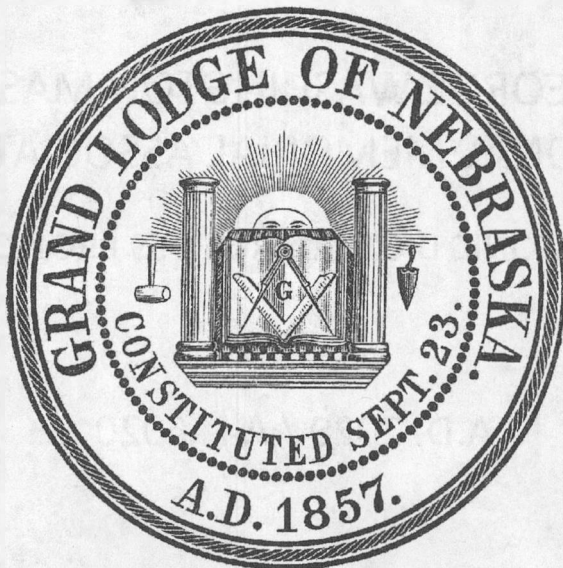


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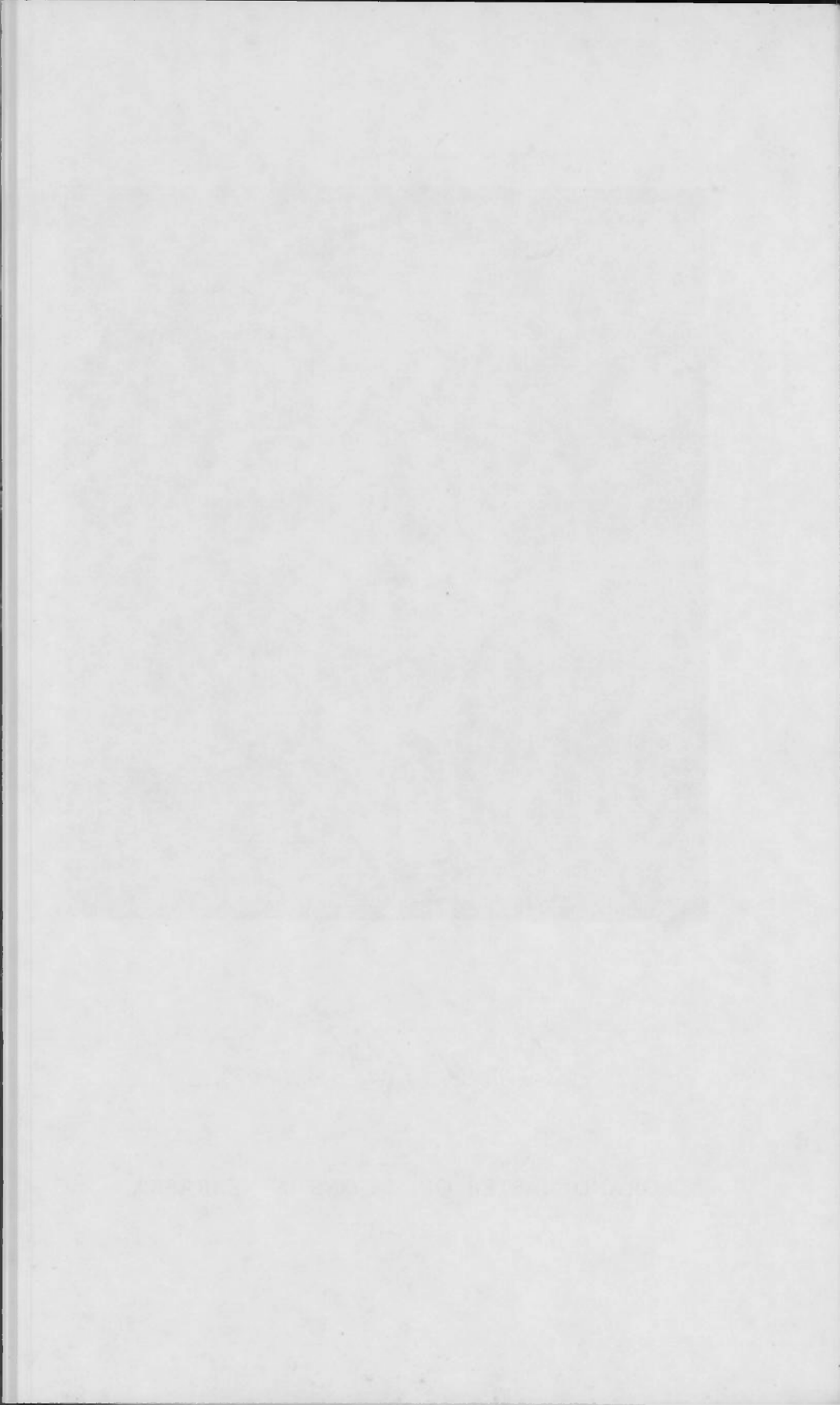
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3	Robert Johnson	Private	30	Illinois	Merchant	Baptist	Republican	College	Married	3	
4	Mary White	Private	28	California	Homemaker	Methodist	Democrat	High School	Married	1	
5	James Brown	Private	20	Texas	Student	Presbyterian	Republican	College	Single	0	
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Donald R. Swanson

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1974-1975



Biographical



Donald R. Swanson

Donald R. Swanson was born January 31, 1922 at home in Table Rock, Nebraska. He graduated from High School in 1939 at Odell and from the Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Missouri in 1941.

In August, 1949 he was united in marriage with Mary Lee Johnson. He served with the U.S. Army nearly four years 1942-1946 and again from September 1950 to May 1952.

MASONIC RECORD

Lodge - - Initiated, passed and raised in Lancaster Lodge No. 54 at Lincoln, Nebraska, and served as Worshipful Master in 1963. He was appointed in 1964 to a five year term on the Grand Lodge Appropriation Committee and was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1970 by M. W. John H. Brown. York Rite - Lincoln Chapter No. 6 of which he is Principal Sojourner.

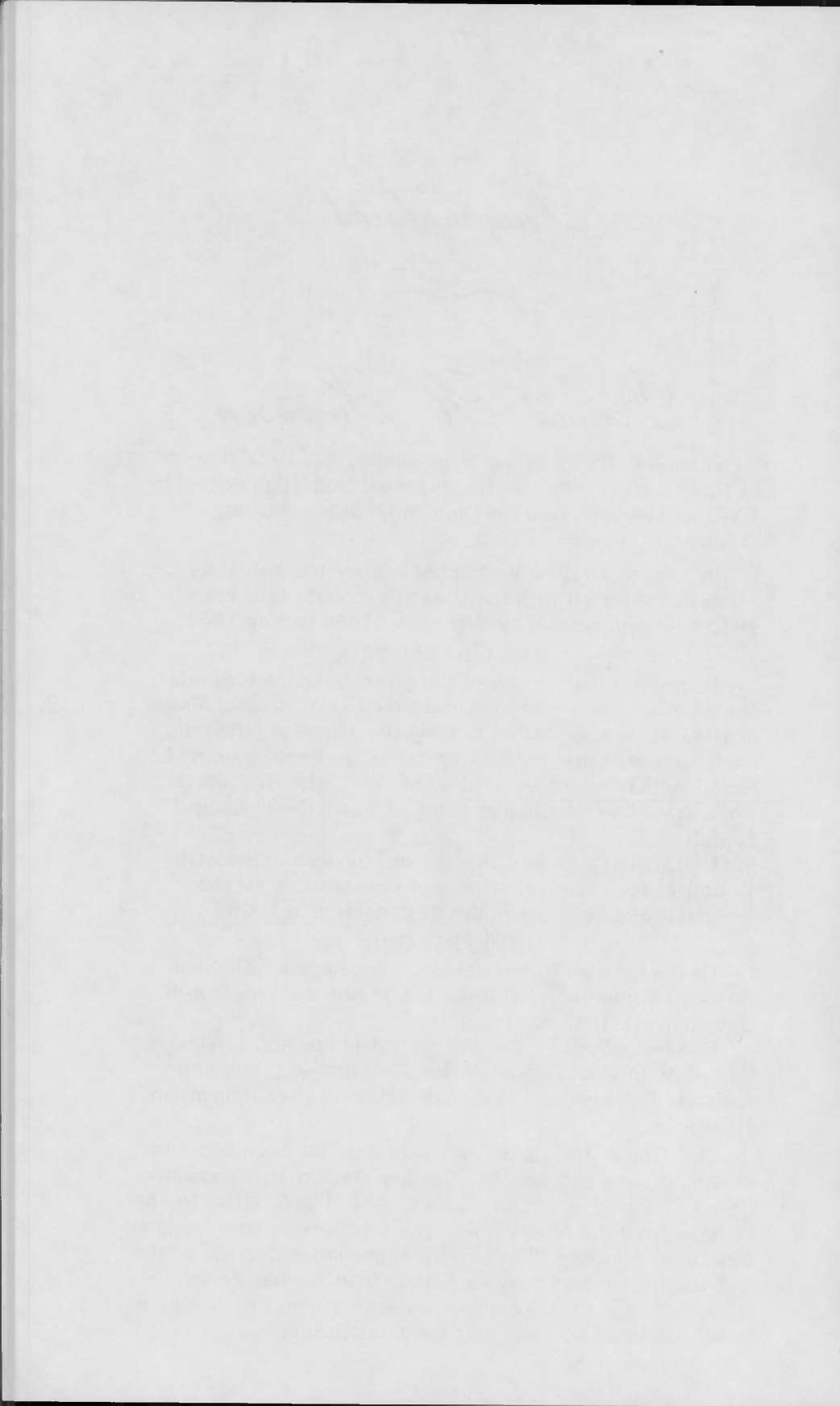
SCOTTISH RITE - - Scottish Rite of Lincoln and Sesostris Temple of the Shrine. Red Cross of Constantine. He was Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1968.

