flyer	\$41,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$50.00
5481.000 Credit Card Fees	\$800.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$4,050.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$0.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$3,500.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$1,600.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$400.00

5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,000.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcra Directory Printing	\$1,700.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$2,400.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$129,205.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$641.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$27,944.32
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$2,064.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,669.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$19,814.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$839.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$57,471.32
Committees and Programs	
5650.450 Masonic Education	\$350.00
5240.450 Masonic Education-Conv & Conf Education	\$400.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	\$1,000.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$75.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$6,000.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$100.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$77,100.00
5650.750 Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Youth Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.800 Membership committee	\$100.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$1,000.00
5650.960 GW Memorial Committee	\$200.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$250.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$750.00
5660.000 Digital Proceedings Project	\$5,000.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$0.00
5801.000 GM Program Expense	\$10,000.00
5805.000 Masonic Unity Meeting	\$500.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$109,325.00
Contributions	
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$3,400.00
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$2,000.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$2,000.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$2,000.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	\$750.00
5835.000 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$175.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$10,325.00

Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$96,480.76
6561.100 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$5,500.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$200.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	\$7,985.13
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$200.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$150.00
6560.000 Payroll Expenses-Other	\$60.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,894.42
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$0.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$115,870.31
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$12,337.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$31,559.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$12,322.00
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$12,716.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$68,934.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$573,467.54
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)	(\$45,672.04)
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	45,672.04
2.823% of \$1,617,590 balance on 12/31/2011	
ADJ. BALANCE WITH INVEST. INCOME	\$0

W.:B.: Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee. With no discussion, the motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee Report for the 155th Annual Communication.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren, the Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 14 Past Grand Masters, 16 Deputy Grand Custodians and 32 non-delegate Masons.

At the time of this report there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered: There are 61 Masters in person and 21 by proxy, there are 28 Senior Wardens in person and 38 by proxy, there are 33 Junior Wardens in person and 32 by proxy, and there are 52 Secretaries in person and 23 by proxy.

We are again recognizing the Lodges that have all four delegate officers in attendance in person. They are Lodges 1, 2, 39, 46, 54, 183, 268, 290, 325, 328 and 332. They will receive a certificate to display in their lodge. We thank them for their efforts to be present and a part of this Grand Communication.

At this time there are no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 14, 21, 26, 27, 35, 36, 37, 43, 53, 55, 57, 59, 68, 72, 73, 78, 83, 89, 91, 95, 103, 104, 120, 126, 128, 134, 154, 158, 180, 184, 194, 204, 239, 264, 274, 286, and 291. There have been no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered for two years from Lodges 59, 103, and 286.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington, 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, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Abu Bekr, Sesostris, Tehama, and Tangier Shrine Temples, Daughters of the Nile, Social Order of the Beauceant, National Sojourners, The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and The Masonic Service Association.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: there were 223 present at the Grand Master's Banquet on Thursday evening, there were 412 at the Public Opening Friday and 298 at the Membership Banquet Friday night.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for you Most Worshipful Bruce Baker, and I would like to thank the other brothers on the committee that spend many hours at the registration table to help make this an enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication, they are Frank Dougherty, Phil Edwards, and Mike Hoagland.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle and Carol at the Grand Lodge Office for their hard work to make this Grand Lodge Session run smoothly.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar Jones, 65 & 46, Chairman
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
Robert M. Hoagland, 46 & 146
Allan L. Rolfs, 102

The motion was seconded and carried favorably. M.: W.: B.: Baker thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee for the work they do at Annual Communication each year.

NEBRASKA PILLAR AWARD

The Nebraska Pillar Award recognizes lodges that perform activities that lead to a successful year. Any lodge can earn this award. A plaque is awarded to lodges the first year they qualify and a plate is presented each subsequent year the award is earned.

M.:W.: Baker asked for representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive the awards:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 of Plattsmouth
 Custer Lodge No. 148 of Broken Bow
 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha
 Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln
 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 of Omaha

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.:B.: Baker asked M.:W.:B.: Ken Beebe to cover to allow him say a few words about his Address:

“My Brethren, you have been furnished with a copy of my Address as you registered with Credentials, and the lodges all received a copy of my recommendations at least 45 days prior to the session. I’m going to make note that in my report, the written report that’s in your books, I made note of the trial commissions that I established this year and the resulting findings and I’m just going to mention, for the record, so that there’s no question, that in the case that we referred to where there was an appeal, that appeal was passed on, at my choice, the bylaws give me that option as far as out as we were from Annual Communication, to the Grievance Committee. I felt that was the fairest way to serve both sides and get an impartial decision. They returned a decision, they affirmed the previous findings and sentence of the trial commission. I then, after reviewing the accompanying documentation of both the original trial and the appeal hearing, ordered that its findings be affirmed. The appeal that we talked about earlier questioned that; that was withdrawn. But I want everybody to know that that is in the report and if there was any questions, I would address them. I don’t believe there are. I think everything has been put out on the table, as it should be.

Brethren, I’ve always felt that it’s a privilege to be a Mason, and it’s truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve Nebraska Masonry as your Grand Master this past year, and I thank you for that opportunity. I had the good fortune to be associated with a group of Grand Lodge Officers who are not only good men, but good Masons. My vision for the Grand Lodge Officers from the beginning was for us to remember our priorities, which are to serve God, our country and our families, our vocations and Nebraska Masonry, while remaining transparent in our dealings and approachable in our demeanor, and remembering to always take the high road, as all Masons should strive to do. This group of officers remained steadfast to these principles as they traveled countless miles, performed several cornerstones and made countless visits to Masonic functions, mostly at their own expense, brethren. My sincere thanks to the 2011 Grand Lodge Officers that I had the distinct privilege to serve with.

I had the pleasure of meeting many good Masons while visiting lodges around the states and I’m grateful for the fellowship and courtesies that they extended me. The unity that exists within the Nebraska Masonic Family is phenomenal. Brethren, I cannot stress that enough. With the troubles that we encountered this last year, there are so many good things that take place in Nebraska, way more good things. You only need to attend the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, a CHIP event, the Shrine Bowl, the Triennial Youth Leadership

Conference and any of the youth group organization meetings to witness this firsthand. And while I'm sincerely thankful that I had the opportunity to travel so extensively, I also am very blessed, brethren, by the support that I received from my wife and my family. Many times, our commitment to Masonry draws us away from family functions that we maybe on other terms wouldn't miss for the world, and I had the good fortune of having the support of my family and I just want to make note of that for the record that I truly appreciated that.

Brethren, there's an undeniable pride that goes with the reflection on the influence that our Masonic Brothers had on the formation of this country and the values that I believe they brought, many of which were taught and are continued to be taught, and we should continue to embrace in Freemasonry. I was going to tell a little story about, and it was intended mostly in humor, and I will try and make it brief. Our brother, Worshipful Brother General George Washington, the story of Benedict Arnold is really an interesting one, and I think it's really relative to what we stand for today. We all know that Benedict Arnold was a traitor. What we may not know, and many of you may, is that he also was a Mason. And when he was approached by our Brother George Washington about his possibility of the acts which would be considered treason, he gave George Washington his word as a Mason that he was not involved with what was going on with the attempt to relinquish control of West Point. And when George Washington found out that he had lied to him, that he was, indeed, turning coat and he was involved in the attempt to relinquish that control, Washington wanted him hung. And the record will indicate that it's not so much because he was about to commit, or had committed treason and was turning coat, it was because he had lied to him by giving his word as a Mason. Brethren, that's the value of what we stand for. And the lesson, and I will tell you for the record, I don't advocate hanging necessarily, at least not in all cases. (laughter) But I do believe that we need to return to that level of Masonic integrity.

In closing, brethren, I thank you for the opportunity to serve Nebraska Masonry as your Grand Master this past year. I believe in what Masonry stands for and teaches. While I know that we have much work ahead of us, I also know that the quality of Masons I've had the pleasure to meet and fellowship with during my travels around the state this year, working together with our elected leaders, I'm confident that we will continue to take the high road and return Masonry to the Masonry of integrity that we all know that it should be and must be. Brethren, again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Grand Master."

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

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

Brethren:

PREFACE

This address is presented in compliance with Article X, Section 2 as found in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and is written for the 155th Annual Communication. Additionally, I have submitted my Grand Master's recommendations, which I feel are necessary for the good of Nebraska Masonry, to the Jurisprudence Committee as required by Sec. 1-307 of the Grand Lodge

Bylaws. Included in this report are the official acts of the Grand Master during this past year, along with the previously mentioned recommendations.

INSTALLATION – APRIL 16

As a result of Masonic charges being filed on the Deputy Grand Master at the 2011 Annual Communication, Most Worshipful John Parsons continued as Grand Master as directed by the Nebraska Grand Lodge. Following the guilty verdict of the Trial Commissions and the subsequent suspension of the Deputy Grand Master, and due to health reasons, Most Worshipful Brother Parsons resigned. Per the Nebraska Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws, I was installed as the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska on April 16th, at a ceremony performed at the Scottish Rite Temple in Omaha.

YEAR IN REVIEW

I have always believed that membership in this great Fraternity is a privilege, and I'm truly honored and humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve as Nebraska's 145th Grand Master. While the events that lead to my being installed as the 2011 Grand Master were certainly unfortunate, I'm convinced that the actions and demeanor of the Grand Lodge Officer Corps served the Craft well. I expressed to the Grand Lodge Officers at the beginning that we would be taking the "high road" in all our dealings this year as we worked to move Nebraska Masonry forward. We as Grand Lodge Officers tried to attend as many Masonic events as we possibly could while remembering that our priorities were to serve God, our country & families, our vocations, and Nebraska Masonry. I believe these goals were achieved while remaining transparent and approachable in all our dealings.

I stated early on that Nebraska Masonry stood at a crossroads that would determine the future of our Craft, and I felt that it was imperative that we worked to return to the integrity that defined our fathers' Masonry. The majority of Nebraska Masons agree with this observation and have embraced our efforts to avoid slipping into the ever-eroding morals we are seeing in society today. Nebraska Masonry will not only survive, but will thrive when we raise our expectations of each other and the men we bring to light in Masonry. We continue to see a decline in membership numbers, a result of many of our Brothers laying down their working tools as they are called to eternal refreshment. I believe the condition of Nebraska Masonry is better evaluated by the quality of work being done in our Lodges and the quality of the men we admit to our beloved Fraternity rather than by simple numbers. Given the commitment of the Craft, coupled with the quality leadership of the Brothers who have stepped up to serve, I'm convinced that Nebraska Masonry's future is indeed bright.

Susie and I attended and were welcomed at so many Masonic events these past months that it's impossible to thank each individually for the encouragement, courtesies and kindnesses we experienced. We had the privilege of representing Nebraska while attending the Annual Communications of Kansas in Salina, South Dakota in Spearfish, and Wyoming in Cheyenne. The opportunity to visit our friends in these grand jurisdictions, along with the many courtesies provided, was both educational and very enjoyable. The Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges was hosted this year by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and held in Bloomington. This conference attended by our neighboring jurisdictions is always a valuable event as we exchange ideas and network with our counterparts who are experiencing similar challenges.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

We also had the opportunity to travel with two Masonic All-Star Marching Band students and the North Shrine Football team to visit the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. What a great experience to see and learn about the wonderful work being done at the Hospital along with getting to know these fine Nebraska young people who work so hard to make the Nebraska Shrine Bowl the huge success that it is. Upon our return to Nebraska, Susie and I spent the rest of the week working as chaperones at the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp; I use the term “working” pretty loosely, as it was a most enjoyable week. The Masonic All-Star Marching Band camp is made possible by the generosity of the many Lodges and Appendant Bodies who supply scholarships and chaperones for this fine effort. The three Nebraska Shrine units invited us to attend the Imperial Shrine Session held in Denver Colorado as their guests; a great honor for the Grand Master and his Lady. We chose not to attend and declined. As much as we would have enjoyed the fellowship of our Masonic Shrine Brothers and Ladies, we could not in good conscience allow them to spend an amount equal to about half of the profit from the Shrine Bowl on sponsoring us at this event.

MASONIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was held this year in Kearney on the first weekend in October. This well planned, high energy event provides a relevant and positive experience for the youth as they can relate to the well known featured speakers who do an outstanding job of delivering their message to the young people in attendance. Additionally, the efforts of shopping for, and stocking the local food pantry, provided a valuable lesson which isn't lost on those who participated. Susie and I had the pleasure of attending both days' activities.

After attending the Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly, Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, and the DeMolay Conclave, along with a few installations and initiations, I can say with conviction and certainty that the Nebraska Youth Groups are alive and doing well. This is a credit not only to the youth, but also to the adult leaders who contribute so much to their success.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

Once again, several CHIP events were held by local Lodges across the state, along with the event at the Nebraska State Fair on the first weekend in September. These events are great for getting Masonry in the public eye while providing a relevant and valuable service to the families in our communities.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME AND THE MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I had the honor, as Grand Master to be invited to attend the Board meetings at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. I've always held our Masonic Home and the people that make it what it is in very high regard. I can honestly say that even I underestimated the dedication and integrity of those who serve the Masonic Home whether it be as a Board member or an employee. We helped move Susie's mom to the Home from North Carolina this past fall, and the genuine concern and ready assistance we received was absolutely incredible. Everyone from Mary Stapp, Mary Vrbka, and Chris Abbott to the two young maintenance guys who helped us move in were great to work with. I'm certain that my mother-in-law, Katherine Pitney, has not only improved her life by this

move, but probably extended it. We can be very proud of our Masonic Home and look forward to the improvements being made at this time.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children located in Fremont is probably the premier facility of its kind in the country. While I was invited to attend the Fremont Children's Home Board meetings, I was only able to attend one meeting. I was impressed by the Board which is made up of very dedicated members who work well with the Executive Director, Brother Ron Giesselmann. From the quality homes where the children live, to the lessons learned while working with the 4-H program, to the caring people that make things work on a daily basis, the Children's Home truly provides a great opportunity for the children that reside there.

Both of the Homes provide exceptional care for their residents and truly represent that which we as Masons obligate ourselves to, which is to care for our distressed Brothers, their widows and orphans. We as Masons should take great pride in the work of the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, and we must continue to support them as we are able.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

As I look down the list of Grand Lodge Committees, I'm struck by the fact that every committee has functioned, and provided a service to this grand jurisdiction this year. I would like to thank all the committee members for your work and dedication to Nebraska Masonry.

SWISHER LODGE U.D.

At the request of W.:B.: Patrick Barger, the Nebraska "Swisher Kit" was sent to Kabul, Afghanistan and Swisher Lodge U.D. authorized to work under dispensation signed on December 1, 2011. W.:B.: Barger, Personal Representative of the Grand Master, is currently serving our country and fraternity in Afghanistan. Additionally, W.:B.: Patrick Barger is serving as Worshipful Master of the Swisher Lodge along with W.:B.: Ritchie Inns, a member of Cotner Lodge No. 297, as Senior Warden, and Bro. Hershel Talley, a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, as Junior Warden. At last report, the Swisher Lodge currently has 15 members and has started degree work. The thoughts, prayers and gratitude of all Nebraska Masons are with the members of the Swisher Lodge who are so selflessly serving our nation and fraternity; our sincere wishes for their safe and swift return home. Thank You Brethren!

VISITATIONS

April

- 2 Tehama Potentates Ball - North Platte
- 3 Tehama Potentates Breakfast - North Platte
- 5 Geneva Lodge No. 79 Annual Membership Recognition Dinner and Stated Meeting - Geneva
- 6 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Business Meeting - Hastings
- 8 Grand York Rite Membership Dinner, GL Greetings - Columbus
- 13 Standing Committee Meeting Per Section 1-306 - Teleconference
- 14 Cement Lodge No. 211 Special Meeting with Grand Lodge - Wood River
- 15 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 16 Statewide Scottish Rite Reunion and Installation as Grand Master - Omaha
- 18 2012 Annual Communication Meeting - Kearney
- 19 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln

- 21 Masonic Bodies Scholastic and Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp
Scholarship Recognition Dinner - Hastings
 - 27 Custer Lodge No. 148 Friendship/Scholarship Recognition Dinner -Broken Bow
 - 30 Masonic Home Ground Breaking - Plattsmouth
 - 30 Grand Lodge Officers Start-Up Meeting – Hastings
- May
- 3 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
 - 3 Fremont Lodge No. 15 Business Meeting - Fremont
 - 7 Heroes of “76” Regional Meeting - Omaha
 - 7 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 10-11 OES Grand Chapter - Lincoln
- 11 Canopy Lodge No. 209 Business Meeting - Elmwood
 - 16 Acacia Lodge No. 34 Master Mason Degree - Schuyler
 - 18 Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting - Lincoln
 - 21 Jachin Lodge No. 146 “Poker Run” - Holdrege
 - 22 OES Grand Officers Reception - Lincoln
 - 31 St. Louis Shrine Hospital Visit with two band students – Omaha
- June
- 1-3 Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp - Lincoln
 - 2 Advancing Line/Scottish Rite Committee Meeting - Lincoln
 - 3 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 Business Meeting - Lincoln
 - 4 Shrine Bowl Parade/Game/Halftime performance - Lincoln
 - 5 Buffalo Bill Funeral Re-Enactment - Golden Colorado
 - 6 Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 2-50 Year Pins/Bronze Jordan Medal -
Scottsbluff
 - 7 Wallace Lodge No. 279 60 Year Pin and Business Meeting - Wallace
 - 11 Grand Assembly I.O.R.G. (Rainbow Girls) - Crete
 - 12 Job’s Daughters Bethel #8 Installation - Hastings
- 16-18 South Dakota Annual Communication - Spearfish, South Dakota
- 18 Custer Lodge No. 148 125th Rededication - Broken Bow
 - 23 Job’s Daughters Grand Bethel - Kearney
 - 25 Masonic Home 70-year Pin Presentation (Walthill) - Plattsmouth
 - 25 Papillion Lodge No. 39 Annual Picnic, 50 & 60 Year Pin Presentations -
Papillion
 - 27 Acacia Chapter No. 39 OES Picnic - Hastings
 - 29 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Fellow Craft Proficiency - Hastings
- July
- 7 Youth Committee Meeting - Lincoln
 - 7 Liberty Lodge No. 300 Business Meeting - Lincoln
 - 9 Purity Lodge No. 198 Bronze Jordan Medal Presentation - Imperial
 - 10 Lied Library Cornerstone - Scottsbluff
 - 12 Masonic Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
 - 12 Gold Jordan Medal Presentation - Plattsmouth
 - 12 North Bend Lodge No. 119 Annual Steak Fry and Business Meeting - North Bend
 - 13 Masonic/OES Children’s Home Annual Board Meeting - Fremont
 - 16 Omaha 1-Day Master Mason Degree - Omaha
 - 16 State DeMolay Conclave - Lincoln
 - 22-24 Nebraska Grand Lodge Retreat - Estes Park, Colorado
 - 30 All-Committee Meeting - Hastings

August

- 3 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Business Meeting - Hastings
- 7-9 Wyoming Annual Communication - Cheyenne, Wyoming
- 12-14 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges - Bloomington, Minnesota
- 18 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Meeting - Lincoln
- 20 McCook Lodge No. 135 Master Mason Degree - McCook
- 22 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 22 Grand Masters Golf Tournament - North Bend
- 24 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Master Masons Degree - Hastings
- 27 Job's Daughters Bethel #5 Installation - Lincoln
- 27 Courtesy Master Masons Degree - Lincoln
- 28 I.O.R.G. Rainbow Girls Initiation - Fullerton

September

- 4 State Fair Chip Event - Grand Island
- 6 School of Instruction - Fremont
- 7 Bellevue Lodge No. 325 50-year pins and Business Meeting - Bellevue
- 10 Custodian School - Hastings
- 11 DeMolay Installation - Alliance
- 12 Acacia Chapter No. 39 OES - Hastings
- 14 Northeast Nebraska Masons Annual Dinner and Pin Presentations - Norfolk
- 15 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Officers Meeting - Conference Call
- 21 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Master Masons Degree - Hastings
- 22 Liberty Lodge No. 300 70, 60 & 40 Year Pin Presentations - Lincoln
- 23 Scottish Rite Feast of Tishri - Lincoln
- 24 Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner - Plattsmouth
- 25 Grand Masters West Activities Trap Shoot - Wallace
- 28 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Master Masons Degree - Hastings

October

- 1-2 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference - Kearney
- 3 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Business Meeting & 50 Year Pin - Plattsmouth
- 5 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Business Meeting - Hastings
- 10 Fairbury Lodge No. 35 2-Master Mason Degrees - Fairbury
- 12 Bartley Lodge No. 228 Business Meeting - Bartley
- 13 Omaha Lodge No. 288 - Conference Call
- 15 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 16 Morrill County Community Hospital Physicians Clinic Cornerstone - Bridgeport
- 17 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Planning Meeting - Hastings
- 22 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 22 Masonic Home Visit - Plattsmouth
- 26 2012 Annual Communication Meeting - Kearney
- 26 Nick Longly Prayer Service - Kearney
- 27 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Meeting - Conference Call
- 29 Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 GLO's Master Mason Degree - Burwell

November

- 5 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, GLO's 8th Degree Team - Alliance
- 9 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 Awards Night & Year Pin Presentation - Kearney
- 16 Lincoln County Detention Center Cornerstone - North Platte
- 16 Naamah #108 Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Visit - Hastings
- 17 Albion Lodge No. 78 Friendship Dinner - Albion
- 18 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, GLO's 8th Degree Team - Omaha
- 24 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln

December

- 5 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Planning Meeting - Hastings
- 6 Buffalo County Justice Center Cornerstone - Kearney
- 7 Grand Lodge Office - Lincoln
- 7 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Officers Meeting - Lincoln
- 10 Beauceant #91 & Mt. Calvary Installation - Papillion
- 14 Tekamah Lodge No. 31 Business Meeting and 60 & 50 Year Pins - Tekamah
- 15 Cement Lodge No. 211 Bylaw Amendments Call - Hastings
- 17 McCook Lodge No. 135 Christmas/Friendship Dinner - McCook
- 21 Grand Lodge Office & Grand Lodge Advancing Line Officers Meeting - Lincoln
- 28 2012 Social Committee Meeting - Hastings
- 31 New Years Eve Dinner/Dance & Grand Masters Breakfast - Hastings

January

- 4 Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Business Meeting - Hastings
- 5 Hasting Lodge No. 50 Business Meeting - Hastings
- 6 Tangier Shrine Installation - Omaha
- 7 Sesostris Shrine Installation - Lincoln
- 8 Tehama Shrine Installation - Hastings
- 10 Masonic Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 10 Rix Masonic Funeral - Fremont
- 11 Wymore Lodge No. 104 Business Meeting - Wymore
- 14 OES Installation - Crete
- 15 OES Installation - Hastings

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

The following lodges celebrated anniversaries of their charter date this year. Many of these lodges marked this event with celebrations and other activities:

125 Years:

- Scribner Lodge No. 132 – Scribner, Nebraska
- Solar Lodge No. 134 – Clarks, Nebraska
- McCook Lodge No. 135 – McCook, Nebraska
- Long Pine Lodge No. 136 – Long Pine, Nebraska

100 Years:

- Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 – Walthill, Nebraska

NECROLOGY

In 2011, 374 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain Donald Rife will conduct a memorial service during our Annual Communication which will pay fitting tribute to these brethren.