CIVIC RECORD

He is a member of the Nebraska Tax Research Council-Advisory Committee, Nebraska Tax Forum and Director of Governmental Research Institute.

He is employed by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company. In 1964 he was elected Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and elected Secretary of the Company in 1973.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska has been most fortunate to have had M. W. Brother Donald R. Swanson as Grand Master. His constant devotion and dedication to the craft and natural ability for organization have been of great benefit to Masonry. The sincere appreciation for his services and the high regard in which he is held by the Fraternity, is second only to his genuine value as a man and a Mason as he continues to serve our great institution.

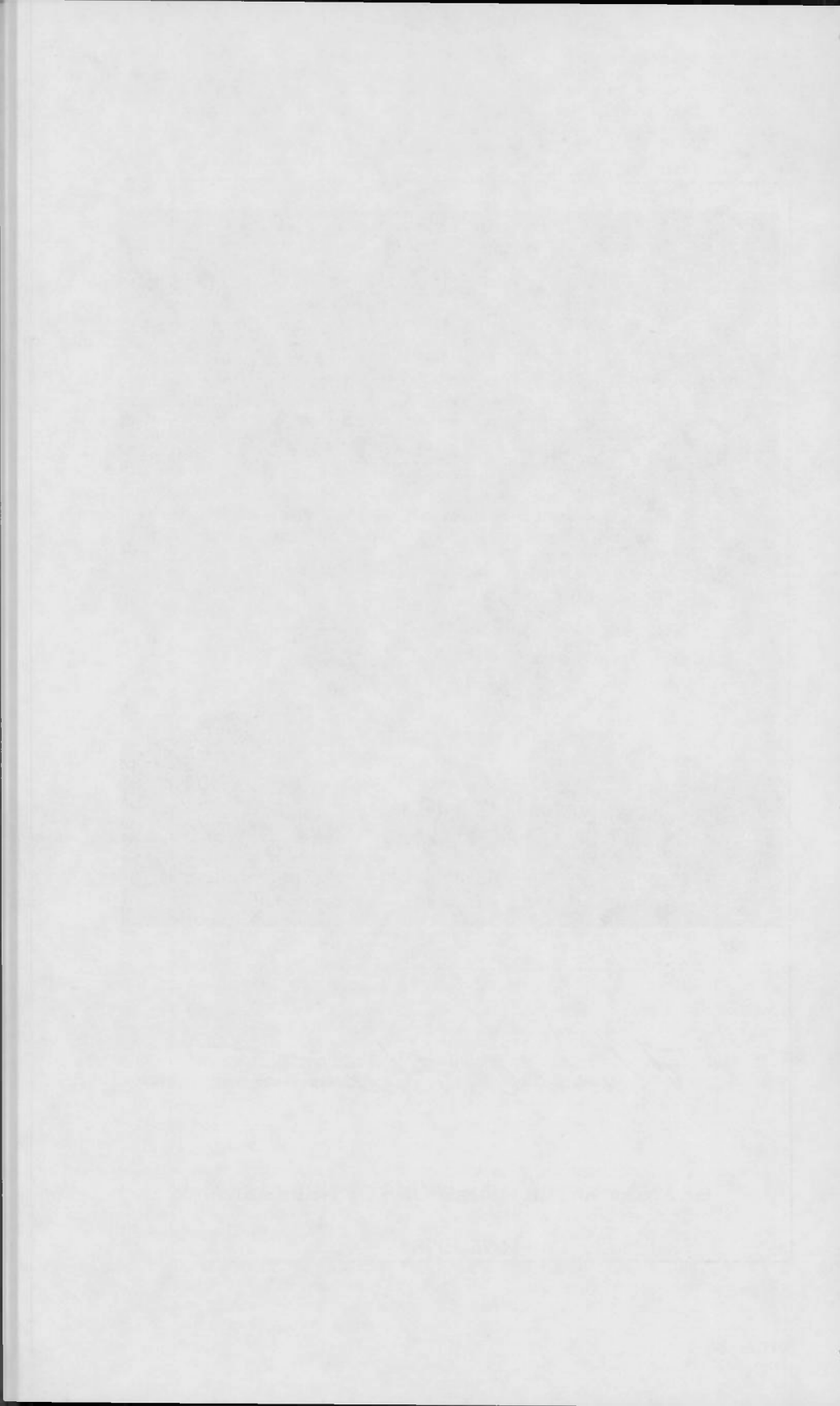




Harold Hultman

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1975-1976



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST EMERGENT COMMUNICATION
HELD AT
Lincoln, Nebraska - - - January 4, 1975

An emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, A. F. & A. M., for the purpose of conducting funeral services for W. Brother George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

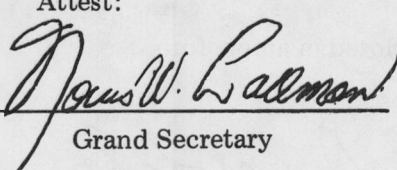
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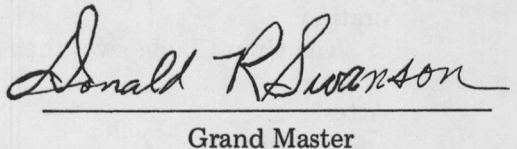
Present were: M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master; W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Grand Junior Deacon; W. Wayne W. Reese, Grand Tiler and W. Nelson W. Rittenburg, Deputy Grand Custodian. Also present were a large number of Master Masons.

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, after which the Brethren repaired to the grave for Masonic Services. W. Nelson W. Rittenburg delivered the oration.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:


Grand Secretary


Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND EMERGENT COMMUNICATION
HELD AT
Lincoln, Nebraska - - - March 22, 1975

An emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple of North Star Lodge No. 227, A. F. & A. M. for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

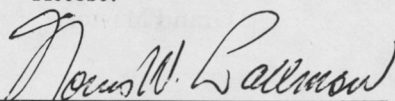
The Grand Master, M. W. Donald R. Swanson, opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Present were: M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master; Benjamin F. Eyre, Thomas J. Aron, Charles F. Adams, Merle M. Hale, John F. Futcher, Herbert A. Ronin, Lewis R. Ricketts, John A. Bottorf, Norris W. Lallman, John H. Brown, Russell L. Fickes and Howard J. Hunter, all Past Grand Masters. Grand Lodge Officers present included: Harold Hultman, T. Leo Stines, Ralph W. Gerry, Jack H. Hendrix, Bevin B. Bump, Harold C. Wurdeman And Warren D. Lichty, Jr. Also present were a large number of Master Masons.

Funeral services were held at the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, after which the Brethren repaired to the grave for Masonic Services. M. W. Herbert A. Ronin delivered the oration.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:


Grand Secretary


Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRD EMERGENT COMMUNICATION
HELD AT

Wahoo, Nebraska - - - May 8, 1975

An emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M. for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. W. Brother Howard J. Hunter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

The Grand Master, M. W. Donald R. Swanson, opened an emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge in ample form.

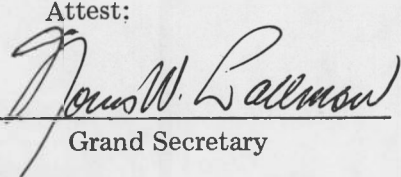
Present were: M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master; Past Grand Masters, Thomas J. Aron, Charles F. Adams, Merle M. Hale, Joseph C. Tye, John F. Futcher, Herbert A. Ronin, Harry A. Spencer, Louis V. Sylvester, Lewis R. Ricketts, John A. Bottorf, Norris W. Lallman, John H. Brown, Russell L. Fickes. Grand Lodge Officers present: Harold Hultman, T. Leo Stines, J. Dallas Gibson, Ralph W. Gerry, Harold C. Wurdeman, Alfred B. Saum, Warren D. Lichty, Jr. and Wayne W. Reese.

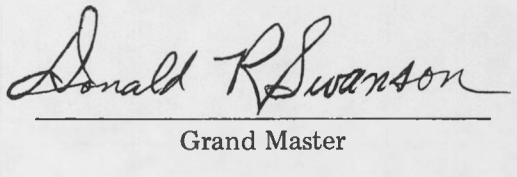
Also present were a large number of Master Masons.

Funeral services were conducted by the First Church of Christ Scientist, after which the Masonic Services were conducted by M. W. Herbert A. Ronin who delivered the oration.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:


Grand Secretary


Grand Master

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637
U.S.A.

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PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

*ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
COMMUNICATION*

Held in Lincoln, June 13 and 14, 1975.

FIRST DAY – MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 13, 1975

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Radisson-Cornhusker, Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 13, A.D. 1975, A. .L. . 5975.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, 54 Grand Master
R. .W. . Harold Hultman, 39 Grand Master
R. .W. . T. Leo Stines, 36 Grand Senior Warden
R. .W. . Alfred B. Saum, 46 Grand Junior Warden
M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman, 72 Grand Secretary
V. .W. . J. Dallas Gibson, 54 Grand Chaplain
W. . Bevin B. Bump, 158 Grand Orator
W. . Ralph W. Gerry, 281 Grand Custodian
W. . Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 Grand Marshal
W. . Jack H. Hendrix, 174 Grand Senior Deacon
W. . Warren D. Lichty, Jr. 314 Grand Junior Deacon
W. . Wayne W. Reese, 54 Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. .F. .&A. .M. .

M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. .W. . John H. Brown, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Chartered lodges. There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the 118th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to escort V. W. J. Dallas Gibson to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K.T.

Following the seating of the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was given. W. J. Jack H. Hendrix, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1943
Thomas J. Aron	(86th)	1951
Merle M. Hale.....	(91st)	1956
Joseph C. Tye	(94th).....	1959
John F. Futcher	(95th).....	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	(96th).....	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey.....	(97th)	1962
Harry A. Spencer	(99th).....	1964
Louis V. Sylvester	(100th)....	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts	(101st) ...	1966
John A. Bottorf	(102nd)...	1967
Norris W. Lallman	(103rd)....	1968
Hugh W. Eisenhart	(104th) ...	1969
John H. Brown.....	(105th)....	1970
Russell L. Fickes	(106th) ...	1971
Frank J. Mattoon.....	(108th) ...	1973
Carl R. Greisen	Honorary.....	1966

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were unable to be present because of illness or other causes: Edward F. Carter; George A. Kurk; William B. Wanner; William C. Schaper; Edward Huwaldt.

M. W. John H. Brown gave the response for the Past Grand Masters.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following:

ILLINOIS: M. W. Harold D. Ross, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Earl M. Potter, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois.

MINNESOTA: M. W. William W. Widstrand, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Archibald Duncan, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota.

KANSAS: R. W. Chester L. Gilbert, Junior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Robert H. Arnold, Grand Master, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Kansas.

COLORADO: R. W. Jess W. Gern, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Clarence W. Hines, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado.

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. W. Clair E. Woodard, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Walter W. Johnson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota.

IOWA: M. W. David L. Griffiths, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa and R. W. Charles T. Jackson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa.

NEBRASKA: R. E. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Secretary-Recorder, York Rite Bodies; M. E. L. Harold Parker, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.; M. I. Morton P. Steyer, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M.; R. W. Omar L. Gottula, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T.; Don Coad, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Brother Fred Mulford, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, W. Walter Miller, Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay.

M. W. Donald R. Swanson welcomed the Distinguished Guests with words of thanks for honoring our Communication.

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY
GRAND CUSTODIANS

M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master introduced the Grand Custodian, W. Ralph W. Gerry, who in turn introduced the Deputy Grand Custodians and Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Harold D. Weddel, 61	1937
Paul D. Fleming, 93	1949
Willard I. Lewis, Jr. 9	1955
Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191.....	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
Gordon Chard, 240	1962
Harold A. Tilton, 71.....	1962
Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210.....	1965
Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
Alton S. Mote, 183.....	1965
Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
Harold J. Oehlerking, 159.....	1966
Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
Curtis J. Greiss, 49	1966
John C. Nelson, 250.....	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65.....	1967
Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210.....	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77.....	1967
Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
John C. Sierks, 4	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171.....	1969
David O. Kipling, 281.....	1970
Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254	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, 217	1975
Jens P. Nielsen, 121.....	1975

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Austin F. Whitmire, 75
Carroll C. Raymer, 164
Cecil C. Gates, 227
Lewis E. Baker, 135
Louis V. Sylvester, 281
Geroge S. Schwab, 49
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54
Ernest E. James, 1
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314
Mathias E. Mauel, 173
Erwin J. Imig, 38
Sebert A. Stover, 281
Clifford D. Webster, 321
Frank H. Smith, 301
W. Upton Dawson, 135
T. Leo Stines, 36
Glenn W. Binder, 23

W. . Brother Paul D. Fleming was presented with a plaque for having served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for a period of 25 years as a Deputy Grand Custodian.

GREETINGS FROM WORTHY GRAND PATRON
DONALD L. COAD

Thank you, it is certainly a pleasure to be here at the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska. You are really treated real royally here, and on behalf of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska, I would like to present to you this gift for the use of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Thank you, very much.

M. . W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Don, it is we who should thank you and the Order of Eastern Star for this very generous check for The Nebraska Masonic Home. We are well aware that this is one of our great charities here in the state and of which we are very proud. We are glad that you join with us in the support of that Home. Thank you very much.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master attended them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent. All Grand Lodges that were in the fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, were present except Alabama, Belgium, Brazilia, Brazil, Bahia, Brazil, Maranhao, Brazil, Rio Grand do Sul, Brazil, Para, Brazil, Santa Catarina, Brazil, Sao Paulo, California, Canada, Chile, China, Columbia National Grand Lodge, Costa Rica, Greece, Idaho, Illinois, India, Ireland, Israel, State of Japan, Kansas, Luxembourg, Maryland, Massachusetts, Netherlands, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Norway, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Panama, Prince Edward Island, Queensland, Rhode Island, Scotland, South America Dominicana, South Australia, South Carolina, Sweden, Tamlaupias, Tennessee, Texas, Turkey, Utah, Vermont, West Australia, Wisconsin.

Response given by M. W. Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master.

M. W. MERLE M. HALE, PAST GRAND MASTER:

M. W. Grand Master, I thank you for this introduction and the kind words you said about us, but when I was asked to make the response, I wondered what I was going to say and then I decided I should say something that has bothered me ever since I was appointed. The fact that I haven't done much in this job and I find that many other Grand Representatives haven't either. I thought when I received this appointment I would receive a set of instructions and that also the State of Minnesota would be so pleased that I was appointed their Grand Representative, that they would write to me and send me their proceedings, but I haven't heard a word from the State of Minnesota. Maybe that is my fault because I wasn't instructed in what I was supposed to do. And in visiting with these Grand Representatives, I find that many of them are in the same position. I think that the incoming Grand Master might issue some instructions for the Grand Representatives, as to what they are supposed to do and perhaps it might be well to have a topic for consideration at the Grand Masters Conference because I think that other states probably have the same experience as we are having here. If we could have the same contact with other states as the Eastern Stars have with

their Grand Representatives I think it would be very well worth while both to us and the Grand Lodge. Again, thank you very much, M. .W. . Grand Master, and I hope that I can be of better service as a Grand Representative.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, M. .W. . Sir, and I would say that I obtained the name of my Companion in New Zealand and we do correspond and I do have copies of the proceedings. I would merely suggest that the M. .W. . Grand Secretary provide each of the Grand Representatives of Nebraska with the name of the Grand Representative in their Jurisdiction who represents Nebraska, and maybe we can get some better communications. Thank you so much.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you Robert Gettman, Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, who will give us his welcome.

ROBERT GETTMAN:

M. .W. . Sir, Distinguished Brethren, visiting guests, my brothers all. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome to the 118th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, you visiting brethren from other States. We are confident that the hospitality and friendship extended to you has been traditional of Nebraska. To you brethren from Nebraska, we trust that your stay in Lincoln will be a pleasant and fruitful one, that these meetings so happily begun will be conducted in harmony and end in peace. It is quite a sight to stand up here and see so many Master Masons assembled for the purpose of Masonry alone. I would like for you all to reflect back on the memorable time when you were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, when you were raised on the five points of fellowship and they were explained to you. My brother, I wonder how many of us in our daily lives go out of our way to aid a needy brother. How many times in our daily lives when we kneel down to pray do we remember a brother's welfare? How many times in our daily lives do we stretch forth our hands to aid and support a falling brother? How many times in our daily lives do we whisper good counsel in the ear of a brother and, when necessary, remind him of his faults?

My brethren, if we would implement these five points of fellowship in our daily lives, not only to a brother Mason, but to all men, what a wonderful world this would be to live in.

That this great country of ours on the eve of its Bi-Centennial, would become even greater, that the communities in which we live and work would be greatly enriched, and, most important of all, when our work is done, we stand in the presence of the Master, it would be our portion to hear the welcome words "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of our Lord".

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Very well and amply put, Brother Bob. W. Brother George Iverson, Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15.

Brethren I wish to present W. Brother George Iverson, Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15 who will give the response.