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 five Cornerstone ceremonies were held:

- Broken Bow – June 18 –Rededication of Lodge
- Host Lodge: Custer Lodge No. 148
- Master: Clifford P. Moore

Scottsbluff – July 10 – Lied Library
 Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
 Master: David E. Williamson

Bridgeport – October 16 – Morrill County Community Hospital Physicians Clinic
 Host Lodge: Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285
 Master: Brenton E. VanPatten

North Platte – November 16 – North Platte County Jail
 Host Lodge: Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
 Master: Walter W. Johnson

Kearney – December 6 – Buffalo County Jail
 Host Lodge: Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
 Master: Stephen O. Sparks

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

I recommend the following amendment to require that candidates for each degree of Freemasonry memorize and recite the Obligation of each degree to receive a diploma as prescribed in this section.

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language bold and stricken.

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

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.

2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.

3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of *reciting the Master Mason's obligation, and of* answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

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

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

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

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

of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question; “The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?” and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

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

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

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

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the Lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has *memorized the Master Mason’s obligation and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in this section, before he may receive his diploma as prescribed above.*

Recommendation No. 2

I recommend the following amendment to change language from “president” of a trial commission to “chairman” of the commission, which is consistent with the language used in the general provisions regarding committees. This amendment would not change trial commission procedures.

Amend **Section 1-304 – TRIAL COMMISSIONS** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language bold and stricken.

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

Recommendation No. 3

I recommend the following amendment to harmonize Section 2-905 with the usual practice of the subordinate lodges.

Amend **Section 2-905 – REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language bold and stricken.

Sec. 2-905 – REFERENCE TO INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE – All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, dispensation for a new subordinate lodge and all applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, must be referred to an *Investigating Ceommittee*. *No less than three members of the lodge must be appointed to an Investigating Committee, and in the case of a petition for initiation, the top line and second line signers of the petition may not serve on the Investigating Committee.* A majority of such committee may report on such petition. The report of the *Investigating Ceommittee* shall not be received, nor shall the petition be balloted upon, sooner than the 28th day after the petition or application is received. If any *Investigating Cecommittee* shall fail, or be unable, to submit a report at the next regular communication following their appointment, they shall be discharged and a new *Investigating Cecommittee* appointed to report at the next regular communication thereafter. If an *Investigating Cecommittee* requests more time to investigate a petitioner, the Master of the lodge may grant such additional time to report.

The minutes of the lodge shall show only that the committee made report and shall not disclose whether such report was favorable or unfavorable.

Recommendation No. 4

I recommend the following amendment to require that a background check be conducted on all petitioners by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge would furnish the results of the background check to the Investigating Committee for consideration. The Grand Lodge Office Committee would set the amount of an additional fee to be paid to the Grand Lodge for conducting the background check. The background check fee would not be refundable.

This amendment would add a new **Section 2-808 – MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK** to the end of **CHAPTER VIII – TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION** of the Bylaws. The amendment would also add a new paragraph (f) to **Section 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE**.

Sec. 2-808 – MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK – *A background check, consisting of a criminal history record check, will be compiled for all petitioners seeking to receive the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. The background check will be conducted by the Grand Lodge, and the results thereof will be furnished to the Investigating Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master of the subordinate lodge receiving the petition for their consideration. The form of the Petition to receive the degrees of Masonry shall advise petitioners that a background check will be conducted, and that their signature on the petition will constitute consent to such investigation.*

Section 1-316 – GRAND LODGE OFFICE

New Paragraph (f):

(f) The Grand Lodge Office Committee shall, within thirty days of the passage of this amendment, and at its annual meeting each year thereafter, set the amount of the fee to be assessed by the Grand Lodge to conduct the background check required by Section 2-808. Such fee shall reflect the actual cost to the Grand Lodge of conducting the background check and any associated costs. The fee shall be collected by the lodge

receiving the petition and transmitted to the Grand Lodge office with a copy of the petition.

If Recommendation No. 4 passes, the following Sections must also be amended in the following ways to change references to petition process.

Amend the **Section 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language bold and stricken:

Sec. 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER – A rejected petitioner for initiation, advancement or admission, must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the petitioner shall be reported as rejected. Notice of such rejection shall be communicated to the petitioner by the Secretary and *the initiation fee* ~~any fees~~ accompanying such petition shall be returned to the petitioner with such communication. *The background check fee shall not be refunded.*

Amend the **Section 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION – One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition which must follow the same course as an original petition, *with an exception to the mandatory background check outlined in Section 2-808.* In no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once.

Amend the **Section 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language:

Sec. 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS – As an alternative to Section 2-903, any three (3) Master Masons, members of the subordinate lodge seeking to exercise the procedures of the Section 2-913, may propose a candidate for initiation by presenting a Recommendation of a Candidate for the Degrees of Masonry signed by all three of said proposers, whose signatures shall be attested by the secretary of the lodge, which form of recommendation shall be in the form provided by the Grand Secretary and which form of recommendation must have attached thereto the regular petition form then in use in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska and available from the Grand Lodge Office, provided however, that the petition shall be in draft form and shall not be signed by the proposed candidate and may otherwise be incomplete. The three proposers shall constitute the investigating committee and the Master shall make declaration of their appointment. At the stated meeting of the subordinate lodge next following the proposal of the candidate, the petition will be balloted on, with a favorable vote being subject to subsequent completion of the petition by the proposed candidate, *including mandatory background check outlined in Section 2-808, along with satisfactory answers to the questions posed on the petition including, but not limited to a belief in a Supreme Being, and questions as to health, financial responsibility, not having been rejected in another lodge within the time period set out in the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, and the completed petition must be signed by the candidate and applicable fees paid prior to his presenting himself for initiation. After election, the Master shall direct one or more of the three proposers to inform the proposed candidate that he has been proposed, has been elected, and is invited to present himself for initiation upon completion of and signing of the form of petition. The petition must be signed and a mandatory background check referenced in Section 2-808 completed.* The petition must

be completed, signed and returned to the secretary of the lodge within 60 days of the election of the candidate and such return date shall be certified by the lodge secretary. In the event such petition is not completed and returned within such 60 day period, such draft petition shall be null and void and such finding shall be declared by the Master and an entry as to such action recorded in the records of the lodge. In the event of an unfavorable vote, as the candidate did not make the initial application, he will have no knowledge of such rejection and accordingly such proposed candidate would not be subject to a three year hold as being the material of the lodge as set out in Section 2-906; he would not be notified in any form whatsoever of the proposal of a draft petition nor the rejection as provided by Section 2-907; and, he would not be subject to any time limit as set out in Section 2-908 for submission of a petition under his own initiative, but no re-proposal under the provisions of this Section 2-913 by any three members of the subject subordinate lodge may be made until the expiration of not less than six (6) months from the time of the initial unfavorable ballot.

Recommendation No. 5

I recommend the following amendment to allow subordinate lodges to increase their dues to account for increases in the per capita without amendment to the lodge bylaws.

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

Sec. 2 601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS – Chartered subordinate lodges shall have discretionary power to assess annual dues and special assessments upon its members who are Master Masons in good standing. Such dues and assessments shall be uniform upon such members. *The amount of the annual dues payable to each subordinate lodge by members must be designated in the bylaws in one of two ways: (1) lodge dues plus Grand Lodge per capita and assessments, or (2) a total amount that includes lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita and assessments.* ~~shall include Grand Lodge dues and shall be designated in the bylaws.~~ Special assessments may be made payable in installments. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, but he shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

Recommendation No. 6

I recommend the following amendment to add additional language to clarify the number of attempts required to serve notice of a hearing that will take place relative to a trial commission.

Amend **Section 3-401 – NOTICE TO ACCUSED** – by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized.

Sec. 3-401 – NOTICE TO ACCUSED – No lodge shall, for any cause, abridge the rights or privileges of membership of any member, by striking his name from its rolls or otherwise, without due notice and fair trial, as hereinafter prescribed.

Such notice to the accused, if he is in the jurisdiction of the lodge in which charges are filed and his residence is known, shall be served upon him personally at least 10 days before the date fixed for the hearing and trial. If he is not in such jurisdiction the notice may be served by mailing the same to him in the United States mail addressed to him at his last known residence at least 20 days before such date, if his last known residence is

within the State of Nebraska, or at least 30 days before such date if such residence is without the State of Nebraska, but in the United States, or at least 90 days before such date of such last known residence is in a foreign country; and a copy of the notice shall be likewise served upon the accuser; and if the residence of the accused be unknown, the commission may proceed to examine the charges ex parte. Any notice served by mail shall be by either registered or certified mail, with request for return of receipt. Proof of service of the foregoing notices must be made and filed with the trial commission before it acquires jurisdiction to take testimony or proceed with the trial; or if the residence of the accused is unknown, proof of that fact must be filed in the form of an affidavit of the Secretary of the lodge. *No more than three attempts shall be required as a reasonable effort to serve notice.* However, the accused brother may, in writing, accept or waive the service of notice.

Recommendation No. 7

I recommend the following amendment to define “electioneering” and include such conduct as an enumerated Masonic offense. Comment at a tyled meeting is specifically excluded from this definition.

Amend **Section 3-102 – MASONIC OFFENSES ENUMERATED** – by adding a new paragraph (j) to the end of the Section, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

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

New Paragraph (j):

(j) Electioneering, defined as the attempt to persuade a brother to vote for or against a particular candidate or proposal other than during a tyled meeting of the lodge where a vote is to be taken and comment is invited by the presiding officer. This section shall not be interpreted to limit the right of any brother to speak for or against a proposition or candidate during a tyled meeting.

Recommendation No. 8

I recommend the following amendment to make a change to whom the Grand Master’s recommendations are sent in the lodges so that they are not being sent to outgoing Masters of the lodges.

Amend **Section 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE** – by deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language bold and stricken.

Sec. 1-307 – JURISPRUDENCE –

Paragraph 6:

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

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On April 19, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Aurora Lodge No. 68 in Aurora to increase the annual dues to an amount plus the Grand Lodge per capita tax and assessments.

On June 11, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to add a section to the bylaws regarding dues assistance.

On June 11, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to change the lodge dues to amount equal to the amount of the Grand Lodge per capita tax, plus two times the Grand Lodge per capita tax plus any additional Grand Lodge assessments.

On June 25, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wausa Lodge No. 251 in Wausa to increase the lodge dues and change the date of suspension of a member to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to remove the word “therefrom” from a paragraph to clean up language.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to remove the word “next” from a paragraph to clean up language.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to increase degree fees.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to add duties a paragraph governing the Membership Sustaining Committee relative to contacting delinquent members.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to add the word “may” in a paragraph to clean up language.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to clean up language in a paragraph relative to when a member’s dues begin to accrue.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to change certain members of the Board of Trustees.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to clean up language in a paragraph relative to the regular meetings of the lodge.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to change the word “meeting” to the word “communication” in a paragraph relative to bylaws amendments.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to change language, without changing the meaning, in a paragraph relative to diplomas and certificates.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to remove the provision allowing the Musician of the lodge to receive compensation.

On September 6, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to add a provision allowing the Master to appoint a Marshal in a paragraph relative to officers the Worshipful Master may appoint.

On September 23, 2011, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of the Masters and Wardens Club of the Greater Omaha and Surrounding Area.

On September 23, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Comet Lodge No. 229 in Ceresco to change the time of the regular communication.

On October 4, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue to increase the annual dues.

On October 15, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln to change the day of the regular communication.

On October 15, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to include Grand Lodge assessments in the amount of dues, and to change language with respect to the date of suspension of a member to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On October 15, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln to increase the annual dues, and to remove a provision relative to dues being paid from income and principal of invested funds for members holding life membership.

On October 15, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 in Wahoo to increase the annual dues.

On October 22, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to increase annual dues.

On November 10, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hiram Lodge No. 52 to change the day of the regular communication.

On November 18, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Utica Lodge No. 96 in Utica to increase the annual dues.

On November 18, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to increase the annual dues to an amount including per capita and Grand Lodge assessments, with a provision to waive increasing the dues to cover per capita increases occurring after 2012 by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the October meeting each year.

On November 24, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Superior Lodge No. 121 in Superior to increase the annual dues.

On December 7, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Charity Lodge No. 53 in Red Cloud to increase annual dues.

On December 21, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to increase the annual dues.

On December 21, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Elwood Lodge No. 167 in Elwood to increase the annual dues.

On December 21, 2011, I rejected an amendment to the bylaws of Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River that would have allowed the lodge to automatically increase dues on an annual basis in an amount equal to any Grand Lodge per capita or assessment increases without submitting a bylaw amendment request to the Grand Lodge for approval.

On December 21, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River to change the time of the regular communication during the months of November through March.

On December 21, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River to increase the degree fees.

On January 7, 2012, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Friend Lodge No. 73 in Friend to change the time of the regular meetings of the lodge during regular standard time.

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:

Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs, merged into Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon, effective May 27, 2011.

Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood, merged with Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water, effective June 7, 2011.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen, merged with Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield, effective July 21, 2011.

Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland, merged with Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco, effective November 1, 2011.

APPROVAL OF ONE-DAY CONFERRALS

As provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the requests of the following lodges to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on the indicated date. Same lodges were allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in their area.

- April 20, 2011, for Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney for degrees on May 7, 2011.
- June 16, 2011, for Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield for degrees on July 16, 2011.
- October 13, 2011, for Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue for degrees on October 15, 2011.
- October 17, 2011, for Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion for degrees on January 28, 2012.

These approvals were 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 on his return home.
- e. Each candidate will be instructed that he must return to his home lodge and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual within the time period allowed in Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws;
- f. 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.
- g. 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.

PERMISSIONS, DISPENSATIONS AND ORDERS

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

On April 26, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Panhandle Shrine Club to receive a list of members with contact information for area lodges for the purpose of mailing circus tickets.

On April 29, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte to move their charter on June 14, 2011 to Brother Walton Johnson's ranch, for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 5, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to move their charter on June 7, 2011 to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of holding the regular business meeting at The Home.

On May 6, 2011, due to violation of Section 2-612, I instructed all subordinate lodges not to read a solicitation received from a member for which permission was not obtained prior to its mailing.

On May 9, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Utica Lodge No. 96 in Utica to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 18, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to install their 2011 Junior Deacon out of time.

On May 26, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 in Kimball to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 28, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of lodge secretaries and contact information for Omaha area lodges for the purpose of sending information about the Scottish Rite baseball bus trip to Kansas City.

On June 7, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Garfield Lodge No. 95 in O'Neill to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On June 13, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to obtain a member list, including contact information for Liberty Lodge members, for the purpose of sending information about a lodge fundraiser.

On June 23, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 20, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 21, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Thistle Lodge No. 61 in Lexington to move their charter on August 9, 2011 to a high hill overlooking Platte Valley, for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On August 2, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 12, 2011 to 17260 NW 12th Street in Davey, Nebraska, for the purpose of conducting a pasture lodge.

On August 4, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Masonic Youth Foundation to obtain a list of all Lodge Masters and Secretaries for the purpose of contacting them regarding financial support for the 2011 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

On August 5, 2011, under the provisions of Article X, Section 1(h) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I determined that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would no longer appoint or accept appointments for Grand Representatives with other Grand Jurisdictions,

or otherwise participate in the exchange of the same, and notified all recognized Grand Lodges of the change.

On August 18, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Tehama Shrine to obtain a list of members of lodges in their area who have been raised in the last five years for the purpose of sending membership information.

On August 22, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Grand Lodge Membership Committee to receive membership statistics for 1990 through 2011, without member name or contact information, except zip codes, to conduct research on demographic correlations amongst the membership.

On August 24, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to move their charter throughout the 2011 calendar year to various locations within Lincoln due to lodge repair work, for the purpose of holding regular and special communications. The notification requirements of Section 2-502 must be met.

On August 26, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to sponsor the annual Robert W. Boon Thanksgiving Memorial Food Truck to benefit The Nebraska Masonic Home, and to send a letter to Nebraska Lodges requesting contributions for the same.

On September 7, 2011, due to violations of Section 2-612, I issued an order that an anonymous circular and solicitation mailed to lodge officers and other Masonic representatives was not to be read aloud or allowed to be read in lodge because permission to use the lodge officer roster information contained in the lodge directory was not obtained prior to its mailing.

On September 15, 2011 pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to obtain a list of all Lodge Secretaries for the purpose of sending a letter regarding funding for the annual Christmas parties at The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 21, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Parian Lodge No. 207 in Callaway to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On September 22, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Plattsouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsouth to move their charter *on September 22, 2011, to* The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of conferring a Fellow Craft degree.

On September 27, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On October 3, 2011, due to violations of Section 2-612, I issued an order that an anonymous circular and solicitation mailed to lodge officers and other Masonic representatives was not to be read aloud or allowed to be read in lodge because permission to use the lodge officer roster information contained in the lodge directory was not obtained prior to its mailing.

On October 5, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Masters and Wardens Club to utilize the Omaha area lodge officer mailing information for the purpose of circulating information about a fundraiser for the Isaac Barchus Fund.

On October 5, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On November 2, 2011, due to violations of Section 2-612, I issued an order that an anonymous circular mailed to lodge officers and other Masonic representatives was not to be read aloud or allowed to be read in lodge because permission to use the lodge officer roster information contained in the lodge directory was not obtained prior to its mailing.

On November 7, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to install their 2012 Officers out of time.

On November 8, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 in Bridgeport to elect their 2012 officers out of time.

On November 23, 2011, due to violations of Section 2-612 and Section 2-704, I issued an order that an anonymous circular mailed to lodge officers and other Masonic representatives was not to be read aloud or allowed to be read in lodge because permission to use the lodge officer roster information contained in the lodge directory was not obtained prior to its mailing.

On November 29, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Omaha Lodge No. 288 in Omaha to elect their 2012 officers out of time.

On November 29, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Tekamah Lodge No. 31 in Tekamah to elect their 2012 Junior Warden out of time.

On November 30, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Falls City Lodge No. 9 in Falls City to elect their 2012 officers out of time.

On November 30, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Albion Lodge No. 78 in Albion to elect their 2012 officers out of time.

On November 30, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Cedar River Lodge No. 89 in Fullerton to elect their 2012 officers out of time.

On December 1, 2011, I granted dispensation authorizing the formation of a new lodge in the City of Kabul, in the Country of Afghanistan, to be called Swisher Lodge U.D.

On December 12, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to move their charter on Sunday, January 8, 2012, to the Scottish Rite Temple in Sioux City, Iowa, for the purpose of holding the installation of the 2012 lodge officers.

On December 27, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Superior Lodge No. 121 in Superior to move their charter on January 10, 2012 to Nelson Lodge No. 77, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers due to remodeling at Superior Lodge.

On December 27, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I amended the dispensation granted on December 12, 2011 to Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to move their charter on Sunday, January 15, 2012, to the Scottish Rite Temple in Sioux City, Iowa, for the purpose of holding the installation of the 2012 lodge officers.

On December 28, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of the 2012 Masters of subordinate lodges in the Omaha area for the purpose of inviting them to a dinner at the Tangier Shrine Center.

On December 28, 2011, due to violations of Section 2-612, I issued an that an anonymous circular mailed to lodge officers and other Masonic representatives was not to be read aloud or allowed to be read in lodge because permission to use the lodge officer roster information contained in the lodge directory was not obtained prior to its mailing.

On December 30, 2011, I issued a decree that if a subordinate Lodge agreed, pursuant to Section 2-603 of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Bylaws, to remit the local Lodges' portion of the annual dues for a Brother deployed to a combat zone, the Grand Lodge would remit the Grand Lodge per capita and special assessment on the Brother's behalf on the 2012 lodge annual return. Written notice from the subordinate Lodge confirming the Brother's qualifying deployment, including the current APO address of the Brother, would be required.

On January 10, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to install their 2012 Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal and Musician out of time.

On January 10, 2012, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 291 in Oakland to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 11, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to install their 2012 Senior Warden, Junior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On January 13, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to install their 2012 Officers out of time.

On January 16, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln to install their 2012 Chaplain, Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 16, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blue River Lodge No. 30 in Milford to install their 2012 Senior Deacon and Senior Steward out of time.

On January 16, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 in Wilber to install their 2012 Chaplain out of time.