GEORGE IVERSON:

Thank you, M. W. Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren all: It is an honor and a pleasure that I was selected out of all the fine lodges in Nebraska, to give this response. I want to thank Lancaster Lodge No. 54 for their fine hospitality. Needless to say, there are many hours of planning and hard work for this important event. Lincoln certainly is the appropriate place to hold Grand Lodge because it has so many fine facilities. I would be remiss if I didn't make mention of the "Go Big Red" Football team and also Home of the Capital of our beautiful State of Nebraska. I am sure there are many other things that are of interest here in Lincoln, but the time will not permit me to make mention of all of them. I am sure all of the lodges of Nebraska are looking forward to a very successful harmonious 118th Annual Communication, so I will close with this thank you to our Grand Master. I was highly honored to have him as my installing officer when I was installed as Master of my lodge at Fremont. I might pass a word on to the Senior Wardens who will be installed as Masters next year, in order to get a position like this, you have to be at the right place at the right time. Thank you again.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

W. Brother Harold Wurdeman, would you approach the East? I have in my hand a pin, W. Brother Wurdeman, which I am going to give to you and I am not going to pin it on because it takes a lapel hole which I see you do not have. It is the pin which we award to those who have retained an individual proficiency certificate for ten years and I know, of course,

of the time it takes to learn the work and the annual renewal. I am sure many of you here are certified Masons and you also recognize what Harold has accomplished. It does take devotion to Masonry to keep your interest up and to continue to renew, so it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present you this pin from the Grand Lodge and thank you for your labors in the Craft.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

- APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENTS:** W. . Earl H. Furman, 190, Chairman; Kenneth P. Lott, 184, Donald R. White, 327.
- APPROPRIATIONS:** W. . Walter E. Truex, 55 (1973). Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1974); Harry A. Tollander, 281, (1975); Robert A. Carhart, 120, (1976); Paul Eveland, 119 (1977).
- CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS:** W. . Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman; John W. Laughlin, 327, Keith Hatfield, 227.
- CODIFICATION OF THE LAW:** W. . Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210, Joseph N. Lindquist, 1.
- CREDENTIALS:** W. . Glenn F. Sperry, 139, Chairman; William W. Steen, 280, Albert B. Osborn, 318, Gary L. Powell, 19, Eugene Monasmith, 46.
- DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS:** W. . Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman, Duane F. Mau, 49, Kenneth D. Beebe, 119.
- ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** M. .W. . Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman; M. .W. . John A. Botdorf, 49, Louis V. Sylvester, 281.
- FINANCE:** W. . Howard L. Patterson, 303, (1976) Chairman; LeRoy C. Sutton, 1, (1977); J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1975); Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); Floyd A. Sterns, 19 (1979).
- FRATERNAL DEAD:** W. . Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; Dr. Cecil N. House, 19, Dean L. Robertson, 227.
- FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** M. .W. .Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. .W. . William B. Wanner, 9, M. .W. . John H. Brown, 1.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION:** M. .W. . Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, Philip A. Lorenzen, 10.
- GRAND LODGE OFFICE:** M. .W. . Merle M. Hale, 54 (1975) Chairman; Douglas D. Duey, 59 (1976); Harold C. Wurde- man 323 (1977); Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1979).

- GRAND TRUSTEES: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1975) Chairman; Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1976); Frank V. Lawson, Jr. 1 (1977); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1978); George T. Harris, 302 (1975).
- GRIEVANCES: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Albert O. Bangert, 11; Larry D. Ludvigsen, 15.
- MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND: W. Perley F. Bates, Jr., 26, Robert A. Metcalf, 210 Chairman.
- MASONIC EDUCATION: M. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1975), Chairman; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1977); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1975); Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1976); Paul R. Pierce, 50 (1976); James (Jim) L. Brown, 320 (1977).
- MASONIC RELIEF: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1977), Chairman; James A. Bradley, 1 (1976); Richard L. Newlun, 55 (1975); Earl W. Schultz, 75, (1979); Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978).
- NEBRASKA WORK: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1975) Chairman; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1976); M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1977).
- PUBLIC RELATIONS: Lester Way, 54 (1977), Chairman; John S. Savage, 11 (1976); Gary L. Powell, 19 (1979); M. W. John H. Brown, 1, (1978); Jack Payne, 1 (1975).
- RETURNS: W. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman; John L.W. Nelson, 1; James R. Kimmel, 3.
- TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY: M. W. Russell L. Fickes, 33 (1976), Chairman; Robert E. Wolf, 1 (1975); Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1977).
- BI-CENTENNIAL: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Charles W. Amidon, 281, Olen A. Brake, 26; L. Harold Parker, 36; Melvin E. Johnson, 112.
- LODGE ADVISORY: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1976) Chairman; M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1975); M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75 (1977).
- YOUTH: W. Wayne J. Pauley, 19; William G. Hurst, 54; Robert W. Bell, 184.
- M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, it is always a distinct honor that we welcome our delegates from our subordinate lodges and we do wish to recognize the Worshipful Masters of those lodges who are here in attendance today. I have your registration card and I would like to introduce you. As I introduce you, if you will stand and remain standing until I have gotten through the group. I would much appreciate it.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

Once again we assemble to resume the labors and deliberations of our Grand Lodge. In accordance with Section 2, Article X, of the Constitution, I hereby present a written address setting forth all of my official acts as Grand Master during the past year. Our Grand Lodge is comprised of the three ranking officers from each of our 244 subordinate lodges, our Past Grand Masters, and the officers of the Grand Lodge. The authority of this Grand Lodge is vested in and shared by all of us and where there is authority, there is from necessity, accountability and responsibility I extend to all of you a most hearty welcome to this the 118th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge and charge you to be most attentive to the matters to be presented to this session and to exercise your voting privileges with the good of Masonry uppermost in your minds.

To our distinguished guests, I am delighted with your presence and hope that you will enjoy your visit with us. May your stay be both pleasant and profitable.

This past year has been an active one for many of our Grand Lodge Officers and many of our Grand Lodge committees. In this report, I shall set forth such matters as may need the actions or approval of this Grand Lodge along with some of the happenings and events which I consider to be of more than usual interest and importance.

NECROLOGY

During the year just passed, The Great Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom saw fit to summon two of our Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee and M. W. Howard J. Hunter. We shall miss their great devotion and interest in Masonry. Our beloved Grand Historian, W. George W. Rosenlof passed to his eternal reward in January, 1975. Also, we were saddened by the loss of three of our fine Deputy Grand Custodians of the Grand Lodge. W. Walter Brown (Emeritus) of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha; W. Richard L. Wait (Emeritus) of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln; and W. Stephen W. Beck of Hebron Lodge No. 43 of Hebron. These brethren were well-known and very capable Deputy Grand Custodians and their loss is keenly felt by all of us.

In all 1004 of our Brethren laid down their working tools and entered into the Celestial Lodge above this past year. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will later make its report and pay tribute to the memory of our deceased brethren.

CORNER-STONES DEDICATION AND TIME CAPSULE

On Thursday, September 12, 1974, the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the time-honored Corner-Stone Ceremony for the new Masonic Temple of Oakland Lodge No. 91. The dedication of this fine Temple followed the same evening. A banquet in the City Auditorium was prepared by Chapter No. 158, OES and served by Bethel No. 35, Job's Daughters to an overflow crowd. Both of the orations were ably delivered by our Grand Orator, W. Bevin B. Bump. Much of the work on the Temple was done by the Brethren and their spirit was simply great. Both the community and the lodge have benefited from this endeavor.

On Saturday, October 19, 1974, the corner-stone was laid for the new E.F. Starr Elementary School at Grand Island. It was a beautiful fall day and a large crowd was in attendance. Dr. Donald F. Starr, son of the educator for whom the building was named, delivered a splendid message. Arrangements were made by Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318.

The corner-stone was laid on Saturday, March 22, 1975, for the Saunders County Care Center at Wahoo. This is a fine addition to Wahoo and many Masons labored a long time in promoting this facility. The ceremony was arranged under the auspices of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, assisted by M. W. Howard J. Hunter. A large crowd was in attendance to hear the fine message by our Grand Orator, W. Bevin B. Bump.

The corner-stone for the Oxford Elementary School was laid in due and ancient form on Saturday, April 12, 1975. This occasion was of real significance to the Oxford Community as it marked a decisive step forward in better education for Oxford young people. As usual, the remarks by the Grand Orator, W. Bevin B. Bump were well chosen and timely. Rawalt Lodge No. 138 of Oxford was in charge of arrangements and performed flawlessly.

Thanks must also go to our Grand Marshal, W. Harold C. Wurdeman, who spends many hours arranging and securing these corner-stone ceremonies. His services are most valuable.

On Friday, February 21, 1975, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 at Lincoln raised a Bi-Centennial Flag and then deposited a 50 year time capsule in its designated resting place in the Temple, with officers of the Grand Lodge conducting the ceremonies. The ceremony for the deposit was written by W. Ralph W. Gerry Grand Custodian.

CONSOLIDATIONS

During the year two consolidations of Lodges occurred, with one more pending.

Effective December 3, 1974, I proclaimed the consolidation of Winnebago No. 309, Winnebago, with Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill, and on March 26, 1975, I approved the consolidation of Temple No. 175, Filley, with Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the past year I approved amendments to the By-laws of 52 lodges.

REINSTATEMENTS

Thirty-two applications for reinstatement were approved during the year.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

During the past year, I appointed four Trial Commissions for alleged violations of Section 3-102 of the Masonic Code.

A member of Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City, was found guilty as charged and suspended for one year by the Trial Commission.

I dissolved a Trial Commission that was appointed in 1972 for failure to act, and appointed a new Trial Commission which held a trial for a member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 who was charged with unmasonic conduct. The Trial Commission found the member guilty as charged and ordered a reprimand.

A member of Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, was found guilty of un-masonic conduct and was expelled by the Trial Commission.

The Trial Commission appointed to conduct a trial for a member of Oasis Lodge No. 271 at Morrill charged with unmasonic conduct has not, at this writing, concluded their work.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

I recommended the following to be Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near Nebraska: W. . Bevin B. Bump, Arkansas; W. . Harry L. Scheffel, Brazil, Grande Loja Do Estado DeGoias; M. . Mannie O. Hansen, Brazil, Pernambuco; Bro. William H. Beckenhauer, Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul; W. . Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., Brazil, Santa Catarina; W. . David O. Kipling, Chile; V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson, France, National Grand Lodge; W. . Harold C. Wurdeman, Kentucky; W. . Warren D. Lichty, Jr., New York; M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Scotland; and W. . Wayne W. Reese, Switzerland.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

I approved and commissioned Grand Representatives as follows: W. . Herbert A. Newman, Indiana; W. . C. Gene Higdon, Maryland; R. . W. . Karl O. Lepisto, Massachusetts; W. . David V. Bernard, Nevada; Bro. T.T. Tuan, China; Bro. Diogo Marais De Vasconcelos Lobo, Brazil, Grande Loja Do Estado De Goias; Bro. Francisco Xavier G. Maciel, Brazil, Grande Loja De Santa Catarina; Bro. Ch. Rizopoulos, Greece; R. . W. . Gordon Ross Mallam, New South Wales; R. . W. . Ivar Moi, Norway; and W. . Angle L. Peralta, Puerto Rico.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Following the always reliable recommendations of W. . Ralph W. Gerry, our outstanding Grand Custodian, I appointed two new Deputy Grand Custodians, as follows: W. . Richard O. Cowles, Trenton and W. . Jens P. Nielsen, Superior. I am sorry to report that W. . Howard G. Whitmore of Shelby resigned the Commission he had held since October 20, 1967. His labors for the craft are appreciated and he will be missed.

DISPENSATIONS

Special dispensations were granted in 4 cases to permit the conferring of degrees without regard to time; 4 to examine members as to proficiency; 9 to elect and/or install officers because of weather conditions or sickness; 4 to move their charters temporarily for a special communication; 2 to move their charters to a new temple; 2 to purchase buildings for temples and incur indebtedness; and 4 to heal proficiency records. Dispensations were denied in 2 cases to confer degrees without regard to time, and in one to purchase property and incur debt.

DECISIONS

1. Covert Lodge No. 11 received a petition from a candidate who states he gave a petition to another lodge without the required fee and is not sure which lodge he petitioned. Covert Lodge No. 11 wanted to know if they could receive the petition without obtaining a waiver. I ruled Covert Lodge No. 11 must obtain a waiver of jurisdiction if the petitioner had submitted a petition to another lodge.

2. Covert Lodge No. 11 reported that they have initiated, passed and raised a candidate who they were subsequently informed had previously petitioned Miloma Lodge No. 328 where he was objected to. Covert Lodge No. 11 states that the candidate did not note on his petition to Covert Lodge No. 11 that he had previously submitted a petition to another lodge and been rejected; he did state that he had not paid any money with the first petition and that he had not been given any notice of the objection. I ruled Covert Lodge No. 11 had erred in giving this candidate the degrees, that their investigation committee had failed in their duty, and that an investigation should be made. Following investigation, I ordered Covert Lodge No. 11 to charge the candidate with unmasonic conduct, i.e., False Statement, Previous Rejection (Sec. 2-909).
3. Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 asked if they could receive a petition from the owner-manager of a steak house where only 30% of the income was received from the sale of liquor. I ruled that the owner-manager of the steak house was not qualified to petition masonry under the provisions of Section 2-904 of the By-laws.
4. Ionic Lodge No. 87 wanted permission to participate in the plan to build a structure to house all of the fraternal organizations, the village council room, and the library. I ruled that Ionic Lodge No. 87 could not participate because a bar is shown as a part of the building, although not in the area designated for Ionic Lodge No. 87, and the Lodge would be in violation of Section 2-501 of the By-laws.
5. Humboldt Lodge No. 40 requested permission to rent their lodge room to the Pythian Sisters and to the Junior Chamber of Commerce. I ruled that they could as the general purposes of the two organizations are not in conflict with masonic teachings.
6. Justice Lodge No. 180 requested permission to establish a Continuing Life Membership Endowment Fund. I ruled that they could not as this would be in violation of Section 2-405 of the By-laws.
7. McCook Lodge No. 135 requested a ruling as to whether the necessary and constitutional questions and the preparatory address could be given to more than one candidate at the same time. I ruled that this was left to the discretion of the Worshipful Master.
8. Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 requested special dispensation for the lodge to meet on the second Wednesday of January, 1975, instead of the first Wednesday as that was a holiday. I ruled that the Grand Master did not have the power to change a lodge's By-laws that were not in conflict with Grand Lodge laws.
9. Nebraska Lodge No. 1 requested permission to have an Ohio Mason confer the master mason degree on his son, a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1. I ruled that permission was not required, but warned that Nebraska work must be used in the conferring of degrees on Nebraska candidates.
10. McCook Lodge No. 135 asked if it was permissible for the Worshipful Master to turn over his duties to a Past Master instead of the Senior Warden just at the completion of the opening of a lodge of entered apprentice and just before the announcement of the purpose of the meeting. I ruled that it was the Worshipful Master's right to do so.

11. Capitol Lodge No. 3 requested an opinion as to whether they could sell space in their monthly bulletin to commercial accounts. I ruled that the lodge could not solicit advertising.
12. McCook Lodge No. 135 asked if it was proper for lodge funds to be used to pay the expenses of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens to attend Grand Lodge. I ruled this was a proper use of lodge funds.
13. Beaver City Lodge No. 93 inquired if the Grand Lodge could re-lay the cornerstone of the United Presbyterian Church as a part of the Church's Centennial Celebration on Sunday, August 18, 1975. I ruled the Grand Lodge could re-lay the cornerstone, but not on a Sunday.
14. Ogallala Lodge No. 159 requested permission to have their Worshipful Master and Wardens ride in a Shrine parade. I ruled they could as long as lodge funds were not expended.
15. Ogallala Lodge No. 159 asked permission to let the Job's Daughters have a slumber party in the basement of the Temple. I ruled the lodge could allow the use of their temple for any regularly scheduled meeting of the Job's Daughters.
16. Palisade Lodge No. 216, inquired whether charges for Unmasonic conduct should be filed against a member who was suspended for a nonpayment of dues on December 31, 1974 and subsequently obtained a liquor license to dispense alcoholic beverages in January, 1975. I ruled that charges should be filed under Section 3-102 (d).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that the contribution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.F. & A.M. to The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont be after the fact; i.e., that after the expenditures and the income to the General Fund of the Home have been determined for the next preceding year, that the Grand Lodge portion of the deficit be paid in the following Grand Lodge Masonic year in ten equal monthly payments, and that all securities and/or cash on hand in the General Fund as of June 15, 1974 with proper cash receipts and disbursements subsequent to such date being considered in arriving at such contribution and on the agreed upon rate as of April 9, 1974.
2. I submit for approval the following recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master. That the Worshipful Master after being duly installed in his respective lodge be permitted to open a "Lodge of Sorrow" which shall remain open for the duration of his term, to be closed before his successor is installed. This would permit Lodges and the Brothers to go direct to the Memorial Service without having to go to the Lodge before and after the Memorial Service. The Secretary shall see that all necessary things are available at the Services and provide to take care of the same at the conclusion.

BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Bi-Centennial Committee has been implementing the recommendations that were approved at the 117th Annual Communication, and have been putting the finishing touches on the program for 1976. They have accomplished a difficult task in a professional manner. Their report is contained in these advanced proceedings, and I trust you will study it well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Four issues of the Nebraska Masonic News were published this year. I am sure the Committee will keep up the good work.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

This new committee did a yeoman job of putting together the needs, aims, and recommendations as to how to better support our youth organizations. I am deeply indebted to the several brethren and friends who make up the committee. Special thanks to Brothers Wayne Pauley, Robert Bell, and William H. Hurst.

MASONIC HOMES

News of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth will be contained in the report of Brother William F. Patterson, the President. I can, from first-hand observation, attest to the excellence of the administrator, Brother Raymond F. Evers. News of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children will be found in their report.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Last year this Grand Lodge authorized participation in the Hospital Visitation program of the Masonic Service Association. I am pleased to say that W. . Alan Walcott has gotten the program off to a fine start. Brother Walcott will report in detail on his activities. Once again, were it not for the assistance of the S.G.I.G., Ill. Herbert A. Ronin, this necessary and vital program would not have been possible.

ANNIVERSARIES

There were eight centennial and one fifty-year anniversary celebrated this year.

On June 22, 1974, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 celebrated their 100th birthday by conferring a Master Mason degree, holding a reception for the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers, a banquet, and topping off the day with a dance. I wish to thank them for honoring me by receiving me in lodge and then having the reception. I am very proud of my mother lodge, the officers, members and their wives.

Fairmont Lodge No. 48 celebrated their centennial on June 23, 1974, with a banquet. Twelve of the Grand Lodge Officers were present, along with Worshipful Master Lawrence Hilty, Jr., his officers, a large number of members and their ladies. Bro. Glenn Maulsby received his 50-year pin.

Next on the list of lodges to celebrate their centennials were Evening Star Lodge No. 49 at Sutton, and Hastings Lodge No. 50 at Hastings. Both celebrated on June 26, 1974, the exact date of the 100th anniversary of receiving a charter. Both events were well attended, with the Grand Master presenting two 50-year pins at Sutton, and the Deputy Grand Master attending at Hastings where Bro. J. James Exon, the Governor, delivered the main address.

October 22, 1974, marked the date for Charity Lodge No. 53 at Red Cloud to celebrate their centennial. The address was given by the Grand Chaplain, V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson. W. . Bro. Marlin Hoffman, the Worshipful Master, had organized well, and a fine time was had by the large number who attended.

Hiram Lodge No. 52 at Arlington chose October 30, 1974 as the date to hold their Centennial Celebration. Worshipful Master Andy Svendgard had planned well, a large number attended, the food was delicious, the fellowship great and a fine time was had by all. Bros. Merle Newkirk and Luther Monke were presented 50-year pins.