On January 16, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Garfield Lodge No. 95 in O'Neill to install their 2012 Chaplain out of time.

On January 16, 2012, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to install their 2012 Senior Steward out of time.

REINSTATEMENTS

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

April 19, 2011	Alfred Klaasmeyer	York Lodge No. 56
April 19, 2011	David M. Linder	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
April 19, 2011	William P. Cornell	Papillion Lodge No. 39
April 19, 2011	Jimmie D. Dudley	Covert Lodge No. 11
April 30, 2011	James C. Morris	Bartley Lodge No. 228
April 30, 2011	Michael A. McCleery	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
May 21, 2011	Donald R. Welch	Covert Lodge No. 11
May 21, 2011	Kent R. Mathews	Miloma Lodge No. 328
May 21, 2011	Donald E. Clark, III	Miloma Lodge No. 328
May 21, 2011	Scott A. Jordan	Wausa Lodge No. 251
June 2, 2011	Charles Bumgarner	York Lodge No. 56
June 11, 2011	Jerry W. Parsons	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
June 25, 2011	Calvin Peters	Miloma Lodge No. 328
June 25, 2011	Edward L. Leonard, Jr.	Bellevue Lodge No. 325
July 16, 2011	Garie N. O'Brien	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
August 11, 2011	Gerald G. Gray	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
September 23, 2011	Vernon E. Lamberte, Jr.	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
September 23, 2011	Gerald G. Hayek	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
October 4, 2011	Lynn R. Myers	Thistle Lodge No. 61
October 4, 2011	John J. (Jim) Peterson	Jachin Lodge No. 146
October 15, 2011	Christopher C. Saylor	Bennett Lodge No. 94
October 15, 2011	Jordan D. McGowen	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
October 15, 2011	Kirk L. McNeal	Thistle Lodge No. 61
November 10, 2011	Stanley D. Berman	Centennial Lodge No. 326
November 10, 2011	Teddy J. Williams	Fremont Lodge No. 15
December 10, 2011	Richard Carlin	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
January 12, 2012	Dennis M. Hutt	Ogalalla Lodge No. 159

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

In the Trial Commission for a member of Grand Lodge, charges being filed at Annual Communication in February 2011, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and suspended from the Masonic fraternity for a period of one year, effective April 6, 2011. An appeal was filed by the member, and after a hearing before the Grievances Committee, the Committee affirmed the decision and sentence of the Trial Commission. Pursuant to Section 3-804, I affirmed the decision of the Grievances Committee.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Grand Lodge, charges being filed at Annual Communication in February 2011, the charges were dismissed without prejudice by the Trial Commission.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Grand Lodge, charges being filed at Annual Communication in February 2011, the individual was found not guilty.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic fraternity on August 1, 2011.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic fraternity on August 1, 2011.

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 Cedar River Lodge No. 89. The matter is still pending.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Cotner Lodge No. 297, a new chairman was appointed and the matter is still pending.

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

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

November 23, 2011 Aldo Alberto Escobedo
Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa

PERMISSIONS, DISPENSATIONS, ORDERS, WAIVERS, REINSTATMENTS, ONE-DAY CONFERRALS and BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY JOHN T. PARSONS THROUGH APRIL 16, 2011

On February 8, 2011, I ordered that the charter of Barneston Lodge No. 165 be forfeited for failure to be represented at two successive Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge. The lodge was notified that the charter could be regained by being represented at the Annual Communication in 2012.

On February 9, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612 and 2-704 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, I granted permission to Fremont Lodge No. 15 to obtain a list of the 2011 Masters and Secretaries of subordinate lodges for the purpose of notifying them of the place and dates of prospective member nights and Ladies at the Table banquets.

On February 10, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George Washington Lodge No. 250 in Lincoln to add a provision of payment for the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge.

On February 11, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit York Lodge No. 56 in York to install their 2011 Chaplain, Junior Warden, Junior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On February 16, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to contact Omaha area lodge Masters and Secretaries for the purpose of requesting their help in reaching newly raised Masons.

On March 1, 2011, I granted permission to the Grand Lodge of Indiana full use of the Nebraska Mentoring/Enrollment Manual, provided credit be given to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for authoring.

On March 2, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to send information to lodges in their area for the purpose of notifying them about a golf tournament.

On March 3, 2011, I granted permission to Bruce A. Baker to make arrangements and execute necessary documents needed to secure appropriate hotel and convention space

for the Annual Communication to be held February 2012. Additionally, I granted permission to use his discretion to schedule events requiring attendance/participation by legally installed Grand Lodge Officers, and to proceed with committee appointments for the 2011 Masonic year in conjunction with the advancing line.

On March 3, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to install their 2011 Junior Deacon and Junior Steward out of time.

On March 3, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Plainview Lodge No. 204 in Plainview to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On March 8, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On March 22, 2011, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On March 31, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Jachin Lodge No. 146 in Holdrege to increase annual dues.

On March 31, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to add a provision requiring approval of the Grand Lodge pursuant to Section 2-614 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws with regard to ownership of lodge real estate.

On March 31, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to set the amount of dues in the lodge bylaws.

On March 31, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to change the word "may" to the word "shall" with regard to appointing standing committees, and to change the word "treasurer" to the word "treasury" in the section governing duties of the Worshipful Master.

On April 4, 2011, I directed the Worshipful Master of Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River to forward a copy of the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2011.

On April 4, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to move their charter on May 2, 2011 to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of conducting the May regular communication at The Home.

On April 4, 2011, after receiving sufficient reason for absence at the 2011 Annual Communication, I granted dispensation to Barneston Lodge No. 165 to resume business, perform work and participate in Masonic activities. I noted that Barneston Lodge must be represented at the 155th Annual Communication, or said dispensation would be declared null and void, and the charter again forfeited.

On April 15, 2011, I sent the following reprimand to the Officers and Brethren of Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River:

“On 17 Feb 2011 Cement Lodge hosted an illegal installation in direct violation of an order issued by the Grand Master and confirmed by the membership of the Grand Lodge. As a result of information acquired in a meeting between the Grand Lodge officers and the members of Cement Lodge on the evening of 14

Apr 2011, it appears that most members of the lodge were not cognizant of the order prohibiting the illegal installation, and those that belatedly became aware of it felt that they were not in a position to stop it. While ignorance of a law or edict is not excusable, in that case it does provide some mitigating circumstances.

I therefore find that Cement Lodge violated my order and hereby reprimand them for that action. The officers and brethren must ensure that no similar action ever recurs, for if it does, any future penalty will be much more severe.

I wish Cement Lodge good luck and best wishes in the future as they continue their efforts for Nebraska Masonry.”

Reinstatements

March 3, 2011.....	James L. Moore	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
March 8, 2011.....	Ronnie Weston.....	Liberty Lodge No. 300
March 8, 2011.....	Ben A. Shaw, Jr.	Nelson Lodge No. 77
March 10, 2011.....	Darrell G. Welch.....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
March 16, 2011.....	J. Clayton Greer.....	Florence Lodge No. 281

One-Day Conferrals

- March 22, 2011, for George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha for degrees on April 9, 2011.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I need to thank my wife Susie for her unqualified support this year; her love, council and patience were, as the saying goes, “timely and good,” and made a sometimes trying journey much easier. To my children and grandchildren, my thanks for your patience and understanding when I couldn’t attend family functions because of my Masonic commitments. To the 2011 Grand Lodge Officers, I thank you for your loyalty, integrity and commitment to Nebraska Masonry; it has been an honor to serve with each of you. A sincere thank you to the Past Grand Masters who offered support and good council when they were asked. To my Brothers from Mid-West Lodge No. 317, and my Sisters from Acacia Chapter #39, thank you for your support and help this year. A special thanks to W.:B.: Dan Nonneman for the loan of the fine “derby.” A huge thank you to the social committee for all their hard work; you are truly appreciated. To the Grand Lodge Office gals: thank you Carol for your efficiency and willingness to help with whatever I asked. Michelle, your service to this Grand Lodge by assisting the several Grand Lodge committees, especially your efforts with the Masonic All-Star Band Camp, CHIP, and the Youth Committee are outstanding, not to mention your help and guidance provided to the Grand Master; thank you.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the Nebraska Masons for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master; it’s truly been the experience of a lifetime.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Baker
Grand Master

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

Bill Dittmer, Chairman

The committee received a total of five requests for assistance this year. Three were for Brethren in good standing within Nebraska, one of which we are still working with as of this time. All three of these requests were for monetary assistance. Another request was made by a former Arizona Mason for his ex-Wife who now resides in Omaha. Upon investigation I contacted this man's former lodge in Arizona and they took over the request. The other is from a lady in Arizona whose grandfather is a deceased Nebraska Mason. She was in hopes of receiving a small business loan; I explained that is out of our realm of assistance so she then asked for any assistance that we could give her. I contacted the Grand Lodge of Arizona and urged her to work with them for guidance. I also contacted her deceased grandfather's home lodge and advised them on the request. No further action has been taken at this time.

We continue our fund raising effort through the various garments that are available at the Grand Lodge Website Store. We also have been and will continue to be selling the Real Men Wear Aprons T-Shirts.

At the All Committee Meeting, the members that were present decided to sell a Garment bag at the Annual Communication, along with our NO GREENBEAN dinner promotion. We also came to the conclusion that we need to be more proactive in searching out worthy brethren in distress and that assistance can come in a variety of forms, including something as simple as a phone call or a card. We will be conveying this message in upcoming "Nebraska Mason" magazines. We also would like to remind our brethren that we are not funded by the Grand Lodge. All of our funds come from the selling of merchandise and donations made by Masons just like you.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bill Dittmer, 317, Chairman
 Stephen R. Barchus, 308
 Lowell Erickson, 251
 David G. Otte, 119
 Jonathan Paz, 39
 Stanley Thayer, 50, Ad-hoc

Before moving for approval of the report, W.:B.: Dittmer mentioned that there was a brother in distress who had been hospitalized a few times within the last ninety days. Bill mentioned that this man was also an eligible delegate at the session, but not in attendance. He asked that the Master's hat be placed at the back of the lodge at the end of the session for members to contribute. Proceeds of a split-pot benefit that was held during the conference will also go to this brother. Worshipful Brother Dittmer moved for the approval of the report. The motion was seconded and favorably carried.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS

M.:W.:B.: Grand Master Baker asked R.: W.:B.: Rex J. Moats for his Address in anticipation of serving as Grand Master in 2012.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters and Brethren all:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to address the Craft and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in 2012. We’ll be continuing many of our existing programs that we have. We’re excited about that. Obviously, you’re all familiar with the CHIP Program and the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. One of the programs that’s going to change a little bit this year is our Change for the Troops. With less people being deployed, we have a new mission for that money. We’re still going to have a program, but it’s going to be diverted to veterans that are returning home that have lost limbs or are no longer able to fully function in the society that they’re coming back to. So we’re looking forward to working with Past Grand Master John Parsons and A.J. on kind of changing the focus of that since that mission has changed. We’ll also continue to support the Children’s Home, the Plattsmouth Home, scholarships, our appendant bodies, as well as Job’s, Rainbow and DeMolay. We have some cornerstones planned this year and would love to see you out if you’re in the area. When we have one of these, we’ll try our best to communicate with the lodges in that area so that they can come out as well. We had the privilege this fall of doing one here in Kearney that was very well attended. It was at the Buffalo County Courthouse and it was just a tremendous opportunity. Oftentimes, the small communities really do rally around those events.

I want to invite everyone to the Installation of Officers on February 12, 2012, at 1:00 pm at the Masonic Temple in Elkhorn, Nebraska. It is our privilege this year to have on loan from St. John’s Lodge in Manhattan the 1767 George Washington Masonic Bible. This, my brethren, is the Bible that George Washington took his oath of office on when he was first installed, or took the oath of President of the United States. There have been several presidents that have taken their oath on that as well. We will not be allowed to take our oath on it, but it will be on display and it will be on the altar. The only people that are actually allowed to take their own on it are the President of the United States, the Governor of New York and the Grand Master of the State of New York. So that’s a tremendous privilege. Because of public excitement for this particular event, we are going to have an open house on the 11th, which is Saturday, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon at the Masonic Temple in Elkhorn and we would invite all of you to come to that and see that historic book. I had an opportunity, in my travels as a Grand Lodge Officer this year, to witness it firsthand at the Annual Communication in Iowa, and it truly was a special, a sacred, volume that was before us at that event and we’re really looking forward, and I’m glad the snow storm happened this week, and I hope one doesn’t happen next week. Thank you so much.”

PRESENTATION OF THE JAMES L. “SONNY” EATMON TRAVELING GAVEL

The Traveling Gavel was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge by the Family of Past Grand Master James L. “Sonny” Eatmon, (GM 1992) in 2005. M.:W.:B.: Eatmon entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens on August 28, 1999. W.:B.: John Ferguson handcrafted this beautiful wood gavel and case in honor of his

father-in-law. The gavel or wood maul was commissioned as the James L. "Sonny" Eatmon Traveling Gavel on February 3, 2006.

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

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

The gavel was presented to R.:W.: Rex Moats and Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary in 2011

It hardly seems possible that this will be my final report as Grand Secretary and that the past eight years have gone by so quickly. As they say, "time flies when you're having a good time."

Actually, it has been better than a good time, it has been a "great" time and a great honor and privilege to have been able to serve the Grand Lodge as your Grand Secretary. It is an experience that I will forever treasure and never forget.

I particularly would like to thank all of the lodge secretaries across the state for their help and support. Their friendship and the work they do has not only meant a great deal to me but is so important to the lodges they serve and to the Grand Lodge as well. Having served my own lodge as secretary for many years, I understand and appreciate the job they do and how much it means to the fraternity as a whole. I would also like to thank Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge office for their help and support as well. Their dedication and efficiency in their jobs is of great assistance to us all and is greatly appreciated.

In addition to lodge visitations and Grand Lodge meetings throughout the state, I also attended cornerstone layings and lodge rededications. I also attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries held in Denver in February and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges held in Minneapolis in August. I also served on a couple of Grand Lodge committees in my position as Grand Secretary.

We appreciate the work that the Secretaries of the local lodges do in compiling and keeping Lodge records and filing their reports to the Grand Lodge office. As recognition for those Secretaries who file all their reports for the year to the Grand Lodge office by a specified date, a Certificate of Achievement is presented to them at the Secretaries Workshop at the Annual Communication. Those Secretaries who received this award at the 2011 Annual Communication for their work in 2010 are as follows:

Gregory A. Wells, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
David Wetrosky, Western Star Lodge No. 2
Jay H. Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Denny Smith, Fremont Lodge No. 15

William D. Parrish, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dennis Coufal, Acacia Lodge No. 34
A. Carl Highman, Papillion Lodge No. 39
Nick Longly, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46

Wesley Stevens, St. Paul Lodge No. 82
 B. Dean Marple, Wymore Lodge No. 104
 Marshall D. Grant, McCook Lodge No. 135
 Kevin R. Lindly, Custer Lodge No. 148
 Larry R. Hulsebus, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
 Lowell Erickson, Wausa Lodge No. 251

Olin Boone, Hickman Lodge No. 256
 Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263
 Donald E. Loos, R. W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
 Ronald D. Stites, G. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
 Philip O. Edwards, Centennial Lodge No. 326

Congratulations to Philip O. Edwards of Centennial Lodge No. 326, who was chosen as "Secretary of the Year 2010" by the Grand Lodge office staff.

I regret to inform you that two lodge secretaries laid down their working tools and were called from labor to rest in 2011. Stuart B. Erickson served as Secretary of Bennett Lodge No. 94 in Lincoln from January 2003 to May 2011, and Nick V. Longly served as Secretary of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney from January 2004 to October 2011.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

Membership longevity awards presented in 2011

50-year 196 60-year.....169 70-year9

2011 Membership Activity (preliminary)

Number of Lodges	141	Demits	45
Entered Apprentices	260	Deceased	398
Fellow Crafts	265	Suspensions	432
Master Masons	265	Withdrew	1
Affiliations	38	Termination of duals.....	24
Duals	32	Other	139
Reinstatements	142	Total Loss	1039
Consolidated	134	Membership 12/31/2011	12,288
Other	0		
Total Gain	611		

Finally, it is hard to express how much it has meant to me to have been able serve our great fraternity as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It has given me the opportunity to meet so many brethren across the state and go so many places and do so many things that I otherwise would not have been able to do; my thanks to all of you for this great honor and experience. My best wishes to my predecessor and successor M.:W.: Reg Kuhn. I am confident he will continue to serve the fraternity with distinction.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bruce A. Watkins, 300
 Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins thanked the brethren for allowing him to serve as Grand Secretary over the past eight years and explained that it had been a privilege and an honor for him to do so. R.:W.: Watkins moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Grand Secretary, along with the adoption of the 2011 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Grand Master Baker thanked Right Worshipful Bruce Watkins for his service as Grand Secretary.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME*Mary Stapp, Executive Director*

M.: W.: Baker asked Phil Lorenzen, a member of The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees, to come forward to bring the report from the Home.

Phil made the following remarks:

“I made some extemporaneous remarks last night (at the banquet) and I was reminded that sometimes those will get you into trouble. I said that my father died at the Masonic Home and I offered that same item relative to James Brown. There’s a time to be born, there’s a time to die, by the Bible. In the third section of the Master Mason lecture, we say that we are all born to die, which we are, and there’s a strong message. The context I deliver that in is that my father and Jim Brown’s father lived the last months of their life with extreme, positive, marvelous care. And that’s the message I was intending to bring to you, so forgive that bad choice of language last night. That wasn’t intended.

Just a couple of updates. I do bring you the greetings of the Masonic Home. There’s a report on page 47 of your printed book. I would urge you to read that. It has a lot of detail. I would make these handful of comments relative to the Home. Census is up. In 2010, our census was 83. We now stand at just over 100. The average census in 2011 was 94. The increase in regular way residents has increased and the reason of that is people tend to come to the home at a later date, not just the Nebraska Masonic Home, but all homes. So there’s been a shift to coming to a home later in life when you need greater levels of care. And regular way means that we pay for the care. Pay way means that I pay for the care if I’m there. We’ve had a shift, if you will, brethren, to more regular way. We are having to provide the care for more folks as we go through time. The average monthly income for a regular way, that’s where we’re paying their care, is \$1,275 a month. The average cost of the care of that resident, this is the nursing care facility, is \$7,148. It costs us about \$5,000 more each month for the regular way than what we’re generating in income. That dips into our endowment fund, that’s the important thing for you to be aware of.

Current activities going on, we had a flood on the Missouri River last year that some of you read about. We did some emergency measures to deal with that potential catastrophe. That impacted us from sewage, and that impacted us from the ability to have water to the residents. The steps that we took were to have on site a transport at all times full of potable water to use in the process should we have our water shut off. Electricity was no threat. But it did cost us to go ahead and make those provisions. We did that very adequately. So the staff was to be commended for their thoughtfulness on that. That was fantastic. We had a groundbreaking ceremony in the spring. Most Worshipful Brother Bruce, that was one of your first activities and we were delighted to have you there. It was a wonderful event and you and I turned initial shovels of dirt, as did the other board members, and Ethel, who is 102, turned a shovel full of dirt with some assistance. It was a marvelous item. That is coming along in fine shape. It’s approximately a \$7 million project. You’re getting mailings on that regularly and some help would be needed anytime you can see fit. But the delivery of services goes on in the most positive fashion, and we thank all of you as Grand Lodge attendees, and being aware of this, it’s the Grand Lodge Officers and their support, all of you brethren for your support in The Nebraska Masonic

Home. Part of our obligation is to provide care for the widows and orphans and for distressed brother Master Masons. This is part of our obligation. We appreciate your honoring it and those of us that are on the Board, and I'd like you all to stand if you would please, who serve on that Board, just to note who is here that is on that Board. It is a labor of love. We're available for questions and comment anytime and we do thank you sincerely for the support that you provide. Thank you."

The printed report is as follows:

Another very busy and rewarding year is now behind us at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Many very important decisions were made and acted on by the Board of Trustees, and I am proud to say all decisions were made with the residents' best interests uppermost in their minds.

Our resident census gradually climbed over the last 12 months. January 2011 our census was 89. At the writing of this report, it is 95. Our current census is comprised of 23 men and 72 women which includes 9 couples. It is difficult to express the pride we have in providing care to eligible Masons and their eligible wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and grandmothers.

The full continuum of care that we offer currently includes: 20 apartments for independent or assisted living; a 17-bed private room assisted living center; and a 58 bed 24-hour nursing care area with a separate 14-bed private room Alzheimer's Dementia Special Care Unit.

We take great pride in being one of the very few facilities in the Midwest that provides so many levels of care in one facility. Maintaining an excellent reputation known throughout the health care industry speaks highly for the very caring and dedicated employees we have working at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The most exciting date in 2011 was April 30 – the date of the Groundbreaking Ceremony for our Construction/Renovation project. This project includes:

- a 3-story addition onto the Spencer Wing – 2nd and 3rd Floors will be dining/activity areas and the 1st Floor is for mechanical areas and storage.
- relocation of our Dietary preparation area
- remodel of the current kitchen into a serving-out kitchen to accommodate apartment resident meal service in our current 1952 Wing main dining room
- complete renovation of the 4-story 1924 Wing into 3 floors of 6 larger 2 bedroom - 2 bath apartments and 3 large 1 bedroom and bath apartments.
- 1962 Wing renovation for Dietary food storage as well as office space for department supervisors
- Remodel and relocate 2nd and 3rd Floor Spencer Wing nurses station areas to make more open areas around the elevators
- New elevator to accommodate all departments to allow our current Spencer Wing elevator to be used only for residents and family.
- New roof on 1962 Wing

- Masonry work done on east and west sides of 1962 Wing to match limestone finish like the rest of our facility

The work in all areas took off shortly after the Groundbreaking Ceremony and has kept a steady pace ever since. At this time, the completion date for the entire project is the middle of January 2013.