The Centennial Celebration of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, was held on Wednesday, November 13, 1974, with a large enthusiastic gathering. The Grand Chaplain, V. W. J. Dallas Gibson, gave an address, "Lest We Forget" W. M. Eugene Monasmith, and R. W. Alfred B. Saum can be justly proud of the results of their endeavors.

Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City, selected May 17, 1975 as the day to celebrate their 100th birthday. Wor. Bro. Robert Larson certainly selected the right person for Chairman of the Arrangement Committee when he appointed Bro. Charles E. Baker. A wonderful banquet was served, a splendid program presented, and the 50-year pin presentation seemed most appropriate for the occasion.

The only lodge celebrating a 50th Anniversary was Alpha Lodge No. 316 at South Sioux City on May 16, 1975. The celebration was highlighted by a banquet, entertainment, and a speaker in the person of our Grand Chaplain, V. W. J. Dallas Gibson. May Alpha Lodge have the same type of leadership in the next 50 years as they have enjoyed in the past 50 years.

GRAND LODGE MINI-AREA MEETINGS

The Nebraska Committee on Masonic Education held five mini-area education meetings using the table lodge format. I was able to attend only two of these meetings, due to conflicts. The Committee will report in detail on the meetings.

VISITATIONS

The following listing of visitations does not include those previously mentioned.

I was privileged to attend annual communications at other Grand Jurisdictions, namely; Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming celebrated their Centennial in grand style.

Also, I was represented at the annual communication at Minnesota by R. W. Harold Hultman; at Missouri by R. W. T. Leo Stines; and at South Dakota by R. W. Alfred B. Saum.

Other visitations were made to Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S. - Ice Cream Social; Falls City Lodge No. 9 - Table Lodge; Craftsman Lodge No. 314 - Present Original Proficiency Certificate to W. B. Warren D. Lichty, Jr.; Norfolk Scottish Rite Club at Norfolk - Charter Presentation by S.G. I.G. Ronin; Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children - Annual Meeting of Stockholders; DeMolay-New Horizons Conclave at Fremont; Vesta Chapter OES at Omaha - Centennial Tea; Minatare Lodge No. 295 - Outdoor Meeting; National Camping Travelers, Inc. - Conducted Memorial Service; Moonlight Lodge at Cheney, Ks. - M.M. degree by Lancaster Lodge No. 54; East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 - Guest Night; Liberty Lodge No. 300 - Awards Night; Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - Telephone Day; College View Lodge No. 320 - Past Masters and Guest Night; Evening Star Lodge No.

49 - Business Meeting; DeMolay at Hastings - Grand Master's Class; North Star Lodge No. 227 - two 20-year individual proficiency certificates presented; Liberty Lodge No. 300 - Past Master's Night; Capstone Chapter No. 64, RAM-Past High Priest Night; St. John's Lodge No. 25 - Bro. Harry Green honored; Superior Lodge No. 121 - two 50-year pins presented; Omaha Scottish Rite-Fall Reunion; Naphis Temple No. 66, Daughters of the Nile-Supreme Queen's visitation; Hastings Lodge No. 50 - Centennial Certificate presented; Lincoln Scottish Rite - Guest dinner; Lincoln York Rite-Reception for Grand Lodge Officers; The Nebraska Masonic Home - Board of Trustees Meeting; Lincoln Scottish Rite - Fall Reunion; North Central States York Rite Conference at Omaha - Annual Meeting; Lincoln Lodge No. 19 - Ladies Night; Bethel No. 5 Job's Daughters - Honorary membership conferred; Lincoln Scottish Rite - Fall Party; Lincoln Chapter No. 4 RAM - Receive Grand Master; Coeur De Lion Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine at Omaha - Annual Assembly; Mount Moriah Commandery No. 4, K.T. Installation of Officers; East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 - Received Grand Master; Bethel No. 5, Job's Daughters - Installation of Officers; Fremont Lodge No. 15 - Install Officers; Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 - Install Officers; Comet Lodge No. 229 - Guest Night; Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - Guest Night; The Nebraska Masonic Home - Annual Meeting of Stockholders; Omaha Scottish Rite - Des Moines 22nd Degree Team; Sesostris Temple of Shrine - Potentate's Ball; Grand Masters Conference at Washington, D.C.; Oliver Lodge No. 38 - George Washington Birthday Celebration; Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 - Past Masters Dinner; Hickman Lodge No. 256 - Receive Grand Master; Central States Shrine Association at Omaha - Business Session; DeMolay Foundation at Lincoln - Annual Meeting; Tangier Temple of Shrine - Potentate's Ball; Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 - Palm Sunday Breakfast; Sat-ra Temple, Daughters of the Nile - Installation of Officers; Grand Council R & SM in Nebraska at Lincoln - 95th Annual Assembly; Grand Chapter RAM of Nebraska at Lincoln - 108th Annual Convocation; Grand Commandery, KT of Nebraska at Lincoln - 103rd Annual Conclave; Naphis Temple No. 66, Daughters of the Nile - Installation of Officers; Naamah Temple No. 108, Daughters of the Nile - Installation of Officers; Capstone Chapter No. 64, RAM - Installation of Officers; Tehama Temple of Shrine - Potentate's Ball; Scottish Rite Educational & Welfare Association - Annual Meeting; Lincoln Scottish Rite - Spring Reunion - York Lodge No. 56 - Oklahoma Indian Degree Team; Omaha Scottish Rite - Spring Reunion; Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - Ladies Night; Grand Chapter OES at Lincoln - 100th Annual Session; Capitol Lodge No. 3 - Spring Party; George Washington Lodge No. 250 - Covered Dish Supper; DeMolay at Lincoln - Legion of Honor Investiture; Crete Lodge No. 37 - 50-year Pin Presentations.

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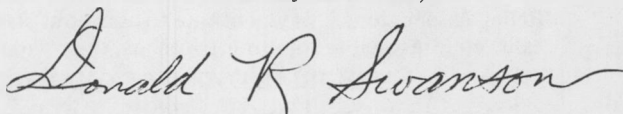
We continue to lose membership, but there are several bright spots to report. First, initiations increased this past year over the previous year and second, there has definitely been an increase in youthful candidates. The lowering of the age to nineteen has produced results far beyond my fondest expectations. One of the factors that has contributed to the initiations is the guest nights held for subordinate lodges by the Scottish Rite Bodies at Lincoln and Omaha, and Sesostris Temple of the Shrine at Lincoln. These Bodies, their officers, and particularly the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Herbert A. Ronin, deserve our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. I sincerely hope this program is continued.

APPRECIATION

There is literally no place to start, and certainly no place to stop, in a proper attempt to adequately express my appreciation for the help I have received in performing the duties of my office. Everyone I asked or suggested a task to, immediately proceeded to accomplish the necessary work. This has been true from the Past Grand Masters, Officers of the Grand Lodge, and officers and brethren of the subordinate lodges. I can assure you that the Grand Lodge leadership will be in good hands for many years to come. I pledge my wholehearted support and assistance to the continuing officers.

I have been graciously received in my visitations and wish to thank you again for the courtesies and kindnesses that have been extended to me. It has been a great honor and pleasure for me to be selected to serve this Grand Lodge as its Grand Master. I sincerely hope that my performance of duty has in some degree measured up to expectations.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald R. Swanson". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Returns have been received from 246 Lodges and dues and fees for the year of 1974 have been paid.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Winnebago No. 309, voted to consolidate with Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill. Olive Branch No. 274 voted to accept Winnebago in consolidation. The date of consolidation was December 3, 1974.

Temple No. 175, Filley, voted to consolidate with Tecumseh No. 17. Tecumseh No. 17 voted to accept Temple No. 175 in consolidation. The date of consolidation was March 26, 1975.

GRIEVANCES

There were four trial commissions appointed this year. We have two petitions for restoration.

FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 308 Fifty Year Buttons presented this year. Many special events were planned for the presentation of these Buttons.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

The Gold Jordan Medal is worn by the oldest Mason in the State, based on years of service to the fraternity.

W. Brother George H. Murphy of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 is the holder of this Medal. He has been a Master Mason since April 2, 1902 and holds a current proficiency card.

LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS

We express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They continue to assist out-state Lodges in hospital calls, etc., as well as sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. I.

Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. I. is called upon many times during the year to conduct funeral services for a sojourning Brother. W. Brother Dan Campbell, Worshipful Master of Memorial Lodge and his officers are to be commended for their efforts.

CHARTERED LODGES

Hiram, No. 52, Arlington, Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury, Signet Lodge No. 193 Leigh, and Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill, have not been represented at the last two annual communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. No action has been taken in regard to Beemer Lodge No. 253. They have not been represented for three annual communications.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES

I am most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office staff. All Masons are invited to visit the Grand Lodge Offices, they are most welcome. I should like to thank all the Grand Lodge Committees for their aid and assistance.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Grand Secretary's office works very closely with the Grand Custodian, W. . Brother Ralph W. Gerry, and his fine group of Deputy Grand Custodians. These men are of great assistance to our office, our sincere thanks to all of them.

FRATERNAL REVIEW

We regret very much that M. .W. . William B. Wanner is ill, consequently we do not have a Fraternal Review this year. His wonderful Review will be missed by all Masons.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1974	\$ 13,954.83
Per Capita Tax \$4.00 per member	152,390.00
Initiations \$10.00 per member	6,210.00
Surety Bond Premiums	815.80
Liability Insurance Premiums	2,664.01
Supplies.....	4,206.92
Custodial Fees.....	765.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Ass'n.	485.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments	58,783.18
Affiliations.....	50.00
Re-Instatements.....	732.00
Dispensation Fees	30.00
Misc. Income	50.00
Short Term Investments Matured	<u>160,010.00</u>
	\$ 410,169.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance Premium	\$ 3,376.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Ass'n	1,450.00
Supply Account.....	2,918.92
The Masonic - O.E.S. Home for Children	3,435.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home - General Fund	76,104.00
1974 - 1975 General Budget	109,770.24
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1975	<u>213,115.08</u>
	\$ 410,169.24

RETIREMENT FUND

Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1974	\$ 14,960.35
Interest and Dividends on Investments	20,986.56
Grand Lodge A. .F. .& A. .M. . and the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	<u>15,058.59</u>
	\$ 51,005.59

Disbursements

Securities Purchased	\$ 27,132.00
Payments to retired Employees	5,525.04
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1975	<u>18,348.55</u>
	\$ 51,005.59

RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year	246
Number of Lodges Chartered this year	0
Charters Consolidated	2
Number of Chartered Lodges	244
Number Initiated.....	615
Number Passed	502
Number Raised	484
Number Affiliated	145
Number Dual Members.....	39
Number Re-Instated	182
Number Consolidated	48
Number Gained	
Other Causes	15
Total gross Increase.....	913
Number Demitted	211
Number Deceased	1,004
Number Suspended N.P.D.....	595
Number Expelled	2
Lost by Other causes including Consolidations.....	<u>73</u>
Total gross Loss	1,885
Net Loss for year Ending December 31, 1974	972
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1973	38,052
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1974	37,080

I wish to express my appreciation to those who have been so cooperative during the past year, especially do I wish to thank the many fine Secretaries in our Constituent Lodges throughout the State.

Fraternally submitted,

Noah W. Lallman

Grand Secretary

AGE	DGE	E. A. F. C. C.													No. of Lodge										
		MASTER MASONS																							
		NO.	Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974	Membership Dec. 31, 1973	GAIN						LOSS											
Raisings	Affiliations							Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss							
		1	16	0	15	0	882	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	902	2	32	15	0	0	49	853	1	
		2	4	1	4	0	251	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	257	0	8	3	0	0	11	246	2	
		3	9	12	5	0	535	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	540	5	16	6	0	0	27	513	3	
		4	3	0	3	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	0	59	4	
		5	2	2	3	0	98	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	2	4	0	0	6	95	5	
		6	4	5	4	2	307	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	311	1	2	0	0	0	3	308	6	
		9	1	4	2	1	188	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	193	1	1	2	0	0	4	190	6	
		10	8	3	6	5	101	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	1	1	2	0	0	4	102	10	
		11	23	0	9	25	1413	25	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1444	5	37	26	1	0	70	1374	11	
		13	0	0	0	0	46	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	13	
		14	1	1	1	0	86	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	0	0	0	3	84	14	
		15	12	1	15	1	603	14	6	2	5	0	0	0	0	630	3	21	7	0	0	31	599	15	
		17	1	7	7	1	176	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	176	2	3	0	0	0	5	171	17	
		19	3	3	3	2	716	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	724	1	22	18	0	0	41	683	19	
		21	0	0	0	0	151	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	0	2	6	0	0	9	143	21	
		23	2	2	0	0	101	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	2	2	3	0	0	7	96	23	
		23	12	4	11	10	730	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	741	3	24	13	0	0	42	699	25	
		26	6	5	10	2	344	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	355	1	7	4	0	0	11	344	26	
		27	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	4	0	0	0	8	60	27	
		30	0	0	0	0	76	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	1	4	0	1	8	75	30	
		35	1	4	5	2	215	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216	2	7	2	0	0	9	207	35	
		36	3	5	0	0	175	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	178	1	6	2	0	0	9	169	36	
		37	2	5	0	0	184	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	186	0	4	5	0	0	9	177	37	
		38	0	3	3	0	126	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	128	1	3	1	0	0	5	123	38	
		39	14	19	10	1	315	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	331	2	4	1	0	0	7	324	39	
		40	0	0	0	0	85	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	3	1	0	0	4	82	40	
		41	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	5	0	0	0	5	55	41	
		43	0	0	1	0	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	1	6	4	0	0	11	103	43	
		44	2	2	5	1	74	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	7	0	0	2	77	44	
		46	6	7	3	2	319	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	324	1	8	1	0	0	16	308	46	
		48	1	3	2	1	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	1	2	0	0	0	3	63	48	
		49	1	2	1	0	96	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	2	2	0	0	0	4	93	49	
		50	8	14	5	0	441	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	447	5	15	8	0	0	2	30	417	50
		51	2	6	2	1	122	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	0	4	0	0	0	3	74	51	
		52	2	1	1	1	70	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	2	1	0	0	4	119	52	
		53	1	1	1	1	122	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	1	1	1	0	0	3	7	118	53
		54	23	18	17	3	816	18	10	1	7	0	0	0	0	852	2	22	10	0	0	34	818	54	
		55	6	3	3	1	243	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	1	9	0	0	0	13	235	55	
		56	0	3	2	0	225	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	1	2	7	0	0	12	218	56	
		57	3	4	2	0	84	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	3	3	0	0	10	86	57	
		59	1	1	0	0	248	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	233	1	4	8	0	0	13	240	59	
		60	2	2	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	1	3	0	0	0	4	61	60	
		61	7	2	0	6	219	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	222	1	4	0	0	0	5	217	61	
		62	1	1	1	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	6	49	62	
		64	1	0	1	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	2	92	64	
		65	0	6	0	3	79	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	6	0	0	0	6	78	65	

Nebraska
St. Louis
St. Paul
St. Petersburg
Tampa
Tulsa
Wichita
Yonkers

NAME OF LODGE	NO.	E. A. F. C. C.					MASTER MASONS																
		Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974		On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974	Membership Dec. 31, 1973	GAIN					LOSS					On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974						
			Passed							Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL		Dormited	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss
Edgar	67	0	0	0	1	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	
Aurora	68	2	4	1	1	121	1	0	0	1	0	0	123	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	118		
Trowel	71	0	0	1	0	113	1	0	0	1	0	0	115	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	107		
Hooper	72	4	2	3	2	90	4	1	0	0	0	0	95	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	90		
Friend	73	0	5	1	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	56		
Frank Welch	75	4	5	2	1	221	2	3	0	3	0	0	229	1	4	4	0	0	4	13	216		
Nelson	77	0	1	0	0	130	0	0	0	1	0	0	131	0	5	0	0	0	5	126			
Albion	78	0	0	0	0	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	1	3	10	0	0	14	109			
Geneva	79	1	1	0	0	129	0	1	0	0	0	0	130	2	1	0	0	0	3	127			
Composite	81	1	1	0	0	80	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	1	0	0	0	1	80			
St. Paul	82	2	5	1	1	165	3	2	0	3	0	0	173	1	2	1	0	0	4	169			
Corinthian	83	0	1	1	1	63	2	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	1	0	0	1	64			
Ionic	87	0	3	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	2	2	0	0	0	4	89			
Star	88	1	3	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	2	2	88			
Cedar River	89	3	6	1	1	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	1	0	0	0	2	81			
Oakland	91	3	4	3	1	114	3	1	0	0	0	0	118	0	2	0	0	0	2	116			
Beaver City	93	0	1	0	0	91	0	1	0	0	0	0	92	0	9	1	0	0	10	82			
Bennett	94	3	5	2	0	75	2	0	1	0	0	0	78	0	0	1	0	0	1	77			
Garfield	95	0	2	0	0	96	1	1	0	0	0	0	98	1	1	0	0	0	2	96			
Utica	96	1	0	1	0	95	1	0	0	1	0	0	97	0	0	6	0	0	6	91			
Euclid	97	6	6	5	0	97	5	1	0	3	0	0	106	0	2	1	0	0	3	103			
Republican	98	1	4	2	0	38	2	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	2	38			
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58			
Creighton	100	0	1	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	1	0	0	3	70			
Ponca	101	2	2	0	0	77	0	2	0	0	0	0	79	2	2	3	0	0	7	72			
Waterloo	102	8	8	6	3	159	7	0	0	1	0	0	167	0	4	0	0	0	4	163			
Ord	103	2	2	0	1	126	1	0	0	0	0	0	127	0	3	0	0	0	3	124			
Wymore	104	3	1	3	0	153	5	0	0	0	0	0	158	0	7	5	0	0	12	146			
Stella	105	0	1	3	1	51	2	0	0	0	0	0	53	3	3	0	0	0	6	47			
Porter	106	1	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	3	0	0	0	3	61			
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	1	0	0	2	27			
Pomegranate	110	3	3	5	3	175	5	2	0	0	0	1	183	0	5	1	0	0	6	177			
DeWitt	111	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39			
Springfield	112	4	2	2	0	102	2	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	2	3	0	0	5	99			
Globe	113	0	3	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	1	1	2	0	0	4	67			
Wisner	114	0	2	0	1	77	0	0	0	1	0	0	78	0	3	0	0	0	3	75			
Harlan	116	2	4	0	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	3	0	0	1	4	86			
Hardy	117	1	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	3	0	0	4	38			
North Bend	119	4	2	0	1	94	3	0	0	0	0	0	97	1	0	0	0	0	1	96			
Wayne	120	1	0	1	0	184	1	4	0	1	0	0	190	1	2	2	0	2	7	183			
Superior	121	1	4	1	1	154	2	0	0	1	0	0	157	1	2	3	0	0	6	151			
Auburn	124	0	1	1	1	114	0	1	0	0	0	0	115	0	4	4	0	0	8	107			
Mt. Nebo	125	1	2	0	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69			
Stromsburg	126	3	3	3	3	145	2	0	2	1	0	0	150	3	2	3	0	0	8	142			
Minden	127	5	4	2	3	82	3	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	3	0	0	0	3	82			
Guide Rock	128	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	1	76			
Scribner	132	0	2	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39			
Solar	134	0	2	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	5	0	0	0	5	57			
McCook	135	4	1	1	1	299	1	0	0	0	0	0	300	2	11	1	0	0	14	286			
Long Pine	136	2	2	1	0	42	1	0	1	0	0	0	44	1	5	2	0	0	8	36			