There have been many challenges which are to be expected with a project this size. Carlson West Povondra Architects and Lueder Construction Company have worked together with our Administrative Staff and the Asset Management Committee to always come to agreeable solutions.

Our residents and staff do appreciate our Masonic organizations and Masonic Home friends that visit our facility faithfully each year. There are at least 10 Masonic groups that return to The Home annually to share a meal with our residents, to hold a monthly meeting, or to come for a tour. You are all appreciated for always brightening everyone's day.

Our annual indoor summer picnics by Home Chapter No. 189 and Narcissus Kensington have continued to be two of our residents' favorite events. A delicious meal with numerous homemade dishes combined with seeing old friends makes for a successful and enjoyable time by all. We are always honored to have Grand Chapter officers and companions in attendance and appreciate being part of their very busy yearly schedule.

Our Christmas season faithfully starts the 1st week of December with the Tangier Shrine Chanters performing for our residents. We feel so fortunate to have these gentlemen here for a delicious evening meal prior to their beautiful performance.

We continue to be grateful for the Masters and Wardens of the Omaha-metro area. Their tradition of generous annual giving to all of our regular-way residents is a much-appreciated and long-standing tradition. To the chairman of this project, Dan Wellendorf, we thank you for your continued dedication and hard work to make this project a success. On behalf of our residents, I thank all the generous Masons who contribute to our residents' Christmas.

The annual Boon Memorial Food Truck coordinated by Richard Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 continues to be a success. Richard coordinates this project and receives monetary donations from lodge and chapters. Thank you to all of you for your contributions to this long-standing tradition of providing food to the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

To Grand Master Bruce Baker and the Grand Lodge officers I want to extend a special thank you on behalf of all the residents, employees, and Board of Trustees. Your continued support and the assistance of the Grand Lodge Administrative Staff are greatly appreciated.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Carol Hudkins and Worthy Grand Patron Carl Plants and the Eastern Star Grand Family, I thank you for your continued support and acts of kindness toward The Home and our residents.

The Board of Trustees and staff depend on both Grand families and the sincere commitment they have shown to The Masonic Home.

My personal thank you is extended to the administrative staff, department supervisors, and all employees for the hard work, devotion, and loyal commitment they have made to

the residents, The Home, and me. The dignified and loving care everyone provides to our residents is unmatched in the long-term care industry. I truly appreciate each one of you and look forward to our continued working relationship.

A sincere thank you to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation staff – Jo Peters, Foundation Director and Emily Roth, Administrative Assistant for their commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

A difficult time for everyone in 2011 was the loss of one of our Board of Trustee members. It was with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to Jack E. Price who died on March 28, 2011. Jack was a valued and respected board member from January 1997 to the time of his death. He will truly be missed. Our condolences and caring concern will always be with his wife Betty and their family.

It is hard to find the words to express my deep appreciation for the continued support and dedication of the 14 gentlemen that serve as The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees. The Board members take their responsibility very seriously of insuring the highest quality of care possible is delivered to our residents. Thank you on behalf of our employees and residents for providing us with the necessary tools to successfully accomplish this vitally important responsibility.

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
Charles E. "Ched" House, President, Board of Directors

M.:W.:B.: Baker invited Ron Giesselmann to present the report from the Children's Home.

Brother Giesselmann made the following remarks before referencing the printed report:

"Greetings, and thank you for the invitation. Well, I'd like to summarize 2011 by thanking everybody for their donations and their support. The home, the Children's Home is run solely on private donations. We do not take any government money, and especially in 2011, we had zero government money come in. In all actuality, we do have a government entity that would owe us money if they actually took their money. Thank you very much for keeping us in that status because in the world of child care right now, for those who are reading the paper about the child welfare system that's going on now, it's very good to stay away from the government money if you can. So thank you very much for giving us that ability.

We were able to stay under budget in 2011. We are working to be handicap friendly. A lot of our buildings were made before that was a big concern, so that is a big project for us, and we've gotten a very good start. With the help of everybody here, one of our campaigns was to purchase a van and a car. The car is used for our youth director. He goes out with that and helps the kids out, but he also in charge of re-educating some of our referral people because of the new child welfare mandates that are out right now. We had six children graduate from high school. Two are now in college, with the help of Masons and Eastern Star folks. Twenty-four youth are on campus currently. They earned 773 4-H awards in 2011, and that is a huge deal. It's a big part of our program and it's

very good for the kids. We had 14 State Fair awards. And some of the new projects that we're working on this year so that we can have the kids dabble in some service related industries, which I think are in need right now in our communities, we're working on electrical projects, welding projects, wind generation projects, and robotics. One thing that we are in desperate need of though, if anybody in this room might have a picture of a '55 Chevy, we would like to use that image and have somebody paint that onto our game center wall. So if anybody has something as such, I would certainly appreciate it."

Grand Master interjected, "I have one question of clarification."

Brother Giesselmann, "Yes, sir?"

Grand Master, "Could it be a convertible?"

Brother Giesselmann, "Whatever somebody has, that's first come, first serve."

Grand Master, "I wanted to be sure we were clear on that."

Brother Giesselmann continued, "All right. (laughter) And two, that was a very nice thought, I would like our Board members that are here today to stand up because they give me their professional proficiency and information that we need, and I appreciate everything that they do. So thank you."

The printed report from the President of the Board is as follows:

It is my pleasure to report that activities at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont have returned to normal from the recession of the past 2-1/2 years, and it was a learning experience from the beginning and we now do things better on less funding – lessons that will help us all in the future. Our portfolio of funds has returned to normal as well, and we are grateful to Brother Jim DeMoss, and the Kloeckner Group at Morgan-Stanley Smith Barney. We have been blessed with continuing donations, gifts and bequests for which we are eternally grateful, and we thank you.

Ron and his fine staff have done a fine job with positive results while dealing with ever changing government rules having to do with health issues and Medicaid, yet have used good stewardship in all decisions regarding the children and their education, and development while in an appropriate home-like atmosphere. Grades have really improved with the new tutoring method, and it shows what the facilities can do for us. We hope the results please you. Everyone is proud of the accomplishments of the graduates and enjoy their coming home to let us know about them.

Over the years we have received five farms from the estates of Sisters and Brothers, and have enjoyed grain sales income from this alternate source. In May of last year we received an offer to purchase additional acres from the farm at Wakefield, NE, by CVA Coop, we did finally accept a bid, and sold at closing on April 26th. The proceeds received were added to the recently established Farm Land fund, and invested until needed to pay for replacement farm land. Gifts of farms are to be kept – not sold, but the Wakefield farm is across the highway from residential properties and really commercial property but not previously zoned as such. We will operate the remaining 140 plus acres of this good producing farm land. Ten years ago we purchased the Home Storage facility on 30th St., and after recovering the purchase cost, the steady monthly rental income became another good alternative income source.

During our 96 years in Fremont at this location, good durable buildings are everywhere you look, the children take part in activities around the well groomed campus or at the farm or in or around their well maintained cottages, and recreation areas. One can't help but be proud, but the credit for all this goes to all those fine folks who previously served as board members and employees.

I am always glad to speak for the proud and hard working interested members of the Board who perform their duties in your behalf, during this year of many changes, and we again commend you as members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. The lives of the children of our wonderful Home have been greatly enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives. Truly, good stewardship at work.

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

**REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION
PROGRAM FOUNDATION**

Stephen Kennedy, President

M.:W.:B.: Baker asked Stephen Kennedy to come forward to present the report from the CHIP Committee.

Worshipful Brother Kennedy referenced the printed report and thanked all of the Masons of Nebraska for their support of CHIP. He explained that the CHIP Foundation Board continues to expand the program and that CHIP provides the best service for identification programs.

The printed report is as follows:

Once again we have completed a successful year with NECHIP and the Masonic fraternity. For 8 years the program has grown and evolved to continue to be the best child identification program to be offered to parents and guardians. The program continues to provide local lodges with the opportunity to serve their communities. We thank all of those who have participated in promoting this service, and all Nebraska Masons for their continued support.

This year we passed the 30,000th child and our total to the end of 2011 is 32,697 kits provided to families. We had 28 events this year, 253 events since the beginning, and once again had a booth at the State Fair. The State Fair was a three day event and 330 children passed through and received kits.

We continue to improve the service we offer and this year added scent securing kits to the overall program. The scent patch is for the parents to be able to secure the child's unique scent with the use of sterile gauze patches, a sealed cleared zip bag imprinted with instructions and sterile gloves. The parent can then use these items on the child for a short period and seal away their scent uncontaminated by others. This system was developed with the help of experts in scent tracking and we believe we are providing a system that will be of great assistance for using scent dogs if the need ever arises. We have used the new kits with the scent patch in 12 events and on 1431 children.

We continue to update the equipment and hope to continue to provide the best technology. We are systematically replacing the older gel finger print machines with new glass cover/laser scanners that are more durable and reliable. We have started procuring a

simpler backdrop that will have fewer moving parts and be lighter to handle. The systematic replacement of older components and laptops is continuing and this will also help keep the units reliable.

Mason’s may also notice that the program is receiving more exposure in newspapers and by law enforcement. This publicity has been positive and has provided more opportunities to hold events. Local law enforcement has contacted us to do special events for individuals that they suspect are at risk of abductions due to family events, and there were 4 such ID events last year.

NECHIP board meetings are held on the first Friday of the month. We meet quarterly at the children’s home in Fremont and the other months via teleconference. Anyone wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome.

Those members who desire to make a gift to the NECHIP program may do so by contacting the Grand Lodge office. Nebraska CHIP is a 501 (c) 3 foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephen Kennedy, President



Grand Master Baker asked all Deputy Grand Custodians in attendance to report to the back of the room to prepare for introduction during the Report of the Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian

It has been a great pleasure to serve as Grand Custodian for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska this year. It is always rewarding to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Custodians and most especially the officers of the subordinate lodges within this Grand jurisdiction.

The lodges within the state of Nebraska have a large number of very dedicated and hard-working masons; they continue to work diligently to improve the quality of ritual work performed within our jurisdiction. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for putting your time and effort into making masonry better in Nebraska. Our ritual work is the one thing that separates us from all other organizations and if not done well we will be no different than a Rotary club or an Elks club.

For the year 2011, we had 55 of the 141 lodges in Nebraska fully certified. The lodges are:

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	54
Omadi	5	S Sioux City	62
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	88
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	57
Covert	11	Omaha	42
Fremont	15	Fremont	81
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	77
Washington	21	Blair	23

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Blue River	30	Milford	54
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	58
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	60
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	78
Papillion	39	Papillion	5
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	66
Hastings	50	Hastings	88
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	90

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	87
Keystone	62	Phillips	56
Osceola	65	Osceola	9
Hooper	72	Hooper	87
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	61
Albion	78	Albion	21
Geneva	79	Geneva	36
Utica	96	Utica	83
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	80
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	61
North Bend	119	North Bend	53
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	58
McCook	135	McCook	66
Jachin	146	Holdrege	54
Custer	148	Broken Bow	68
Justice	180	Benkelman	61
Alliance	183	Alliance	67
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	78
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	57
Landmark	222	Herman	59

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	33
North Star	227	Lincoln	79
Comet	229	Ceresco	59
Zion	234	Hyannis	9
Hickman	256	Lincoln	24
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	56
Rbt. W Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	73
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	3
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	9
John J Mercer	290	Omaha	80
Cotner	297	Lincoln	70
Liberty	300	Lincoln	63
Mizpah	302	Omaha	62
Victory	310	Valley	62
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	88
Mid-West	317	Hastings	64
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	0
Shiloh	327	Omaha	47
Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	4

We have 89 brethren eternally certified in the Grand jurisdiction of Nebraska; and I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

The following brethren served as Deputy Grand Custodians for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 2011:

District	Name	Lodge
1	Roy L. Smith	6
2	Augustine S. Scolaro	3
3	Halsey D. Phillips	325
4	Brian K. Sandall	21
5	Ronald D. Grass	31
7	Lloyd .F Vrtiska	23
8	John C. Sierks	4
9	Edward W. Nolte	39
10	Steven A. Green	54
11	Suman Vallabhbai	314
13	Ashley H. Story	314 & 146
15	Randall L. Hart	222 & 31
17	Roger A. Deininger	317
18	Arthur S. Dye	317
19	Carl C. Plants	54
21	Wayne E. Beatty	126

District	Name	Lodge
24	Delmar A. Jones	65 & 46
25	Philip E. Darby, Jr.	61
26	Arthur J. Ferguson	221
27	Bill Lichtenberger	207 & 148
28	Jack D. Nichols	265 & 285
29	Leslie A. Evert	195
30	Richard H. Cooper	263
31	Kenneth G. Fleming	75
32	Roger L. Shillington	180
33	Glenn R. Mulholland	32 & 284
34	Frank Veverka	15
35	James R. Taylor	327
36	Bruce A. Watkins	300
37	Albert A. Wise	79
38	Dean Papenhagen	50

I would like to thank each and every one of them for their service to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and to masonry in general, without brethren like these, masonry would cease to be the organization it is today. I certainly owe them all a huge debt of gratitude for all the

hours and miles they give to Nebraska masonry. I hope all of the brethren will make an effort to thank each and every one of them for all that they do.

I regret to inform you that W.:B.: Dean Papenhagen of District #38 and W.:B.: Ashley H. Story of District #13 have both chosen to resign their post as Deputy Grand Custodian. They both have put a great deal of time and effort in to helping further Nebraska Masonry and I want to thank both of them for all their service.

Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master & Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus continues to serve the fraternity as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District #31, and Worshipful Brother Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, continues to serve the fraternity as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District #2. I want to again thank both of them for their continued work in this great fraternity of ours.

I also want to thank each of the Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus for all the time and effort they have put in to masonry in this Grand jurisdiction. I certainly hope we can continue to call on you for help in the future.

Glenn W. Binder
 Michael G. Birnstihl
 Augustus W. Clark
 James E. Cornish
 Kenneth G. Fleming
 Frank R. Harris
 Richard W. Linnemeyer
 Richard L. Mauch
 Ralph E. McNulty
 Harold C. Mueksch
 Harold W. Noble
 Vincent L. Rosenberger
 Augustine S. Scolaro
 Eugene Sibley

I regret to inform you that Worshipful Brother Frank R. Harris, who was a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, has laid down his working tools and been called from labor to rest.

The annual custodian school was held this year in Hastings on September 10, 2011. We continue to have a fair turnout at the school but need to stress that all DGCs should plan to attend. I think we should continue to extend to all interested Brethren, an invitation to attend the annual custodian school. I firmly believe that the more interested brethren involved, the better the school will be.

I would like to take a moment to thank Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Baker and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support and contributions this year. Also thank you to Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen, Worshipful Brother Roger A. Deininger, and Worshipful Brother Gerald D. Verbeek for their assistance and support as the Committee on Nebraska Work.

My thanks to the Hastings Masonic Temple Board and all of the brethren who have made it possible for us to hold our annual Custodian School at the Hastings Masonic Center. A special thank you must go to M.:W.: Don Rasmussen, and W.:B.: Glen Jorgensen for all their assistance with the school. I know I speak for all the brethren we certainly appreciate your hospitality.

The following were in attendance at the Annual Custodian School: Most Worshipful Brother Philip Lorenzen, Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work, Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Baker Grand Master, W.:B.: Dennis Rix Grand Tyler, W.:B.: John Maxell Grand Junior Deacon, Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming, District # 31, W.:B.: Wayne Beatty, District #21, W.:B.: Richard Cooper, District #30, W.:B.: Philip Darby, District #25, W.:B.: Roger Deininger, District #17, W.:B.: Leslie Evert, District #29, W.:B.: Ronald Grass, District #5, W.:B.: Randall Hart, District #15, W.:B.: Glenn Mulholland, District #33, W.:B.: Brian Sandall, District #4, W.:B.: John Sierks, District #8, W.:B.: Roy Smith, District #1, W.:B.: Frank Veverka, District #34, R□W.:B.: Bruce Watkins, District #36, W.:B.: Albert Wise, District #37, W.:B.: James Taylor, District #35, W.:B.: Gus Scolaro, District #2, W.:B.: Dean Papenhagen, District #38, W.:B.: Ed Nolte, District #9, W.:B.: Halsey Phillips, District #3, W.:B.: Charles Monter, Apprentice Custodian, W.:B.: Kent Priest, Apprentice Custodian, District #33, W.:B.: Ernest Lehmkuhler, Apprentice Custodian, District #33, W.:B.: A. J. Johnson, Apprentice Custodian, District #3, W.:B.: John Brommer, Apprentice Custodian, District #35, W.:B.: Kevin Lindly, Apprentice Custodian, District #27, W.:B.: Ron Nielsen, Brother Steen Kendall, W.:B.: Bob Summers, W.:B.: Kyle Peterson, W.:B.: Mark Miller, W.:B.: Monte Malouf Jr.

As per section 1- 202 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the Deputy Grand Custodians who have been absent from the Annual Custodian School for three years or more must show cause to the Grand Master. I ask that those of you with three year absence please contact the Grand Master as soon as possible.

There are still some questions regarding Lodge certification. I did include this last year and feel it is worth repeating. The following rules were adopted in 1989 to standardize the requirements for Lodge certification:

- The installed officers must open and close the Lodge in all 3 degrees.
- All parts of the degrees must be portrayed by members of the Lodge.
- The esoteric portion of all lectures must be given by members of the Lodge.
- The examination will include the use of the rods, gavels, working tools, etc. and must be conducted in a Lodge room.

It has been an enjoyable experience serving the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as your Grand Custodian; I certainly hope the Deputy Grand Custodians and the Lodge officers will continue to work diligently to maintain the quality of work within Nebraska Lodges. Without a continued effort on the part of all involved this magnificent work, which has been handed down for the last 300 years will be lost.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 332, 33
Grand Custodian

Grand Custodian Krieger moved for the acceptance of the printed report. The motion was approved and the report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

The Deputy Grand Custodians present were organized and brought to the East for individual introduction by Grand Custodian Scott Krieger, and recognition by the Grand Master.

Grand Master Baker thanked the Deputy Grand Custodians for their work in the lodges.

Most Worshipful Brother Baker then made the following order and motion:

“I am going to order, as one of my last orders, that Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr. be given and afforded and respected the Emeriti status that he’s earned as our Grand Custodian. This is an order, however, I’m going to make that in the form of a motion also, and invite my Worshipful Brother to make a second. (from the audience, “I will second it.”) Brethren, we have a motion and second to confer the honor of Emeriti of a Grand Custodian to Most Worshipful Brother Scott J. Krieger, Sr. We will vote by the usual sign of Masons when in lodge assembled. All in favor? Down hands, opposed? Same sign. Worshipful Brother, that’s a unanimous vote.”

Most Worshipful Krieger remarked, “Most Worshipful Sir, and Brethren, you catch me without any preparation for this. It’s very unexpected. You’d prefer I said without any words, right? (laughter) Very unexpected and quite an honor, and I thank, Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you and I thank all of you for the privilege of serving and for your confidence and for the distinct honor. Thank you, again.”

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.:B.: Baker read a list of reports of committees not verbally received and entertained a motion that the following reports, as printed and distributed to the delegates, be accepted without reading, and printed in the proceedings:

- Fraternal Relations
- Masonic Education
- Awards
- Grievances
- Grand Lodge Office
- Public Relations
- Lodge Leadership
- Membership
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Nebraska Masonic Heritage
- George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee
- East Grand Master’s Masonic Charities Activity Committee
- Necrology – Report received during Public Opening

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

In 2011, our committee recommended the recognition of Grand Lodge of Cypress. This recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge in February 2011.

This year we have received requests for recognition from the National Regular Grand Lodge of the Principality of Monaco, National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan, Grand Lodge of Moldova, and the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria. We are presently investigating to see if they meet the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on

Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and our Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws Section 1 - 306 – Standards of Recognition. At the present time, our committee does not recommend any new recognitions.

The committee recommends that we not recognize the following jurisdictions at this time because of lack of recommendation by the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and they be carried forward for further consideration in the ensuing year: United Grand Lodges of Serbia, Grand Lodge of the State of Guanajuato (Mexico), Grand Loge du Niger, The Grand Lodge of Estado de Aguascalientes (Mexico), The Grand Lodge of Estado De Guerrero (Mexico), The Grand Lodge of Montenegro, The Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Morocco, The Grand Lodge of San Marino, Grand Lodge of Baja California (Mexico) and the Gran Logia “Occidental Mexicana” (Mexico).

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman, 11
Byron L. Hust, 198
Jack D. Nichols, 265,285
Robert A. Jones, 83
Cullen F. Pilker, 39
Ex-Officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to offer, to the Masons of Nebraska, more light in Masonry. With a limited budget, and some very hard working members, the committee delivers.

The Masonic Education Breakfast continues its appearance at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. It is gratifying to see the number of Nebraska Masons attending and the positive remarks the committee has received. 2012 marks the 12th year the Masonic Breakfast will be held. In the past and hopefully in the future; the committee has produced an education presentation unequalled in Nebraska.

As a part of the Masonic Education Breakfast, the committee has continued to make the annual Masonic Book reading recommendations. These books mostly are Masonic related, but sometimes promote leadership, changing, promotion and organization. Many books are offered by Macoy Masonic Supply Company. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2012 and will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast.

The Masonic Education Symposiums do not draw the numbers, but continue to draw quality Masons who do want More Light in Masonry. These symposiums are presented at several locations. The committee thanks the lodges, and valleys who volunteer to support the committee in this task.

“To Light” is a permanent fixture in the Nebraska Mason. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons, and others, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. Professional articles about Masonic related subjects are one of the hottest read Masonic information in Nebraska. This project when first addressed was intended to deliver two issues a year. Thanks to utilizing the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Saints John Lodge) continues to meet and generate important Masonic education opportunities to Nebraska Masons. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2012 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two meetings a year.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. The conference in 2011 was held in Michigan. Due to the busy schedules of the committee members, Nebraska was not represented. In 2012, the conference will be held in Toledo, Ohio and representatives of the committee will attend. This conference gives the committee the opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Dennis H. Brydl, 331, 287, 314 & 332, Chairman
 Eduardo Casas, 317
 W. Larry Jacobsen, 331 & 327
 Jeremy Myers, 112
 Robert D. Whipple, 281
 Dale W. Anderson, 158 & 331, Ad-hoc
 Thomas L. Hauder, 332 & 331, Ad-hoc
 Ronald D. Stites, 268 & 331, Ad-hoc
 Michael J. Webb, 46, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Michael J. Webb, Chairman

The Awards Committee considered several nominations for awards in 2010 and approved the awarding of twelve (12) Masonic Individual Achievement Awards and two (2) Masonic Recognition Award for Non-Masons in this Masonic year. The committee congratulates the recipients and would like to encourage more submissions by all lodges in 2011.

The committee conversed via e-mail during January to review the applications for the major awards. We were pleased at the quality of submissions, but are again concerned with the small number of submissions received for all awards.

The Gold Pan award had six (6) submissions, up from two (2) in 2009. The Rock Maul award had twenty-two (22) submissions, up from fifteen (15) in 2009. There were sixteen (16) submissions for the Nebraska Pillar and Grand Master’s Leadership awards, compared to six (6) from 2009.

There was one (1) submission for the CHIP Award who was a member of the Masonic family and two (2) submissions who were not members of the Masonic family in 2010.

There were seven (7) submissions for the “More Light” Grand Lodge Masonic Education Award. This is the first year for this award.

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

The Committee would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master John Parsons and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support. We especially want to thank Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin R. Lindly, 148 & 331, Chairman
Michael D. Lagueux, 54 & 332
Maynard L. Smith, 102
Tyler J. Weers, 297
Robert Moninger, 256 & 200

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Don C. Bottorf, Chairman

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The Grievances Committee heard one appeal from a Trial Commission and submitted their decision to the Grand Lodge in September 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Don C. Bottorf, 79, Chairman
Phillip F. Harris, 290
Robert D. Kinsey, 297
Robert J. Parker, 317
Jay H. Speck, 6

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman

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

- Mileage Reimbursement Amount – The rate for eligible members of the Grand Lodge traveling in an official capacity is currently set at .40 per mile. This mileage reimbursement rate was retained for the 2012 masonic year.
- Grand Lodge Fixed Assets - The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge. There are no anticipated purchases for the 2012 masonic year.
- Committee Budget - The 2012 budget request for the Grand Lodge Office Committee was set at \$75.
- Grand Lodge Liability and Insurance Package – The current status of the insurance package carried by the Grand Lodge was reviewed. The Grand Lodge

Office provides health, dental and life insurance covering the two office employees. The 2011 premiums were as follows: \$2579.16 per month health, \$99.36 per month dental, \$314.00 per year for \$25,000 life insurance. It was noted that one of the office employees will be turning 65 in June 2012. At that time, the health insurance rate for this employee will decrease to \$1104 per month based on the current schedule because BC/BS will then become secondary to Medicare. At the current schedule, the new monthly premium would be \$1968. Our insurance broker expects a 12% increase in rates. This projection was utilized for budgeting purposes. Therefore, the monthly premium for health insurance is expected to be \$2204. The dental insurance through MetLife will increase to \$106.54 in 2012 and the life insurance annual premium should be \$352. The Grand Lodge Office Committee decided to stay with the same insurance companies for 2012 – Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health, MetLife for dental and United States Life for life insurance.

- CHIP Program – Since the CHIP Foundation uses resources of the Grand Lodge, an Administrative Fee is charged to cover payroll, rent, and other elements of overhead. The fee was set at \$1300 per month for 2012. This is an increase of \$25 per month over the 2011 fee.
- Grand Lodge Office Employees – Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and subsequently communicated to the employees.
- Other – The Grand Lodge Office Committee notes that lecture slides for the various degrees of masonry are available on PowerPoint from the Grand Lodge.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 James F. Brown, Jr., 54 & 332, Chairman
 Christopher M. Carter, 268
 Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79
 W. Glen Jorgenson, 50 & 211
 Suman Vallabhbai, 314
 Bruce A. Watkins, 300, Ex-officio

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Curtis Edic, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee met in 2011 to discuss several ongoing projects. One project is the design and installation of a wrap for the trailer purchased by the Grand Lodge in 2011. The goal is to create an image that will advertise Masonry and show those who see the trailer that Masonry is alive in Nebraska doing good works and available to potential members.

Again this year CHIP events were held throughout the state with great success. Grand Lodge also held a CHIP event at the Nebraska State Fair identifying just over 300 children. Public donations make this project successful and we thank the CHIP committee members for their work at the events plus the solicitation of donations that make the events successful.

A video script has been created for a Nebraska Masonry promotional video that is in the works. The Public Relations Committee hopes to complete the video project in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Edic, Chairman, 268 & 1
Gregory D. Beebe, 119
Brett R. Bennett, 6
William A. Garner, 112
Jerrell F. Gerdes, 264
Bill Lichtenberger, 207 & 148

REPORT OF THE LODGE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dan J. Davis, Chairman

Our committee met several times this year in Hastings and Plattsmouth. We continued the committee's efforts to refine the Lodge Leadership Program and the leadership's presentation to the priorities and noted needs of the Grand Lodge and Nebraska Masons.

We delivered the new leadership training presentation at Grand Lodge to several Junior and Senior Wardens from the Omaha area and will present it again this year at Grand Lodge. The Committee has begun work on an annual Nebraska Grand Lodge Leaders Symposium with the first proposed to be in the summer of 2012.

The Committee is working to produce a video of the leadership presentation that can be made available to all lodges in Nebraska. After extensive research, we have identified Creighton University as a good course of action and have begun discussion with them to produce the video. Success with this project may establish a feasible course of action for other like projects in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee worked with four lodges this year considering consolidation. The committee was impressed with the dedication of both the members of lodges seeking to consolidate and those of the lodges asked to consolidate. All kept as their greatest concern the interests of Masonry in Nebraska.

As chairman of this committee, I was very pleased with the committee members' dedication and willingness to accept the task asked of them and their ability to complete it in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan J. Davis, 11, Chairman
Danny J. Nonneman, 317
Joe L. Work II, 6
Josh Foster, 6
John Fairlie, 1

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Patrick D. Barger, Chairman

PURPOSE:

- Outline the vision and mission of the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership
- Identify 2011 members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership
- Describe the committee's efforts to identify and reboot its mission, develop ongoing plans, and execute those initiatives to sustain and cultivate Masonic membership
- Analyze concepts requiring additional emphasis in the future.

VISION AND MISSION: In conjunction with the goals and guidance of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership (hereafter referred to as the “committee”) strives to establish procedures to sustain Blue Lodge membership levels through reviewing, modernizing, and creating initiatives to facilitate that process at the local lodge level. The committee conveys this message through articles in the Nebraska Mason, reports at Grand Lodge Annual Communication, and local presentations. The Membership Committee solicits and addresses ideas concerning new efforts to retain and recruit quality members from Nebraska Masons that may be implemented. The Chairman leads the committee with a focus on collaboration, creative thinking, problem solving, and consensus.

EFFORTS: The committee met at various times and locations over the past year including teleconferences, face-to-face meetings, and the All Committee Meeting held in Hastings. Committee consensus identified the need to reboot its mission, develop ongoing plans, and execute those initiatives to sustain and cultivate quality Masonic membership.

FUTURE: The committee gathered with the primary goal of creating a roadmap for the way ahead. Committee members established two broad categories of effort for the future: 1) foster a FOCUS ON QUALITY of members and 2) executing the MEMBERSHIP MISSION of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

1) FOCUS ON QUALITY:

- Acknowledging the fact not every man can or should be a Mason
- Implementing thorough Investigative Committees, not just “on paper”
- Utilizing the “blackball” process for the good of the lodge when necessary
- Refraining from allowing the need for dues money to drive who we admit to the fraternity
- Cease allowing the need to place new men in Blue Lodge advancing leadership positions to solely drive who is admitted to or retained within the fraternity

2) MEMBERSHIP MISSION of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska

- Focus on retaining quality existing members as Mission No. 1
- Identify methods to recruit quality new members as Mission No. 2
- Move away from viewing membership solely in terms of numbers
- Plan, organize, and develop tools to assist Blue Lodges with membership
- Ensure members understand what it means to be a Mason
- Re-energize indifferent members

Respectfully submitted,
 Patrick D. Barger, 54 332, 5 & 268, Chairman
 James A. Carlton, 325
 Ronald A. Nielsen, 46
 Arthur R. Stricker, 265 & 2
 James M. Stull, 332, 38, 54 & 96

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tarl W. Carpenter, Chairman

The change to a different host company for the Grand Lodge web site was completed in 2011, allowing better speed and bandwidth capability, as well as an improved user interface for making updates. All Masonic appendant bodies have access to the online calendar provided by the Grand Lodge at www.glna.org and are encouraged to post their activities there to provide one place for all statewide Masonic activities. The calendar can

also be embedded within or linked to the Masonic body web sites. There is an option on the calendar to "Suggest an Event" to add to the calendar. All suggested events will be reviewed by Michelle at the Grand Lodge and submitted for inclusion in the calendar. The calendar also allows for RSS feed subscriptions.

The archiving of the Grand Lodge membership records to a digital storage format is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,
Tarl W. Carpenter, 62, Chairman
Thomas L. Hauder, 331 & 332

REPORT OF THE MASONIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Christopher M. Carter, Chairman

Our committee met in Hastings this year and exchanged emails to coordinate the Lodge History tables for the 2012 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. We also established Lodge History tables through 2018 and contacted all of the Lodges via letter.

We sent a "how-to" packet to all 21 lodges with suggestions on how and when to prepare their presentations at Grand Lodge. One of the suggestions was to assign the coordination of the history table to specific men in their advancing Lines (such as the Junior Steward if the History table was 7 years out, to the Senior Steward if 6 years out, to the Junior Deacon if 5 years out, etc). It was hoped that this year we would be able to start planning a Nebraska Masonic Museum, however, the move of the Grand Lodge to the Lincoln Scottish Rite was placed on hold. Ideas currently being considered for the future are: a history celebration to commemorate the 300th year of the founding of "modern Masonry" (1717-2017); a celebration to commemorate the 200th year of the founding of the United Grand Lodge of England (1813-2013); a state-wide Nebraska Masonic History Symposium in central Nebraska featuring Lodge History displays from lodges from around the state; and statewide public service announcements to let the general public know to contact Grand Lodge to find out if the G.L. would be interested in receiving Masonic paraphernalia belonging to deceased family members. As chairman of this committee, I am pleased to see the growth of this committee's plans and I look forward to seeing the ever-increasing spotlight on our Masonic history continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher M. Carter, 268, Chairman
Carl J. Diamond, 326
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Ben F. Hughes, 96, 332, 54 & 38
Douglas L. Lewis, 268

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Edward D. Nolte, Chairman

The ultimate Masonic tribute to Worshipful Brother President George Washington, the George Washington Masonic Memorial (GWMM) in Alexandria, VA was built by Freemasons to forever honor his memory and legacy. As we approach the 280th Anniversary of W.B. George Washington's birthday, it is appropriate that we review the

two primary purposes of the Nebraska GWMM Committee—to educate Nebraska Masons on the history of GWMM and to facilitate Memorial support among Nebraska Masons.

HISTORY OF SHUTER’S HILL—THE SITE OF THE GWMM – The GWMM stands on Shuter’s Hill at the top of King Street in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. Shuter’s Hill has a long and interesting history beginning before European settlers arrived, through the early years of our Nation, its Civil War, and more recently as a revered Masonic site. Native American hunters were the first to use Shuter’s Hill. In 1781, Mr. John Mills, a local merchant, built an elegant frame mansion and two small outbuildings for a laundry and gardener’s house on the property. He sold the plantation to Mr. Ludwell Lee in the 1790s. In 1799, Mr. Benjamin Dulany, a wealthy planter, purchased the property as a summer home. The wooden mansion burned in 1842 and was replaced by a large brick house in the 1850s. At the beginning of the Civil War, Fort Ellsworth was built on Shuter’s Hill as part of the Union Army’s defenses of Washington D.C., and the Dulany mansion was occupied by the military. The brick mansion later burned in 1905.

HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL AND ITS NAMESAKE – The two Lodges most closely associated with W.B. George Washington were the Lodge at Fredericksburg (today Fredericksburg #4), where he was raised, and the Lodge at Alexandria (today Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22—it was renamed after W.B. Washington’s death in December 1799), where he was elected Charter Master under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. W.B. George Washington was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on November 4, 1752, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft Mason on March 3, 1753, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 4, 1753, at the age of 21.

In 1909, Brother Charles Callahan purchased several lots on Shuter’s Hill, which he gave to A-W Lodge #22 for the site of a fireproof Lodge Hall. M.W.B. Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master of Virginia, invited every U.S. Grand Master to assemble in Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 on February 22, 1910, Washington’s Birthday, to form an Association to plan and build a suitable Memorial to W.B. Washington. Ten years later, the U.S. Grand Lodges approved the concept of constructing a colossal building—a Memorial “lighthouse” to Washington. The site was selected because it followed the ancient tradition for the location of temples on hilltops or mountains, and it was land with which General Washington was familiar—the very spot once proposed by Thomas Jefferson as the ideal site for the nation’s Capitol.

Initial ground breaking took place on June 5, 1922, and construction proceeded as money was collected for each stage of the project. On May 12, 1932, the bicentennial year of George Washington’s birth, the dedication of the Memorial took place with President Herbert Hoover participating. The Memorial building was finally completed in 1970, and in 1999 the large square and compass was added to the front lawn, a visible sign of the Masonic nature of the Memorial. A repository of many artifacts and the history of American Freemasons, the Memorial remains a lasting monument to W.B. George Washington, the Man, the Mason, and the Father of our Country.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL – Today, support for the GWMM primarily comes from the dues paid by each Mason in general, and in our case, by each Nebraska Mason in particular. Each Nebraska Mason contributes \$1.00 for the construction, maintenance, and repair of the GWMM as part of his annual dues and Lodge per capita to Grand Lodge. This year’s official contribution was \$12,631.50. In addition, some members and Lodges contribute to the GWMM directly, but Grand Lodge keeps no records for these contributions. If you would like to

be a personal member of the GWMM, you may join as a \$100 Silver Craftsman, a \$250 Gold Master, a \$500 Platinum Presidential member, or \$1000 New Century member. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the LIGHT Magazine of the GWMM, and you will receive a Membership Certificate. New Century-level members will also have their name cast in bronze and displayed in the main entrance to Memorial Hall. In addition, there are multiple Patron levels, consisting of Millennium Architect (\$5,000), Millennium Master Architect (\$10,000), Millennium Builder (\$25,000), Millennium Master Builder (\$50,000), and Millennium Grand Master Builder (\$100,000). Each Patron receives a Membership Plaque, and his name permanently displayed on a Patrons' Wall of Honor recognizing major benefactors prominently located in the Memorial. Regardless of the level of contribution, you will know that you are supporting a historic national cause for Freemasonry.

REPRESENTATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE GWMM – Interestingly, the GWMM Association has five Officers—a President, three Vice Presidents, and a Director. These officers are supported by a Board of Directors consisting of approximately 24 Masons from various states, with one third elected each year for rotating three-year terms. M.W.B. Duke Lichty is a former President of this group, and Nebraska's own M.W.B. Russell G. Reno currently represents our interests on the Board of Directors. Please thank M.W.B. Duke and M.W.B. Russ for their service and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nolte, 39, Chairman
Gayle Angus, 297 & 95
Charles Folsom, 15 & 119
Richard Hill, 317
Kyle Peterson, 5 & 274

REPORT OF THE EAST GRAND MASTER'S MASONIC CHARITIES ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Donald I. Peterson, Chairman

The Grand Master's Golf Tournament was held at the North Bend Golf Course on August 22, 2011 with 77 golfers participating. Our profits were \$14,467.01, which were divided equally among the three charities: Masonic Home, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and the Masonic Foundation. This is more than triple what our profits were in 2007, and we have seen an increase in each of the last four years. I want to thank each of the committee members for their hard work in making this event so successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald I. Peterson, 119, Chairman
Karl R. Adamson, 31
Richard E. Gilmore, 268
Del F. Hartung, 15
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
David L. Knutson, 302
Danforth D. Loring, 268
Dale G. Lueders, 300
Richard D. Myers, 102 & 119
Ivan A. Vrtiska, 331 & 327
Daniel J. Wellendorf, 112 & 268

REPORT OF THE CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS COMMITTEE*Anthony T. "A.J." Johnson, Chairman*

As the Chairman for the Change for Troops Committee I would first like to thank each and every one of the Masons in Nebraska for their generosity to this program. This has been one of the easiest programs to manage and it is because of all of you and the great work from the office staff. There has also been some great generosity shown from several of the Appendant Bodies and Youth Groups. This year we have not had to purchase as many cards and that is probably good in the long run as it means that more troops have not had to deploy into Iraq or Afghanistan. A total of \$11,921.54 was donated by subordinate lodges and appendant bodies in 2011, and \$4,176 was spent on the purchase of new cards. A detailed list of donations and expenses is available at the Grand Lodge. Lastly a special thanks to Michelle for keeping me straight through the year.

Deployments - Phone Cards Issued to Troops

3-May	Navy USS Bataan, LHD5, Amphibious Ready Group intelligence officer, son of member Chris Harper	1
19-May	Son of David Norton, Bellevue, Grand Island National Guard Unit	1
27-May	2-135th GSAB, Grand Island	65
7-Jun	NE Army Guard Agricultural Development Team	58
13-Jun	Misc cards for ADT-Afghanistan, GSAB to Bosnia, Firefighting team-Afghanistan, Contracting team-Iraq	19
3-Oct	SCP Adam Clingerman, Afghanistan	1
12-Oct	Bobby Story, member in Platte Valley 32, deployed to Afghanistan	1
14-Oct	Jordan Ballance, USMC from Waverly deployed to Afghanistan	1
24-Oct	1st Lt. Anthony Roubal, 3rd Bat, 7th Mar, Lima Co, 1st Platoon, from North Bend, deployed to Afghanistan	1
7-Nov	Cards purchased by Crete Legion Auxiliary #147 for boxes being sent to Iraq/Afghanistan (\$252)	18
27-Dec	Marine Reserve Unit, Omaha	20
Total Deployments		186

Cards Purchased

1/1/2011	Balance from 2010	204
15-Jun	Purchased	299
Total Purchased		503

Cards Remaining

Cards Remaining		317
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Again thank you for your generosity and I believe the Grand Lodge leadership has intentions to continue this project through 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson, 268, Chairman
Peter Gardner, 248PA
John E. Lorenzen, 10, 314 & 331
William E. Nelson, 256
William E. Sumner, 325
Gary S. Unger, 112

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

Before making the presentation, M.:W.:B.: Past Grand Master Dean Skokan made the following remarks:

“I’ll present Bruce with his Past Grand Master’s Jewel and Apron, and a bottle of Glenmorangie. And I would tell you Grand Master, and we’ve had some conversations about this, that I owe him greatly for placing him in this position, although neither of us knew when I put him there the trouble that he would have along his journey. I cannot think of a better choice that was available to me to lead the Craft through this year. Your stable, constant leadership and moves forward are what have sustained this Craft during this year, and I and the Craft are in your debt.

These jewels have a history, by the way, this jewel was originally presented to Russell L. Fickes, then to Jerry Rittenburg, and now to Bruce Baker. It does have a history and it now has a fitting home.”

Past Grand Master Skokan then made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master’s Apron and Jewel to M.:W.:B.: Bruce Baker.



FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.: Dwight Smith, Chairman

M.:W.: Dwight Smith took the podium and made the following comments:

“Well, the first thing we’ll do, we’ll codify the legislation. Most Worshipful Brother Reg, several years ago, did away with the Codification of the Law Committee, with the consent of the Grand Lodge. So we’ve kind of made an executive decision that we’re not going to read all of these things that have been changed. So what we’ll do, as a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2, the applicable sections will be amended; also, Recommendation No. 3 that was approved; and Recommendation No. 5 that was approved; and Recommendation No. 6; and Recommendation No. 8. So those will be approved with the verbiage that was included in your ballots, unless we need to correct any typographical errors, punctuation or anything of that nature. I want to make sure that that’s part of our report.

Most Worshipful Smith then summarized and read parts of the following report:

The meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: and A.:M.: of Nebraska was called to order on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. by M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith, Chairman. The following members were present: Most Worshipful Brothers Steven F. Mattoon, Dean Skokan and Reginald S. Kuhn. Also present were all the Grand Lodge Officers as well as Past Grand Masters Charles W. Amidon, John T. Parsons, Don E. Rasmussen, Scott Krieger, James F. Brown, Jr., Ivan Vrtiska and Philip Lorenzen.

The following were elected to service as officers of the Jurisprudence Committee for the ensuing year: M.:W.:B.: Dwight E. Smith, Chairman and M.:W.:B.: Reginald S. Kuhn, Secretary.

The Minutes and Report of the Committee from February 3, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

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. 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 on December 15, 2011 and submitted to the Grand Master an Agenda and Report.

The Committee considered the Grand Masters Recommendations for amendments to the Grand Lodge Bylaws, and the following action was taken:

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, Recommendation One was approved as to form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Skokan and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon, Recommendation Two was approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Kuhn and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, Recommendation Three was approved to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Skokan and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon, Recommendation Four was approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Kuhn and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon, Recommendation Five was approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Skokan and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Kuhn, Recommendation Six was approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by WB Skokan and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon, Recommendation Seven was approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Kuhn and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, Recommendation Eight was approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to the Proposed Constitutional Amendment, the Committee determined as follows:

Amendment One is not in proper form and may not be submitted for consideration at any session.

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

With regard to the Permissions, Dispensations and Actions of the Grand Master, the Committee found as follows:

On May 6, 2011, September 7, 2011, October 3, November 23, 2011, and December 28, 2011, the Grand Master issued an order that an anonymous circular mailed to Lodge Officers was not to be read aloud or allowed to be read in Lodge, citing Section 2-612 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws. The committee found that the Grand Master had the authority to issue the order, but the source of his authority is not Section 2-612, but is based on his constitutional authority to exercise authority over subordinate lodges.

On December 30, 2011, the Grand Master issued an order that if a subordinate Lodge agreed, pursuant to Section 2-603 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, to remit the local Lodges portion of the annual dues for a Brother deployed to a combat zone, the Grand Lodge would remit the Grand Lodge per capita and special assessment on the Brother's behalf. The committee found that although this order was admirable, it is not authorized, and the order of the Grand Master was not approved.

On August 5, 2011, the Grand Master determined that the Grand Lodge would no longer appoint or accept appointments of Grand Representatives. The committee found that the Grand Master did not have the authority to terminate a program that was contained in the Grand Lodge Constitution, and is not approved.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Kuhn the other Permissions, Dispensations and Orders were approved.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Kuhn, seconded by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, the Permissions, Dispensations and Orders contained in the Supplemental Address were approved.

On motion my M.:W.:B.: Skokan, seconded by M.:W.:B.: Mattoon, the Permissions Dispensations and Orders shown as issued by M.:W.:B.: John R. Parsons, Grand Master, were approved.

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence stands willing, ready and able to aid and assist your Grand Master and all of the elected Grand Lodge Officers 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. On behalf of the committee, I thank Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge Office for all their help.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dwight E. Smith, 205, Chairman
 Steven F. Mattoon, 75
 Les Seiler, 317
 Dean Skokan, 15
 Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

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

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.:W.:B.: Grand Secretary Reginald S. Kuhn announced that he received several resolutions to amend the Bylaws, as well as the Constitution, and reminded the brethren that amendments to the Constitution are treated differently, and if they are to be found in proper form, the lodges will receive a postcard during the year. He explained that an amendment to the Constitution can only be considered at the next communication if more than fifty percent of the lodges consent to its consideration. Amendments to the Bylaws, if found to be in proper form, will be read and laid over until the session next year.

Resolution No. 1

Proposal to amend ARTICLE VII, ELECTION, of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Shall Article VII, ELECTION, which reads: “At each regular communication of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected by ballot from the brethren who are at the time constitutionally eligible to vote therein, a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden and a Grand Secretary. The incumbent Deputy Grand Master shall automatically succeed to the office of Grand Master upon his installation to such office following the succeeding Grand Lodge Annual Communication. All other Grand Lodge Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge.” Be amended by adding and deleting such language (added language italicized, deleted language lined through) to read as follows:

“At each regular communication of the Grand Lodge, there shall be elected by ballot from the brethren who are at the time constitutionally eligible to vote therein, a *Grand Master*, a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden and a Grand Secretary. The incumbent Deputy Grand Master shall automatically succeed to the office of Grand Master upon his installation to such office following the succeeding Grand Lodge Annual Communication. All other Grand Lodge Officers shall be appointed by the *newly elected* Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge.”

Rationale: The method of electing leadership in the subordinate lodges has worked well for years. Time, life events and extenuating circumstances will on occasion, render a candidate unfit or unable to execute the requirements of office. The Grand Lodge body must weigh the merits of prospective Grand Lodge Officer candidates and cast ballots accordingly. The previous implication that the Deputy Grand Master should automatically ascend to the East thus providing him two years to plan his agenda has no merit in this age of modern and rapid communications.

Resolution No. 2

Proposal to amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

ARTICLE IX
POWERS AND AUTHORITY

Shall ARTICLE IX, POWERS AND AUTHORITY, Section 4, which reads:

“It’s judicial powers are of two kinds:

ORIGINAL – Including the decision of all controversies between any of the subordinate lodges, or between one of them and a member or members of another, or between members of different subordinate lodges and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction and the members thereof; and

APPELLATE – Embracing all matters of controversy or discipline proper for Masonic investigation, which may have arisen in any of the subordinate lodges, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction.”

be amended by adding (italicized) and deleting (lined through) such language as to read:

ORIGINAL – Including the decision of all controversies between any of the subordinate lodges, or between one of them and a member or members of another, or between members of different subordinate lodges and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction and the members thereof; *and such charges shall not be pressed during Grand Lodge session, but will be presented in the home lodge of the offending party or parties. When Grand Lodge acts in ORIGINAL mode, a list of competent attorneys cognizant of and conversant in Masonic law shall be provided by the Grand Lodge Secretary to the accusing party and to the accused party. Grand Lodge trial commissioners must recognize when charges originate at Grand Lodge level, the Appellate process has been circumvented, and as such, must ensure the Masonic rights of an accused brother are not infringed. Notifications of trial dates and locations shall be sent by certified mail to the home address of the lodge Secretaries of the lodges in dispute. Masonic summons shall be sent to home address of record of the party being summoned for witness. Trial results must be presented in writing at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge. Trial results will be upheld or negated by a majority vote of attending representatives during Grand Lodge session.*

APPELLATE – Embracing all matters of controversy or discipline proper for Masonic investigation, which may have arisen in any of the subordinate lodges, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction.”

Rationale: Self evident. When charges are filed at Grand Lodge level, it is much too easy to lose sight of the Masonic rights of the accused. A single mason or small group of masons with an “agenda” find it much too easy to drum a brother out of the fraternity for real or imagined infractions.

Resolution No. 3

Proposal to amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Shall ARTICLE IV, CONSTITUTIONAL NUMBER, which reads “The Grand Lodge shall not be opened nor shall any business be transacted therein unless there be present representatives from at least seven of the chartered subordinate lodges, but a smaller

number may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional quorum shall attend.” Be amended by adding (italicized) and deleting (lined through) such language as to read:

“The Grand Lodge shall not be opened nor shall any business be transacted therein unless there be present representatives from at least ~~seven~~ *fifty point one (50.1%)* of the chartered subordinate lodges, but a smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional quorum shall attend.”

Rationale: Article XIII, AMENDMENTS allows for the Constitution to be amended as necessary to better meet the needs of the fraternity. When the constitution was adopted and approved in January of 1858, representatives from seven chartered subordinate lodges constituting a quorum for conducting business may have been a plurality at that time. There are one hundred and forty-four (144) chartered subordinate lodges listed in the 2011 edition of the Lodge Officers Directory. Transportation to and from the site of the Grand Lodge session may have presented obstacles to our founders, however, it is not an insurmountable problem in this age with modern transportation and paved roads. It is quite reasonable to require representatives from at least 50.1% of the chartered subordinate lodges be present in order to declare a quorum for conducting business.

Resolution No. 4

Proposed amendment to the bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Shall PART ONE, THE GRAND LODGE, CHAPTER I, ORGANIZATION, Section 1-101, ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS, which reads: The stated Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.” be amended by adding (italicized) and deleting (lined through) such language as to read:

“The stated Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of ~~seven~~ *50.1% of Nebraska chartered* subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, *conducted under Robert's Rules of Order*, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

Rationale: Adoption of this by-law change will ensure that the Grand Lodge membership is adequately represented and business conducted using a known and familiar format. Roberts Rules is a recognized standard for conducting business of all categories and in no way infringes on the Constitutional Right of the Grand Master to preside over the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution No. 5

Amend Section 2-612 – SOLICITATION – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-612 – SOLICITATION – No solicitation of subordinate lodges for financial aid shall be carried on by lodges or Masons, except upon approval in advance by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

No solicitation of a subordinate lodge for financial aid shall be carried on by Masons except upon written approval in advance by the Master of the subordinate lodge.

~~No subordinate lodge, or member of any lodge, shall send Circular letters, copies of resolutions or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without written consent of the Grand Master but his consent to all proper communications of such character shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein. May be sent to subordinate lodges without written consent of the Grand Master. All proper communications of such character may be read in the subordinate lodge if and only if the consent of the Master of the subordinate lodge has been previously obtained. Neither shall any such communication be read in any subordinate lodge unless the consent of the Grand Master is shown thereon.~~

No rationale given.

The Grand Secretary noted that the submitted Resolutions are subject to confirmation that the signatories are delegates and that they are in proper form, and if found to be so, the process will be continued for consideration at the next Annual Communication.



V.: W.:B.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife led the delegation in a closing prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Bruce A. Baker thanked the brethren for their participation in the Annual Communication and noted that he was inspired by the quality of the conduct. He thanked Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 for providing the lodge paraphernalia utilized during the Annual Communication, and invited all to attend the closing of the lodge of Master Masons by Mid-West Lodge No. 317 following the close of Grand Lodge.

By virtue in the power and authority in him vested as Grand Master, Bruce Baker then declared the 155th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska closed 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 of Hastings.

Organization

of

Grand Lodge

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



Kearney, Nebraska
February 3-4, 2012

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.: Bruce A. Baker.....	GRAND MASTER
Vacant.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Rex J. Moats.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Thomas L. Hauder.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.: Bruce A. Watkins.....	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: Donald E. Rife.....	Grand Chaplain
W.: John D. Ferguson.....	Grand Orator
W.: Christopher M. Carter.....	Grand Historian
M.: W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM.....	Grand Custodian
W.: Ronald D. Stites.....	Grand Marshal
W.: Joe D. McBride.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: John T. Maxell.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Brett R. Bennett.....	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Robert W. Moninger.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Dennis E. Rix.....	Grand Tyler, Pro-Tem
W.: Mark K. Clinton.....	Grand Musician

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Personal Representatives of the Grand Master

W.: Patrick D. Barger	W.: Kent B. Broynhill	W.: Joel W. Zilmer
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2011

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CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327.....	(120th).....	1986
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JOHN M. McHENRY, 19.....	(124th).....	1990
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6710 Rexford Dr., Lincoln, NE 68506-1532, 402-483-1727	
PHILIP A. LORENZEN, 10, 327, 1..... (135th).....	2001
13448 Burdette Street, Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701	
MICHAEL E. JONES, 51, 173	(136th)..... 2002
PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3342	
KENNETH D. BEEBE, 119..... (137th)	2003
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LES SEILER, 317	(138th)..... 2004
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IVAN A. VRTISKA, 327..... (139th).....	2005
1516 N. 170th Cir., Omaha 68118-2843, 402-397-7669	
SCOTT J. KRIEGER, SR., 317, 332, 33..... (140th).....	2006
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GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

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Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh
#327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha

District #4

Brian K. Sandall, 21, 1063 N 17th Ave., Blair 68008-1234, 402-426-4890 2010
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222,
Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

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Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Northern Light #41, Stanton; Wisner
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District #7

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Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City

District #8

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

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Edward W. Nolte, 39, 4702 Windcrest Dr., Papillion 68133-4767, 402-592-0184 2010
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110, Ashland; Comet #229,
Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley

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Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln

District #11

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Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

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

District #14

To Be Appointed

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson

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Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Newman Grove #305,
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District #17

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Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman; Cairo #324, Cairo

District #18

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Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud; St. Paul #82, St.
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District #19

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-3701, 402-477-9464 2001
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York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg

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Samaritan #158, Chadron; Arcana #195, Gordon

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1 - Nebraska	10	0	11	0	163	8	0	1	2	0	0	11	1	5	6	0	0	0	12	162
2 - Western Star	2	0	2	0	148	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	5	8	0	0	0	13	139
3 - Capitol	4	0	2	0	91	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	7	0	0	0	14	82
4 - Nemaha Valley	1	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	56
5 - Omadi	5	0	5	0	143	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	1	6	8	0	1	0	16	134
6 - Plattsmouth	7	0	7	0	288	7	0	2	0	0	0	9	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	289
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	43
10 - Solomon	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	74
11 - Covert	9	0	9	0	483	10	5	0	5	0	0	20	4	20	24	0	0	0	48	455
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	27
15 - Fremont	2	0	2	0	217	2	0	1	8	0	0	11	1	6	13	0	0	0	20	208
19 - Lincoln	5	0	3	0	166	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	11	5	0	1	0	17	152
21 - Washington	1	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	6	59
23 - Pawnee	0	0	0	0	139	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	133
26 - Beatrice	4	0	4	0	155	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	153
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	13
30 - Blue River	0	0	1	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	37
31 - Tekamah	0	0	0	0	121	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	119
32 - Platte Valley	2	0	3	0	207	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	4	0	0	0	11	203
33 - Ashlar	4	0	4	0	155	5	0	0	16	0	0	21	2	9	23	0	0	0	34	142
34 - Acacia	3	0	3	0	60	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	63
35 - Fairbury	2	0	3	0	49	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	51
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29
37 - Crete	0	0	1	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	54
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	43
39 - Papillion	7	0	6	0	215	7	2	0	1	0	0	10	2	8	4	0	2	0	16	209
41 - Northern Light	0	0	2	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	30
43 - Hebron	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	41
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
46 - Rob Morris	6	0	7	0	212	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	5	6	0	0	0	12	207
50 - Hastings	2	0	3	0	152	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	146
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	72
52 - Hiram	2	0	2	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	29
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	24
54 - Lancaster	5	0	7	0	367	6	0	1	5	0	0	12	2	19	25	0	0	0	46	333
55 - Mosaic	3	0	2	0	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	12	98
56 - York	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	87
57 - Mt Moriah	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	59	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	61
61 - Thistle	0	0	0	0	138	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	5	6	0	0	0	11	131
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	37
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	58
65 - Osceola	2	0	3	0	85	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	1	5	84
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	29
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
75 - Frank Welch	3	0	3	0	113	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	113
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	42
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39

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79 - Geneva	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	118
82 - St Paul	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	45
89 - Cedar River	2	0	1	0	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	25
91 - Oakland	2	0	2	0	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42
94 - Bennett	1	0	1	0	36	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	36
95 - Garfield	0	0	5	0	47	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	52
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
97 - Euclid	3	0	3	0	58	2	0	0	1	21	0	24	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	80
102 - Waterloo	2	0	2	0	98	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	97
103 - Ord	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19
104 - Wymore	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	41
106 - Porter	2	0	2	0	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	54
112 - Springfield	17	0	17	0	293	16	6	2	8	0	0	32	4	3	23	0	0	0	30	295
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	29
119 - North Bend	6	0	6	0	88	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	3	0	0	0	10	85
120 - Wayne	1	0	2	0	92	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	5	89
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	39
126 - Stromsburg	2	0	2	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	73
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	31
135 - McCook	3	0	5	0	143	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	8	138
136 - Long Pine	1	0	1	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
146 - Jachin	3	0	2	0	120	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	6	6	0	0	0	13	111
148 - Custer	0	0	0	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	1	0	12	94
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	21
158 - Samaritan	1	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	72
159 - Ogalalla	1	0	1	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	18
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26
180 - Justice	0	0	1	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
183 - Alliance	6	0	6	0	133	6	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	132
184 - Bee Hive	3	0	3	0	157	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	6	23	0	1	0	30	136
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40
194 - Highland	1	0	1	0	39	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	39
195 - Arcana	3	0	1	0	51	3	0	0	0	32	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	85
198 - Purity	1	0	1	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	35
200 - Blazing Star	1	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
201 - Scotts Bluff	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	68
204 - Plainview	1	0	1	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	43
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
210 - East Lincoln	6	0	4	0	241	4	0	1	3	0	0	8	0	8	3	0	1	0	12	237
211 - Cement	1	0	1	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
220 - Magnolia	2	0	2	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	6	26
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	58

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227 - North Star	0	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	3	0	0	0	9	122
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	52
229 - Comet	2	0	2	0	63	2	0	0	0	62	0	64	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	124
234 - Zion	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41
239 - Friendship	2	0	0	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	20
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
250 - G Washington	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	50
251 - Wausa	1	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	80
256 - Hickman	2	0	2	0	207	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	1	16	1	0	1	19	194
263 - Mitchell	1	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	91
264 - Franklin	2	0	1	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	56
265 - R W Furnas	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	2	0	18	75
268 - G W Lininger	5	0	7	0	217	7	0	1	1	0	0	9	1	4	4	0	0	0	9	217
274 - Olive Branch	1	0	3	0	65	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	65
279 - Wallace	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	38
281 - Florence	3	0	4	0	109	7	0	1	5	0	0	13	0	8	7	0	0	0	15	107
284 - Seneca	2	0	3	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	72
286 - Oshkosh	1	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	28
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	34
288 - Omaha	3	0	3	0	75	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	3	12	0	1	0	16	66
290 - John J Mercer	15	0	15	0	404	16	2	1	10	0	0	29	1	19	17	0	0	0	37	396
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	37
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
294 - James Eatmon	1	0	1	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	55
297 - Cotner	10	0	9	0	200	10	3	1	0	0	0	14	0	1	6	0	3	0	10	204
300 - Liberty	15	0	14	0	232	16	1	0	8	0	0	25	0	5	19	0	0	1	25	232
302 - Mizpah	10	0	10	0	285	9	1	1	3	0	0	14	1	14	0	0	0	0	15	284
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	28
310 - Victory	1	0	2	0	63	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
314 - Craftsmen	2	0	2	0	198	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	5	2	0	0	1	8	194
317 - Mid-West	1	0	1	0	200	1	1	0	11	0	0	13	0	6	20	0	0	0	26	187
320 - College View	1	0	1	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	57
323 - Lebanon	1	0	1	0	101	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	102
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	15
325 - Bellevue	6	0	6	0	221	9	1	2	1	0	0	13	1	4	10	0	1	0	16	218
326 - Centennial	0	0	2	0	113	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	109
327 - Shiloh	6	0	6	0	158	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	160
328 - Miloma	10	0	9	0	155	9	0	0	6	0	0	15	4	2	9	0	1	0	16	154
332 - Tabula Rasa	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	16
	268		274		12716	275	42	32	142	134	0	625	49	424	432	1	26	139	1071	12270

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February 3-4, 2012**

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

48th.....	1913.....	Alpha Morgan.....	148.....	April 17, 1924
49th.....	1914.....	Thomas M. Davis.....	93.....	Aug. 12, 1919
50th.....	1915.....	Samuel S. Whiting.....	54.....	Aug. 11, 1931
51st.....	1916.....	Andrew H. Viele.....	55.....	May 9, 1941
52nd.....	1917.....	Frederic L. Temple.....	61.....	Aug. 13, 1944
53rd.....	1918.....	Ambrose C. Epperson.....	139.....	Mar. 16, 1944
54th.....	1919.....	John J. Tooley.....	258.....	July 31, 1934
55th.....	1920.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg.....	3.....	June 14, 1950
56th.....	1921.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	136.....	July 10, 1965
57th.....	1922.....	Edward M. Wellman.....	1.....	Aug. 31, 1922
58th.....	1923.....	Charles A. Chappell.....	127.....	Nov. 21, 1971
59th.....	1924.....	Robert R. Dickson.....	95.....	June 18, 1941
60th.....	1925.....	John Wright.....	19.....	Oct. 29, 1936
61st.....	1926.....	Edwin D. Crites.....	158.....	Nov. 7, 1953
62nd.....	1927.....	Albert R. Davis.....	120.....	Mar. 7, 1929
63rd.....	1928.....	Frank H. Woodland.....	25.....	Oct. 23, 1940
64th.....	1929.....	Ira C. Freet.....	56.....	Oct. 13, 1944
65th.....	1930.....	Orville A. Andrews.....	19.....	Oct. 16, 1936
66th.....	1931.....	John R. Tapster.....	119.....	Mar. 21, 1954
67th.....	1932.....	Edwin B. Johnston.....	33.....	Feb. 11, 1933
68th.....	1933.....	Ralph O. Canaday.....	50.....	Oct. 7, 1970
69th.....	1933.....	Archie M. Smith.....	203.....	May 8, 1950
70th.....	1934.....	Virgil R. Johnson.....	26.....	Aug. 7, 1956
71st.....	1935.....	William C. Ramsey.....	268.....	May 19, 1938
72nd.....	1936.....	Chancellor A. Phillips.....	150.....	Sept. 12, 1968
73rd.....	1937.....	William A. Robertson.....	6.....	July 3, 1944
74th.....	1938.....	Walter R. Raecke.....	36.....	April 9, 1960
75th.....	1939.....	William J. Breckenridge.....	317.....	Nov. 16, 1951
76th.....	1940.....	Earl J. Lee.....	15.....	Dec. 15, 1963
77th.....	1941.....	Edward F. Carter.....	201.....	Dec. 21, 1981
78th.....	1942.....	George A. Kurk.....	54.....	May 4, 1977
79th.....	1943.....	William B. Wanner.....	9.....	June 13, 1975
80th.....	1944-45.....	William C. Schaper.....	148.....	Feb. 12, 1977
81st.....	1946.....	Benjamin F. Eyre.....	1.....	Aug. 12, 1993
82nd.....	1947.....	Edward Huwaldt.....	318.....	Feb. 14, 1977
83rd.....	1948.....	Elmer E. Magee.....	227.....	Mar. 19, 1975
Honorary.....	1949.....	Roscoe Pound.....	54.....	July -, 1964
84th.....	1949.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	59.....	April 20, 1959
85th.....	1950.....	John S. Hedelund.....	268.....	Jan. 30, 1962
86th.....	1951.....	Thomas J. Aron.....	37.....	Dec. 22, 1993
87th.....	1952.....	Edward M. Knight.....	183.....	Mar. 3, 1983
88th.....	1953.....	Fay Smith.....	198.....	Oct. 2, 1968
89th.....	1954.....	Charles F. Adams.....	68.....	April 17, 1980
90th.....	1955.....	Herbert T. White.....	11.....	Oct. 12, 1975
91st.....	1956.....	Merle M. Hale.....	54.....	Feb. 23, 1988
92nd.....	1957.....	Roy I. Babbitt.....	295.....	Feb. 13, 1971
93rd.....	1958.....	John E. Beaver.....	253.....	Sept. 20, 1965
94th.....	1959.....	Joseph C. Tye.....	46.....	Feb. 14, 1989
95th.....	1960.....	John F. Futcher.....	302.....	July 11, 1984
96th.....	1961.....	Herbert A. Ronin.....	210.....	Nov. 4, 1997
97th.....	1962.....	Ernest O. Van Wey.....	32.....	July 16, 2005
98th.....	1963.....	Ralph M. Carhart.....	120.....	Nov. 10, 1965

99th.....	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227	Aug.	9, 2007
100th.....	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281	Dec.	4, 1997
101st.....	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19	July	14, 1990
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen.....	32	June	28, 1995
102nd.....	1967	John A. Bottorf.....	49	Feb.	21, 1984
103rd.....	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72	Nov.	1, 1984
104th.....	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	228	June	16, 1995
105th.....	1970	John H. Brown	1	Feb.	2, 1978
106th.....	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33	April	18, 1989
107th.....	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59	May	6, 1975
108th.....	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75	July	4, 1997
109th.....	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54		
110th.....	1975	Harold Hultman	39	April	3, 2005
111th.....	1976	T. Leo Stines.....	36, 323	Feb.	26, 1994
112th.....	1977	Alfred B. Saum.....	46	Oct.	11, 1980
113th.....	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174	Nov.	25, 2006
114th.....	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314		
115th.....	1980	Byron C. Jenkins.....	325	Sept.	12, 2000
116th.....	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323	June	21, 1985
117th.....	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50	July	31, 1999
118th.....	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158	Dec.	30, 2010
119th.....	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210	Nov.	22, 2002
120th.....	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327		
121st.....	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32, 39	May	12, 2008
122nd.....	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119		
123rd.....	1989	Thomas W. Tye.....	46		
124th.....	1990	John M. McHenry	19		
125th.....	1991	James N. DeMoss	325		
126th.....	1992	James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	294	Aug.	28, 1999
127th.....	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41		
128th.....	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75		
129th.....	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg	210, 64	Jan.	26, 2007
130th.....	1996	V. Kaye Ramsey	290, 317		
131st.....	1997	Kenneth G. Fleming	75		
132nd.....	1998	Don E. Rasmussen	82, 135		
133rd.....	1999	Dwight E. Smith	205		
134th.....	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.	54		
135th.....	2001	Philip A. Lorenzen	10, 327, 1		
136th.....	2002	Michael E. Jones	51, 173		
137th.....	2003	Kenneth D. Beebe	119		
138th.....	2004	Les Seiler	317		
139th.....	2005	Ivan A. Vrtiska.....	327		
140th.....	2006	Scott J. Krieger, Sr.	317, 332, 33		
141st.....	2007	Dean Skokan	15		
142nd.....	2008	Reginald S. Kuhn	134, 19, 332		
143rd.....	2009	Russell G. Reno	183, 297, 332		

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
- Bruce A. Watkins October 2003 to February 2012
- 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
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 15 2000-2009
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr. 2009-2012
- Emeritus

GRAND LECTURERS

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

**The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians
And Date of Appointment**

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian" was made in 1869. In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877
L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold

special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become “assistant” in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as “assistant custodians.” In 1925, the designation was “Deputy Custodian.” The following brethren appeared in the records as “Assistant Custodians,” or, at times, as “Deputy Custodians.”

• John J. Mercer, 3	1910
• Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
• Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
• Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
• James D. Phillips, 93	1910
• Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
• Ernest H. James, 1	1910
• Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
• Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
• Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
• Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
• Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
• Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
• Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
• Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
• Levi Pringle, 276	1913
• Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
• Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
• George A. Stevens, 158	1914
• Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
• Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
• Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
• Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
• Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
• Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917
• Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
• Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
• Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
• Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
• Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
• Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
• Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
• Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
• John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
• Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
• George R. Patterson, 136	1923
• William J. Birkoffer, 249	1923
• D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
• Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
• William D. Edson, 53	1926
• Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
• Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
• William McCormack, 268	1926
• Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
• John R. Easley, 49	1927
• L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
• Elmer Surber, 95	1928
• John M. Bennett, 19	1928

- Earl Barnett, 146.....1929
- Jonathan Frye, 1.....1929
- Ernest R. Reynolds, 124.....1930
- Osborne P. Simon, 174.....1930
- Doc L. Redfern, 300.....1930
- Austin F. Whitmire, 306.....1931
- Henning C. Johnson, 171.....1930
- Carroll C. Raymer, 164.....1932
- Ward B. Schrack, 46.....1933
- Byron S. Peterson, 25.....1933
- Raymond C. Cook, 6.....1933
- Ray B. Bottorf, 33.....1933
- Wallace E. Linn, 1.....1934
- Jesse P. Entriiken, 295.....1934
- Harrold D. Weddel, 208.....1937
- Cecil C. Gates, 227.....1938
- Fred G. Christensen, 33.....1938
- Ross Van Sickle, 184.....1938
- S. William Beck, 43.....1940
- Stanley B. Fryar, 139.....1940
- Roy S. Planck, 15.....1940
- Buren P. Wells, 315.....1940
- Clarence G. McNamee, 55.....1941
- F. Ray Dilts, 83.....1942
- Ernest C. Purdy, 195.....1942
- Lewis E. Baker, 135.....1943
- Howard E. Bradstreet, 261.....1943
- George S. Schwab, 49.....1946
- Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....1946
- Irving S. Johnson, 148.....1946
- LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....1946
- Ernest E. James, 1.....1946
- Frank A. Anderson, 17.....1949
- Robert W. Cook, 33.....1949
- Paul D. Fleming, 293.....1949
- Charles M. Frederick, 136.....1949
- Sylvester Shumard, 227.....1949
- Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....1950
- Morris V. Balcom, 46.....1950
- William F. Flicklinger, 56.....1951
- Forest A. Lape, 183.....1951
- Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....1954
- Harold M. Wilkerson, 54.....1954
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.....1955
- Clifford D. Webster, 75.....1956
- Matthias E. Mauel, 173.....1956
- Frank H. Smith, 301.....1957
- Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....1957
- Richard L. Ely, 128.....1957
- Asa J. Farnham, 106.....1958
- Robert B. Conrad, 125.....1958
- Winston C. Swanson, 120.....1958
- Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210.....1959
- Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....1959
- Harry N. Ahl, 112.....1959
- Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....1960

• Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
• Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
• Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966
• Walter Brown, 1	1967
• John C. Nelson, 250	1967
• Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	1967
• Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
• Howard G. Whitmore, 81	1967
• Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
• Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
• John C. Sierks, 4	1969
• Paul D. Jacobsen, 148	1969
• David O. Kipling, 281	1970
• Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
• D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
• Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
• Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136	1971
• O. Wayne Thompson, 201	1971
• John A. Brandt, 26	1971
• Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
• Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972
• Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1973
• Richard O. Cowles, 174	1975
• Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975
• Ralph E. McNulty, 61	1975
• Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
• Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
• Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
• Roger L. Shillington, 180	1976
• James E. Cornish, 31	1976
• Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
• Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
• Lynn Doty, 251	1977

- Marvin R. Weber, 2041977
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1977
- Harry L. Saum, 308.....1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 26.....1979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 231979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....1979
- Arthur J. Ferguson, 221.....1979
- Leslie G. Weber, 204.....1979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 31981
- David E. Menck, 151982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 1831982
- Justin F. Fauss, 551982
- Augustus W. Clark, 331982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....1982
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....1984
- Leslie Evert, 195.....1985
- William Fogle, 135.....1985
- Roscoe Malick, 2971985
- R. Winton Wilson, 199.....1985
- Robert E. Kyes, 361985
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1985
- Gordon E. Richards, 751986
- Harold Noble, 325.....1987
- Deon D. Eberly, 314.....1988
- Steven A. Green, 541988
- Steven K. Jones, 265, 2631988
- Lloyd Vrtiska, 231988
- Robert M. Littrell, 771989
- Roy L. Smith, 61989
- Daniel E. Spearow, 261989
- LeRoy Crye, 328.....1990
- Ronald D. Grass, 31.....1990
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 3171990
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 1351990
- Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....1990
- Gordon L. Carley, 751990
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 151990
- Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 2881991
- Delmar Jones, 46, 651992
- Don L. Jelinek, 54.....1992
- Albert Wise, 791992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 331993
- Rodney L. Samp, 159.....1994
- Robert L. Carter, 3141995
- Richard H. Cooper, 2631996
- Thomas R. Reed, 5.....1996
- Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....1997
- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....1997
- Roger A. Deininger, 317.....1998
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751998
- Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....1999
- Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285.....2000

- Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 722000
- Carl C. Plants, 542001
- Joseph D. Chrisman, 2792002
- Ashley H. Story, 314, 146.....2002
- James R. Taylor, 3272002
- Dean Papenhagen, 50.....2003
- R. William Lichtenberger, 207, 148.....2003
- Gordon L. Carley, 752003
- Suman Vallabhbai, 314.....2004
- Daniel L. Scarborough, 79.....2005
- Frank Veverka, 15.....2005
- Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 2842005
- Philip E. Darby, Jr., 612006
- Randall L. Hart, 22, 312008
- W. Keith Neisler, 1, 3022009
- Edward W. Nolte, 392009
- Brian K. Sandall, 212010
- Deceased

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
ROCK MAUL AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a lodge deemed to be the most outstanding lodge that year by the Grand Master (award is dated year presented, for work in previous year).

	1981	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
	1982	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327	Omaha
	1983	Culbertson Lodge	No. 174	Culbertson
	1984	Scotts Bluff Lodge	No. 201	Gering
	1984	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
	1985	Comet Lodge	No. 229	Ceresco
	1985	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Hickman
	1986	Springfield Lodge	No. 112	Springfield
	1987	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32	North Platte
	1989	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
	1990	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
	1991	Corinthian Lodge	No. 83	Wakefield
	1992	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
	1993	Bartley Lodge	No. 228	Bartley
	1994	North Star Lodge	No. 227	Lincoln
	1995	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
	1997	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
	1998	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314	Lincoln
	1999	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
	2000	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
	2001	Papillion Lodge	No. 39	Papillion
	2002	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
	2003	Osceola Lodge	No. 65	Osceola
	2004	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
	2005	Liberty Lodge	No. 300	Lincoln
	2006	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
	2007	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Large	2008	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2008	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper

Large	2009	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
Small	2009	Omadi Lodge	No. 5	South Sioux City
Large	2010	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2010	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow
Large	2011	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
Small	2011	Franklin Lodge	No. 264	Franklin
Large	2012	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2012	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
1996	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1997	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
1998	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	Hastings
1999	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2000	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
2001	Wallace Lodge	No. 279	Wallace
2002	Blue Valley Lodge	No. 64	Wilber
2003	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
2004	Camp Clarke Lodge	No. 285	Bridgeport
2005	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2006	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
2007	Olive Branch Lodge	No. 274	Walthill
2008	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2009	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2010	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2011	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
2012	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water
2001	John Dick	Fremont No. 15	Fremont
2001	Loral Johnson	Purity No. 198	Imperial
2002	Robert A. Merchant	Wayne No. 120	Wayne
2002	Arthur S. Dye	Mid-West No. 317	Hastings
2003	Floyd P. Vrtiska	Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock
2003	Warren K. Urbom	Craftsmen No. 314	Lincoln
2004	Harold J. Daub, Jr.	Nebraska No. 1	Omaha
2004	Richard L. Ely	Guide Rock No. 128	Guide Rock
2005	Roger R. Wehrbein	Plattsmouth No. 6	Plattsmouth
2005	Marvin H. Kraus	Friend No. 73	Friend
2008	V.K. "Tony" Vrana	Oliver No. 38	Seward
2008	Sanford H. "Sam" Nelson	East Lincoln No. 210	Lincoln
2009	G. Charles Thone	Lincoln No. 19	Lincoln
2010	Wesley H. Turtscher	Papillion No. 39	Papillion
2010	Delbert D. Weber	George W. Lininger No. 268	Omaha

EXISTING LODGES

Roll of Existing Nebraska Lodges, with Locations, Dates Created and Chartered

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No 1	Omaha	Douglas	February ,1855	Oct. 3,1855 •1
Western Star	No 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	May 10,1855	May 28,1856 •2
Capitol	No 3	Omaha	Douglas	January 9,1857	June 3,1857 •3
• Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23, 1857 • Chartered by ¹ Illinois, ² Missouri, ³ Iowa					
Nemaha Valley	No 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December 15,1857	June 2,1858
Omadi	No 5	So. Sioux City	Dakota	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Plattsmouth	No 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Falls City	No 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4,1864	June 23,1865
Solomon	No 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	August 15,1865	June 22,1866
Covert	No 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24,1865	June 22,1866
Peru	No 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23,1867	June 19,1867
Fremont	No 15	Fremont	Dodge	July 3,1866	June 20,1867
Lincoln	No 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 4,1868	June 25,1868
Washington	No 21	Blair	Washington	February 24,1868	June 25,1868
Pawnee	No 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	January 4,1869	Oct. 28,1869
Beatrice	No 26	Beatrice	Gage	March 23,1870	June 22,1870
Jordan	No 27	West Point	Cuming	December 25,1869	June 23,1870
Blue River	No 30	Milford	Seward	April 25,1870	June 23,1870
Tekamah	No 31	Tekamah	Burt	August 19,1869	June 23,1870
Platte Valley	No 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15,1870	June 23,1870
Ashlar	No 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11,1870	June 22,1871
Acacia	No 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July 18,1870	June 19,1872
Fairbury	No 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30,1871	June 19,1872
Lone Tree	No 36	Central City	Merrick	August 9,1871	June 19,1872
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
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
Hastings	No 50	Hastings	Adams	January 3,1874	June 26,1874
Fidelity	No 51	David City	Butler	January 18, 1874	June 26,1874
Hiram	No 52	Arlington	Washington	February 26,1874	June 26,1874
Charity	No 53	Red Cloud	Webster	March 2,1874	June 26,1874
Lancaster	No 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20,1874	June 26,1874
Mosaic	No 55	Norfolk	Madison	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
York	No 56	York	York	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
Mt. Moriah	No 57	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7,1874	June 23,1875
Wahoo	No 59	Wahoo	Saunders	January 20,1875	June 23,1875
Thistle	No 61	Lexington	Dawson	May 8,1875	June 21,1876
Keystone	No 62	Phillips	Hamilton	January 1,1876	June 21,1876
Blue Valley	No 64	Wilber	Saline	October 6,1876	June 20,1877
Osceola	No 65	Osceola	Polk	November 23,1876	June 20,1877
Aurora	No 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878
Hooper	No 72	Hooper	Dodge	March 19,1878	June 25,1879

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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
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
Jachin	No 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13,1885	June 17,1886
Custer	No 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10,1885	June 17,1886
Lily	No 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28,1885	June 17,1886
Samaritan	No 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17,1886	June 16,1887
Ogallala	No 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14,1886	June 16,1887
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
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

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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
East Lincoln	No 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November	5,1891	June	16,1892
Cement	No 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November	27,1891	June	16,1892
Magnolia	No 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January	21,1893	June	15,1893
Wood Lake	No 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September	22,1892	June	21,1894
Landmark	No 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March	1,1893	June	21,1894
Silver Cord	No 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October	17,1893	June	21,1894
North Star	No 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July	28,1894	June	13,1895
Bartley	No 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November	23,1894	June	13,1895
Comet	No 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December	5,1894	June	13,1895
Zion	No 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July	19,1895	June	10,1896
Friendship	No 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October	7,1895	June	10,1896
Geo. Armstrong	No 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August	1,1895	June	17,1897
Laurel	No 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February	12,1900	June	7,1900
Geo. 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
Geo. W. Lininger	No 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February	26,1908	June	10,1908
Olive Branch	No 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September	20,1909	June	8,1910
Wallace	No 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February	25,1911	June	4,1912
Florence	No 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January	17,1913	June	4,1913
Seneca	No 284	Theford.....	Thomas.....	September	29,1913	June	9,1914
Camp Clarke	No 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October	16,1913	June	9,1914
Oshkosh	No 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November	25,1913	June	9,1914
Union	No 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December	15,1913	June	8,1915
Omaha	No 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March	24,1914	June	8,1915
John J. Mercer	No 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November	21,1914	June	8,1915
Diamond	No 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November	23,1914	June	8,1915
Monument	No 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December	18,1914	June	8,1915
Kimball	No 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June	10,1915	June	7,1916
Cotner	No 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June	15,1917	June	5,1918
Liberty	No 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January	10,1918	June	5,1918
Mizpah	No 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November	12,1918	June	4,1919
Newman Grove	No 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January	14,1920	June	9,1920
Victory	No 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December	27,1920	June	8,1921
Craftsmen	No 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March	22,1922	June	5,1923
Mid-West	No 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January	8,1925	June	10,1925
College View	No 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July	1,1927	June	6,1928
Lebanon	No 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November	14,1928	June	5,1929
Cairo	No 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January	16,1936	June	1937

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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 Educ.	No	331			December	27, 2000	February	2, 2002
Tabula Rasa	No	332	Lincoln	Lancaster	July	24, 2006	February	3, 2007

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

CONSOLIDATED LODGE	CONSOLIDATED WITH	DATE
Joppa No. 76, Bloomington	Franklin No. 264, Franklin	October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152, Liberty	Barneston No. 165, Barneston	January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85, Blue Springs	Wymore No. 104, Wymore	July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255, Bradshaw	Hampton No. 245, Hampton	May 21, 1942
Level No. 196, Stockville	Cambridge No. 150, Cambridge	June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269, Belgrade	Cedar River No. 89, Fullerton	June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42, Juniata,	Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw	July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315, Palmer	St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul	October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90, Elk	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63, Riverton	Franklin No. 264, Franklin	May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252, Hildreth	Grace No. 226, Wilcox	October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92, Hubbell	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182, Iowa	Jewell No. 149, Tobias	April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259, Bee	Oliver No. 38, Seward	June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130, Surprise	Composite No. 81, Rising City	February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230, St. Edward	Albion No. 78, Albion	January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149, Tobias	Geneva No. 79, Geneva	September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157, Wilsonville	Beaver City No. 93, Beaver City	March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304, Ruskin	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197, Gresham	Stromsburg No. 126, Stromsburg	December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247, Osmond	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129, Blue Hill	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322, Lyman	Oasis No. 271, Morrill	April 10, 1969
Compass & Square No. 212, Sumner	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	April 20, 1969
Hope No. 29, Nemaha	Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville	September 9, 1969
Elm Creek No. 133, Elm Creek	James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton	March 17, 1970
Naphthali No. 206, Diller	Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury	March 23, 1970
Alexandria No. 74, Alexandria	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	September 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156, Ewing	Diamond No. 291, Orchard	December 4, 1970
Grace No. 226, Wilcox	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	May 11, 1971
Wolbach No. 292, Wolbach	St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul	December 23, 1971
Tyrian No. 243, Oak	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	June 9, 1972
Mystic Tie No. 166, Tilden	Trowel No. 71, Neligh	June 12, 1972
Roman Eagle No. 203, Pender	Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft	April 20, 1973
Amethyst No. 190, Stapleton	Cable No. 225, Arnold	April 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179, Beaver Crossing	Utica No. 96, Utica	April 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84, Fairfield	Clay Center No. 139, Clay Center	January 24, 1974
Ramah No. 275, Bertrand	Elwood No. 167, Elwood	February 14, 1974
Sterling No. 70, Sterling	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 20, 1974
Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 15, 1974
Winnebago No. 309, Winnebago	Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill	December 3, 1974
Temple No. 175, Filley	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 26, 1975
Beemer No. 253, Beemer	Wisner No. 114, Wisner	June 17, 1975
Signet No. 193, Leigh	Northern Light No. 41, Stanton	February 20, 1976
Plumblin No. 214, Adams	Beatrice No. 26, Beatrice	October 1, 1976
Cubit No. 237, Douglas	Union No. 287, Palmyra	December 13, 1977
Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft	Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill	December 17, 1978
Litchfield No. 278, Litchfield	Mason City No. 170, Mason City	July 1, 1979

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Hartington No. 155, Hartington	Relief No. 219, Coleridge	August 10, 1979
Creighton No. 100, Creighton	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	May 17, 1980
Star No. 88, Decatur	Pilot No. 240, Lyons	January 22, 1981
Gladstone No. 176, Ansley	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	November 4, 1981
Eminence No. 223, Giltner	Keystone No. 62, Phillips	October 26, 1981
Antelope No. 276, Elgin	Trowel No. 71, Neligh	January 1, 1982
Bladen No. 319, Bladen	Charity No. 53, Red Cloud	May 6, 1982
Oak Leaf No. 312, Lynch	Ornan No. 261, Spencer	April 22, 1983
Crofton No. 273, Crofton	Wausa No. 251, Wausa	April 17, 1984
Harlan No. 116, Alma	Melrose No. 60, Orleans	April 17, 1984
Hardy No. 117, Hardy	Superior No. 121, Superior	April 17, 1984
Merna No. 171, Merna	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	April 17, 1984
Lee P. Gillette No. 272, Dunbar	Western Star No. 2, Nebraska City	January 18, 1985
Occidental No. 215, Cedar Bluffs	Fremont No. 15, Fremont	March 28, 1985
Siloam No. 147, Stuart	Atkinson No. 164, Atkinson	November 20, 1985
Ponca No. 101, Ponca	Alpha No. 316, South Siou	City, June 1986
Boaz No. 185, Danbury	McCook No. 135, McCook	September 16, 1986
Curtis No. 168, Curtis	McCook No. 135, McCook	February 15, 1986
Clay Center No. 139, Clay Center	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	March 5, 1986
Unity No. 163, Greenwood	Pomegranate No. 110, Ashland	December 30, 1986
Gothenburg No. 249, Gothenburg	Platte Valley No. 32, North Platte	January 14, 1987
Granite No. 189, Gibbon	Cement No. 211, Wood River	April 1987
Amity No. 169, Rushville	Hay Springs No. 177, Hay Springs	May 1987
Golden Sheaf No. 202, Randolph	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	December 31, 1987
Faith No. 181, Crawford	Sioux No. 277, Harrison	December 1987
Potter No. 313, Potter	Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney	October 1988
Western No. 140, Western	DeWitt No. 111, DeWitt	December 1988
Zeredetha No. 160, Reynolds	Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury	December 1988
Right Angle No. 303, Omaha	Papillion No. 39, Papillion	December 31, 1988
Trowel No. 71, Neligh	Diamond No. 291, Orchard	January 1990
Alpha No. 316, South Sioux City	Omadi No. 5, South Sioux City	March 1, 1990
Shelton No. 99, Shelton	Cement No. 211, Wood River	April 27, 1990
Nehawka No. 246, Nehawka	Western Star No. 2, Nebraska City	June 20, 1990
Anselmo No. 258, Anselmo	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	August 28, 1990
Globe No. 113, Madison	Mosaic No. 55, Norfolk	August 28, 1990
Harmony No. 321, Dalton	Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney	November 28, 1990
Silver No. 266, Silver	Osceola No. 65, Osceola	April 25, 1991
Cable No. 225, Arnold	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	May 17, 1991
Grand Island No. 318, Grand Island	Ashlar No. 33, Grand Island	August 9, 1991
Orient No. 13, Rulo/Falls City	Falls City No. 9, Falls City	August 21, 1991
Rawalt No. 138, Oxford	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	October 9, 1991
Beaver City No. 93, Beaver City	Monument No. 293, Arapahoe	January 30, 1992
Meridian No. 188, Cozad	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	February 20, 1992
Hampton No. 245, Hampton	Aurora No. 68, Aurora	February 21, 1992
Crystal No. 191, Scotia	Ord No. 103, Ord	March 10, 1992
Edgar No. 67, Edgar	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	March 10, 1992
Gavel No. 199, Carleton	Lily No. 154, Davenport	March 23, 1992
Cambridge No. 150, Cambridge	Bartley No. 228, Bartley	April 20, 1992
Mt. Zion No. 161, Shelby	Composite No. 81, Rising City	November 11, 1992
Endeavor No. 262, Indianola	Bartley No. 228, Bartley	December 3, 1992
Fraternity No. 235, Winside	Wayne No. 120, Wayne	April 28, 1993

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John S. Bowen No. 23, Kennard	Washington No. 21, Blair	May 4, 1993
Minatare No. 295, Minatare	Scotts Bluff No. 201, Gering	January 24, 1994
Pilot No. 240, Lyons	Tekamah No. 31, Tekamah	June 6, 1994
Bayard No. 301, Bayard	Camp Clarke No. 285, Bridgeport	September 12, 1994
Upright No. 137, Burchard	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	September 6, 1995
Golden Rod No. 306, Lodgepole	Golden Fleece No. 205, Chappell	December 6, 1995
Bassett No. 254, Bassett	Silver Cord No. 224, Ainsworth	December 29, 1995
Chester No. 298, Chester	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	February 24, 1997
Ornan No. 261, Spencer	Garfield No. 95, O'Neill	February 27, 1997
Stella No. 105, Stella	Humboldt No. 40, Humboldt	April 7, 1997
Melrose No. 60, Orleans	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	July 21, 1997
St. Johns No. 25, Omaha	John J. Mercer No. 290, Omaha	March 6, 1998
Fairmont No. 48, Fairmont	Geneva No. 79, Geneva	May 14, 1998
Ionic No. 87, Niobrara	Bloomfield No. 218, Bloomfield	November 11, 1998
Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	December 23, 1998
Sutherland No. 299, Sutherland	Platte Valley No. 32, North Platte	February 15, 1999
Gilead No. 233, Butte	Atkinson No. 164, Atkinson	March 17, 1999
Mt. Nebo No. 125, Genoa	Cedar River No. 89, Fullerton	April 7, 1999
Auburn No. 124, Auburn	Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville	June 23, 1999
Sioux No. 277, Harrison	Mitchell No. 263, Mitchell	December 2, 1999
James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	June 26, 2001
Perkins No. 308, Grant	Ogallala No. 159, Ogallala	December 19, 2001
Republican No. 98, Republican City	Franklin No. 264, Franklin	December 31, 2001
Mason City No. 170, Mason City	Porter No. 106, Loup City	July 16, 2004
Relief No. 219, Coleridge	Wausa No. 251, Wausa	October 29, 2004
Oasis No. 271, Morrill	Mitchell No. 263, Mitchell	December 1, 2004
Crescent No. 143, Primrose	Albion No. 78, Albion	September 27, 2005
Table Rock No. 108, Table Rock	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	June 26, 2006
Culbertson No. 174, Culbertson	McCook No. 135, McCook	January 19, 2007
Palisade No. 216, Palisade	McCook No. 135, McCook	January 19, 2007
Lotus No. 289, Ravenna	Porter No. 106, Loup City	October 10, 2007
Polk No. 311, Polk	Solar No. 134, Clarks	December 14, 2007
Humboldt No. 40, Humboldt	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	December 27, 2007
Evening Star No. 49, Sutton	Geneva No. 79, Geneva	August 8, 2008
Bloomfield No. 218, Bloomfield	Wausa No. 251, Wausa	October 17, 2008
DeWitt No. 111, DeWitt	Blue Valley No. 64, Wilber	March 13, 2009
Composite No. 81, Rising	Fidelity No. 51, David City	February 26, 2010
Trestle Board No. 162, Brock	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	February 26, 2010
Hay Springs No. 177, Hay Springs	Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon	May 27, 2011
Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood	Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water	June 7, 2011
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen	Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield	July 21, 2011
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland	Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco	November 1, 2011

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado - Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	Gold Hill, Colorado - Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.:D.:	Central City, Colorado - Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.:D.:	Bannack City, Idaho - Instituted April 1863 or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.:D.:	United States Army - Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.:D.:	Nevada City, Idaho - Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming - Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874
Swisher Lodge U.:D.:	Kabul, Afghanistan – Instituted September 12, 2005 Kabul, Afghanistan – Instituted December 1, 2011

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
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St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330 – Geneva.....	June 3, 1998

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.: RITE, same as Ancient Craft except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (AO) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACTO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT Add 4000 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 4000 = 6004.
A.:A.:S.: RITE Add 3760 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 3760 = 5764. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH Add 530 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 530 = 2534.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS	Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 2004 and 1000 = 3004.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 2004 = 886.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 2004 and 1913 = 3917.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Nebraska #1	John R Fairlie	Thomas J Sorensen	Edward W Sealock	Jason E Knupp
Western Star #2	Ronald J Mahoney	Donald E Sullivan	Edward L Reed	David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Randall C Busse	Fred R Yates	Kenneth J Bunnell	Terry M Theis*
Nemaha Valley #4	Michael Andrew*	Kevin Wheeler*		
Omadi #5	Kyle J Peterson*	Daniel B Krause*	Wayne Benson*	Chris T Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Roy N Walton Jr	Dwight D Rose*	Lee A Olson*	Jay H Speck
Falls City #9				Rodney F Knaup
Solomon #10		Stuart Sprick*	Craig Stafford*	
Covert #11	Eric I Jacobsen*	Anthony L Rosterman*	Armel E MacDonald*	Donald L Gockley
Peru #14				
Fremont #15	Richard Curley	Richard A Owston*	Grady Wells*	Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	Scott C Keller		Bruce T Anderson	Charles A Burk
Washington #21				
Pawnee #23	Larry L Bradbury*	Charles Hatfield*		
Beatrice #26				
Jordan #27				
Blue River #30		Melvin R Giles*		Richard T Dugdale*
Tekamah #31		Ronald Grass	Donald M Neary*	Karl R Adamson*
Platte Valley #32	James E Connor	Michael D Beall	Sanford J Lawrence*	Glenn R Mulholland
Ashlar #33				William D Parrish
Acacia #34	Roger G Coufal			Dennis D Coufal
Fairbury #35				
Lone Tree #36				
Crete #37				
Oliver #38	Ben F Hughes		James M Stull	
Papillion #39	Jonathan L Paz	Paul H Kenyon	Patrick A Berry	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41	Robert E Chilcoat*		Gary D Benson	Rory Ashker
Hebron #43				
Harvard #44	Bruce W Schwenk	Warren Christensen*		Steve E Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Alex F Straatmann	Steen F Kandle	Michael S Wortman	Michael J Webb
Hastings #50	Robert L Ingram	Randall D Jones	Keith A Penrose	W Glen Jorgenson*
Fidelity #51	Michael E Jones			
Hiram #52	James A Wiseman	Troy L Clausen*	Sydney R Clausen*	
Charity #53				
Lancaster #54	Tyler G White	Ben F Hughes	Shane T Rhian	Russell G Reno
Mosaic #55				
York #56	Kevin E Leapley*			
Mt. Moriah #57				
Wahoo #59				
Thistle #61		Robert L Reed*	Kent J Fischer*	Philip E Darby
Keystone #62	Charles Monter	Melvin Obermeier*	Terry L Desch	Kenneth E Mahlin Jr
Blue Valley #64	Kenneth Smisek		Michael M Hroch	
Osceola #65		Delmar A Jones		Mervin E Ransom Jr
Aurora #68				
Hooper #72				
Friend #73				
Frank Welch #75	Robert H England*	Mark L Carley*	Todd M Stewart	

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Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Nelson #77	Michael M Dunn			
Albion #78				
Geneva #79	Daniel G Aspegren	Kevin R Bonin	Steven L Ewalt*	Max H Miller
St. Paul #82		Robert O Roth*	James Ross*	Wesley E Stevens*
Corinthian #83				
Cedar River #89				
Oakland #91				
Bennett #94	Richard D Harris			
Garfield #95				
Utica #96	Kevin O Scheele		Steven R Rhodes*	Ben F Hughes
Euclid #97	Scott M Miller			
Waterloo #102	Rodney E Jobman	F Steve Grimes	Brent A Karstens*	Brad D Petersen*
Ord #103				
Wymore #104				
Porter #106				Kenneth A Bills
Springfield #112	Bryan K Deming*	Gary S Unger	James M Sklenar*	Aaron R Taylor
Wisner #114				Clint W Frerichs
North Bend #119	Todd E Zietlow*	Thomas J Begley, Jr	Jerry D Nordboe*	David G Otte*
Wayne #120				
Superior #121	Jason P Jensen			
Stromsburg #126				
Guide Rock #128				
Scribner #132	David Otteman*			Donald G Havekost
Solar #134				
McCook #135	D Gregory Fyn			Steve G Lyne
Long Pine #136	Barry L Frerichs	Gerald E VanEvery*	Terry Foxworthy	Gary R Wolfe*
Jachin #146	Daniel C Brown	Robert M Hoagland	Brian F Martin*	Bruce G Raddatz*
Custer #148		George A Bundy	Douglas P Sadler*	Kevin R Lindly
Lily #154				
Samaritan #158				
Ogalalla #159	Bernard A Beckius			Richard L Lindauer*
Atkinson #164	Donald H DeGross*			James A Widtfeldt
Barneston #165	John C McMurray			
Elwood #167				Geoffrey K Bogle
Robert Burns #173			Donald E Rife	
Justice #180				
Alliance #183	Gary A Goodell	James Karell	Brian Jerred	Eugene Gatti
Bee Hive #184				
Minnekadusa #192		Phillip D Paxton		Stephen L Isom*
Highland #194				
Arcana #195	William C Conway*	Tyler J Fisher*	George Meng*	James O Smith*
Purity #198	Keith A Wood*	Don F Welch*		Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200	Larry D Donner*	Christopher L Meckel*		Howard R Fairbairn*
Scotts Bluff #201	Edwin L Mayo	John T Ewing*	Devin D Charles	Kelly M Sandburg*
Plainview #204				
Golden Fleece #205	Douglas A Criswell*	Robert M Paulsen*		Dwight E Smith
Parian #207	Kent R Trumbull*			
East Lincoln #210	Kevin Pratt	Garen W Miller*	Anthony Young*	W Scott Dodge

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Magnolia #220	Eric J Clements*		Fredrick C Sebade*	
Wood Lake #221	Adam C Fischer*	Mark J Mundorf*	Dustin E Wheeler*	
Landmark #222				Randall L Hart
Silver Cord #224	Mike Hitchcock*			
North Star #227	David R Peck	Brent R Elder	David L Sierks*	Steve B Wetzal*
Bartley #228	Lester F Webb*		Marvin K Colson*	Gary A Newcomb*
Comet #229			Gregory L Prososki	
Zion #234	Josh Streiff*		John D Streiff	
Friendship #239				
Geo. Armstrong #241	T Richard Eriksen			
Laurel #248	Herbert E Bose			
G. Washington #250	Eric J Bachenberg	H John Kirby	Mark W Poston	
Wausa #251	Douglas D Kristensen	Richard H Lentz*	James W Otteman*	Lowell C Erickson
Hickman #256	James D Eggerling	Douglas W Johnson*	Greg Vlasnik	Olin D Boone
Mitchell #263				C Clarke Beede*
Franklin #264				
Rbt. W Furnas #265	David E Williamson	Frank R Wooden*	Troy A Cowan*	Ted B Miller III
Geo. W Lininger #268	Douglas L Lewis	Merle R Vermuele	Christopher S Nigro	Ronald D Stites
Olive Branch #274				
Wallace #279	Randall E Ogier		Kenneth E Ogier*	Eric J Chrisman*
Florence #281			Merl R Core*	
Seneca #284	Ralph H Eatinger	James J Jones		Chauncey J Linn*
Camp Clarke #285	Brent E VanPatten	Todd Eichthaler*	William Newkirk*	
Oshkosh #286				
Union #287	Dennis Brydl			
Omaha #288	Joseph P Charbonneau	Chris M Harrington*		
John J Mercer #290	Richard M Peterson	Cletus P Dixon	David M. Long	John E Dimon
Diamond #291				
Monument #293				Reuben F Ahrens Jr
James L. Eatmon	E Josh Gillming	Ralph E Kimzey*	Robert H Maurer*	Michael J Schadegg
Cotner #297	Greg E Mason	Donald Gray, Jr	Jerry Pigsley	Ralph J Riemann*
Liberty #300	Mark A Eliker	Mark J Turner*	Dale R Smith*	Wade R Kendle
Mizpah #302	William K Stone	Tyler Z Goodman*	Travis R Bader	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove #305			Tedd A Kaufman	Raymond J Herbert
Victory #310	Christian D Hagemann	Jeffrey B Hayden*	Ryan D King	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	Thomas E Greenlee	Bruce L Trautwein*	Ronald E Tillman*	
Mid-West #317	Billy J Hudson*	Jimmy D Brown	Tyson E Wademan	Dan J Nonneman
College View #320	Jairo H Cabieles	Byron Van Patten*		Douglas B Johnson
Lebanon #323	Wayne R Jacobsen	Lynn M Higgins*	Kim L Severyn*	John H Lippert
Cairo #324				Richard L. Heckman
Bellevue #325	James A Carlton	Michael R Juhas	James W Frampton	David C Norton
Centennial #326	Michael G Horton	J "Dave" Heck*	Carl J Diamond	Philip O Edwards
Shiloh #327	Matthew W Vandergriff	David L Dawson*		Alan M Anderson*
Miloma #328	Gregory E Bush	Duane Woodman	Matthew B Schell	David J Gibbs Jr
Tabula Rasa #332	Mark K Clinton	Michael D Lagueux	F Joe Huskey	Dennis H Brydl

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Net Assets
December 31, 2011

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED -			
U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		106,770	106,770
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
FHLB DTD, 3.000%, 09-25-2019	51,372	51,372	50,880
Total government securities	51,372	51,372	50,880
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MICELLANEOUS BONDS			
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.100%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	77,113
Mattel Inc., 5.625%, 3-15-2013	50,000	53,400	52,534
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 5.875%, 5-15-2013	50,000	52,377	52,041
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.300%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	54,351
Analog Devices Inc., 5.000%, 07-1-2014	50,000	53,340	54,571
Black & Decker Corp., 4.750%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	54,330
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	50,750
WM Wrigley Jr. Co., 4.650%, 07-15-2015	50,000	49,625	51,750
Southwest Airls Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	50,000	40,000	55,465
Prudential Finl Inc., 6.100%, 06-15-2017	50,000	49,900	54,892
GTE Corp., 6.840%, 04-15-2018	50,000	54,285	59,891
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	50,000	51,695	60,862
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	625,000	624,503	678,550
TOTAL BONDS	676,372	675,875	729,430

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
350	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	18,360	26,716
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	12,189
400	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	25,738	30,520
325	Boeing Co.	14,938	23,839
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	17,096
1,124	Cemex Certificates	6,835	6,058
600	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	15,014	13,374
1,100	Chicago Bridge & Iron	14,635	41,580
175	Compass Minerals International Inc.	14,283	12,049
700	Conagra Foods Inc.	18,354	18,480
432	ConocoPhillips	11,108	31,480
400	Direct TV	13,217	17,104
500	Dominion Resources Inc.	18,944	26,540
650	Forest Laboratories Inc.	18,255	19,669
1,000	Forest Oil Corp.	26,681	13,550
500	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	19,911	18,395
3,000	Gencorp Inc.	22,043	15,960
2,800	Investors Real Estate Trust	28,560	20,426
600	Kansas City Southern	8,500	40,806
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs Inc.	17,039	13,336
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	30,089
900	Leucadia National Corp.	39,274	20,466
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	39,120
336	Lone Pine Res Inc Com	7,723	2,355
900	Microsoft Corp Com	22,608	23,364
800	Nexen Inc.	22,352	12,728
800	Patriot Coal Corp.	17,459	6,776
600	Peabody Energy Corp.	6,207	19,866
1,900	Pfizer Inc.	47,249	41,116
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	25,592
200	SPDR Gold Trust	18,912	30,398
675	St Joe Company	15,503	9,896
625	Texas Pacific Land Trust	19,038	25,431
700	Vodafone Group Plc	16,917	19,621
550	Vulcan Materials Co.	22,334	21,642
300	Walt Disney Co.	6,007	11,250
1,000	Yamana Gold Inc.	11,655	14,690
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		675,451	773,567

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Supplemental Schedule of Temporarily Restricted and
Permanently Restricted Net Assets
December 31, 2011

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		100,241	100,241
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.250%, 05-15-2016	25,000	28,117	32,064
FHLB DTD, 3.000%, 09-25-2019	50,000	51,372	50,880
Independence Kans Inld Dev Rev, 8.11%, 6-15-20	50,000	52,165	51,685
Total government securities	125,000	131,654	134,629
CORPORATE BONDS			
Cargill Inc., 5.600%, 09-15-2012	25,000	26,333	25,756
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.100%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	25,705
Mattel Inc., 5.625%, 3-15-2013	35,000	37,380	36,774
John Deere Cap Corp., 3.000%, 10-15-2013	50,000	50,000	51,376
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.300%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	27,176
Analog Devices Inc., 5.000%, 07-1-2014	25,000	26,670	27,285
Black & Decker Corp., 4.750%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	54,329
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	50,750
Southwest Aircls Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	25,000	20,000	27,733
Target Corp., 5.375%, 05-01-2017	50,000	49,112	58,764
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.100%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	59,188
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	25,000	25,848	30,431
Zurich Reins Centre Hldgs., 7.125%, 10-12-2023	50,000	54,510	53,719
Halliburton Co., 6.750%, 02-01-2027	25,000	24,325	31,858
Total corporate bonds	510,000	503,529	560,844
TOTAL BONDS	635,000	635,183	695,473

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
550	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	31,666	41,982
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	12,189
500	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	38,150
450	Boeing Co.	20,683	33,007
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	22,244	17,096
2,025	Cemex Certificates	12,303	10,915
600	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	15,014	13,374
1,400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	15,125	52,920
200	Compass Minerals International Inc.	16,323	13,770
850	Conagra Foods Inc.	22,287	22,440
396	ConocoPhillips	10,183	28,857
500	Direct TV	16,521	21,380
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	34,502
900	Forest Laboratories Inc.	25,274	27,234
1,300	Forest Oil Corp.	30,994	17,615
600	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	23,805	22,074
4,000	Gencorp, Inc.	27,385	21,280
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	21,885
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	54,408
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs Inc.	17,039	13,336
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	30,090
1,000	Leucadia National Corp.	39,451	22,740
1,000	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	39,120
336	Lone Pine Res Inc Com	7,723	2,355
1,100	Microsoft Corp Com	27,632	28,556
1,000	Nexen Inc.	27,941	15,910
1,000	Patriot Coal Corp.	22,010	8,470
700	Peabody Energy Corp.	7,241	23,177
2,000	Pfizer Inc.	49,974	43,280
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,824	21,936
250	SPDR Gold Trust	22,809	37,997
1,100	St Joe Company	24,078	16,126
750	Texas Pacific Land Trust	22,474	30,518
875	Vodafone Group Plc	21,491	24,526
650	Vulcan Materials Co.	26,445	25,577
500	Walt Disney Co.	10,012	18,750
1,200	Yamana Gold Inc.	13,986	17,628
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		793,829	925,170

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