MEMBER NAME	NO.	MASTER MASONS											No. of Lodge							
		E. A. F. C. C.																		
		GAIN						LOSS												
Light	137	Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974	Membership Dec. 31, 1973	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss	On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974
Alt	138	1	1	0	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49
Centre	139	2	3	1	1	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	0	0	0	3	73
North	140	3	4	1	1	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	1	3	0	0	0	4	90
Cent	143	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Brook	145	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	1	29
Lincoln	146	1	4	0	0	90	0	1	0	0	0	0	91	1	4	2	0	0	13	78
Lincoln	147	0	0	0	0	168	2	0	0	0	0	0	170	0	5	2	0	0	8	162
Lincoln	148	0	4	0	0	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	0	0	1	0	0	1	26
Lincoln	150	0	0	0	0	175	0	0	0	1	0	0	176	0	4	2	1	0	7	169
Lincoln	153	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	0	0	0	0	91	0	3	2	0	0	5	86
Lincoln	154	0	1	1	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Lincoln	155	0	1	1	0	55	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Lincoln	158	5	3	6	5	206	7	1	1	2	0	0	217	2	8	5	0	0	15	202
Lincoln	159	9	7	5	2	151	3	0	0	1	0	0	155	2	3	2	0	0	7	148
Lincoln	160	0	2	0	2	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34
Lincoln	161	0	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	2	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Lincoln	162	0	1	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	1	1	0	0	0	3	62
Lincoln	163	4	4	0	0	67	0	0	0	1	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	9	58
Lincoln	164	1	3	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	2	0	0	0	3	50
Lincoln	165	1	0	1	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Lincoln	167	0	2	0	0	69	0	0	0	2	0	0	79	2	1	0	0	0	4	75
Lincoln	168	1	3	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	4	60
Lincoln	169	1	4	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	0	2	0	0	3	72
Lincoln	170	0	1	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Lincoln	171	0	1	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	1	47
Lincoln	173	0	1	0	0	80	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	3	1	0	0	4	77
Lincoln	174	0	2	0	2	58	0	0	1	0	0	0	59	1	2	2	0	0	5	54
Lincoln	175	0	0	0	1	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	3	32
Lincoln	176	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	0	0	0	2	32
Lincoln	177	3	3	1	3	101	2	0	0	0	0	0	103	2	5	1	0	0	8	95
Lincoln	180	0	1	0	0	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	0	5	0	0	0	8	122
Lincoln	181	0	3	0	6	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	1	2	0	0	0	3	70
Lincoln	183	3	3	0	1	303	5	2	0	6	0	0	316	2	6	1	0	0	9	307
Lincoln	184	12	16	12	18	873	7	1	1	18	0	2	902	6	23	34	0	0	63	839
Lincoln	185	1	4	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	3	1	0	0	4	43
Lincoln	188	2	4	0	0	125	3	2	0	0	0	0	130	0	3	0	0	0	4	126
Lincoln	189	0	2	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	4	0	0	0	3	66
Lincoln	191	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	3	4	0	0	3	57
Lincoln	192	4	4	4	4	148	4	1	0	0	0	0	153	1	2	2	0	0	5	148
Lincoln	193	1	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	2	0	0	0	3	38
Lincoln	194	0	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	3	35
Lincoln	195	2	5	2	2	116	4	2	1	0	0	0	122	0	4	2	0	0	6	116
Lincoln	198	1	2	2	3	119	2	2	1	0	0	0	124	1	6	1	0	0	8	116
Lincoln	199	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	2	32
Lincoln	200	0	0	0	1	65	0	0	1	0	0	0	66	0	4	0	0	0	4	62
Lincoln	201	2	4	2	1	169	0	2	1	0	0	0	173	1	4	0	0	0	5	168
Lincoln	202	0	6	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	3	0	0	0	3	51
Lincoln	204	0	5	1	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	4	4	0	0	0	4	92
Lincoln	205	1	4	1	0	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0	0	4	145

NAME OF LODGE	NO.	E. A. F. C.										MASTER MASONS											
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																							On Rolls Dec. 31, 1974
Parian	207	0	4	1	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
Canopy	209	2	5	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	76
East Lincoln	210	18	15	16	9	1024	16	1	0	5	0	0	1046	4	28	12	0	0	0	44	1002	3	
Cement	211	1	1	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	59
Plumbline	214	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29
Occidental	215	1	2	1	1	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	5	58	
Palisade	216	0	0	0	0	100	0	1	1	0	0	0	102	2	2	2	0	0	0	6	96	6	
Wauweta	217	0	1	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	47	2	
Bloomfield	218	3	1	2	0	75	2	0	0	1	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	1	2	76	76	2	
Relief	219	0	1	0	2	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	5	0	2	8	40	40	0	
Magnolia	220	0	4	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	40	0	
Wood Lake	221	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	6	0	0	8	68	68	0	
Landmark	222	2	3	2	1	91	2	0	0	1	0	0	94	2	1	0	0	0	3	91	91	0	
Eminence	223	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	2	0	0	0	2	51	51	0	
Silver Cord	224	5	6	4	6	126	2	0	0	0	0	0	128	1	3	2	0	0	6	122	122	0	
Cable	225	1	2	0	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	3	0	7	0	0	10	99	99	0	
North Star	227	4	6	5	2	401	4	0	0	4	0	0	409	1	12	6	0	0	19	390	390	0	
Bartley	228	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	2	0	0	0	2	42	42	0	
Comet	229	3	4	4	1	112	3	0	1	0	0	0	116	2	0	0	0	0	2	114	114	0	
John S. Bowen	232	2	2	2	2	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	69	0	
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	39	0	
Zion	234	1	2	0	0	97	1	1	0	0	0	0	99	0	4	0	0	0	4	95	95	0	
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	1	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	52	3	1	0	0	0	4	48	48	0	
Golden Rule	236	1	1	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	1	0	0	2	50	50	0	
Cubit	237	1	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	1	0	0	0	2	30	30	0	
Friendship	239	0	2	1	0	47	1	0	0	3	0	0	51	0	3	0	0	0	3	48	48	0	
Pilot	240	0	1	1	1	108	1	1	0	0	0	0	110	1	7	0	0	0	8	102	102	0	
George																							
Armstrong	241	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	1	3	0	0	0	4	54	54	0	
Hampton	245	0	1	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	36	0	
Nehawka	246	3	4	1	2	98	1	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	1	1	0	0	2	97	97	0	
Laurel	248	1	1	1	1	75	0	1	0	0	0	0	76	0	3	0	0	0	3	73	73	0	
Gothenburg	249	2	1	3	0	143	3	1	0	0	0	0	147	1	3	0	0	0	4	143	143	0	
George																							
Washington	250	4	5	3	1	290	4	0	1	2	0	0	297	3	5	3	0	0	11	286	286	0	
Wausa	251	0	1	1	2	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	39	0	
Beemer	253	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	34	0	
Bassett	254	3	13	0	1	67	0	3	0	0	0	0	70	1	3	0	0	0	4	66	66	0	
Hickman	256	11	12	6	1	86	6	0	4	1	0	0	97	1	3	0	0	0	4	93	93	0	
Anselmo	258	0	3	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	0	0	0	2	74	74	0	
Ornan	261	5	3	3	0	51	3	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	53	0	
Endeavor	262	0	1	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	3	0	0	0	3	74	74	0	
Mitchell	263	0	1	0	0	146	1	1	0	0	0	0	148	1	3	0	0	0	4	144	144	0	
Franklin	264	0	0	1	0	73	1	1	0	0	0	0	75	2	4	0	0	0	6	69	69	0	
Robert W.																							
Furnas	265	7	13	6	2	387	5	2	0	1	0	0	395	1	14	6	0	0	21	374	374	0	
Silver	266	1	0	1	0	53	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	2	53	53	0	
James A.																							
Tulleys	267	0	3	0	0	88	0	1	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	1	0	0	3	86	86	0	

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								Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other Causes				
P. W. Anger		268	8	2	6	0	239	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	247	1	9	1	0	4	15	232	268
P. Gillette		271	0	1	0	0	169	0	1	0	0	0	0	170	2	7	4	0	0	0	13	157	271
from Branch		272	6	6	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	0	0	0	2	52	272	
		273	1	5	0	0	28	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	27	273
		274	0	5	0	1	44	1	1	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	1	93	274	
Delope		276	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	47	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	41	276
Clark		277	0	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	277
Field		278	0	5	0	0	29	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	3	0	0	4	26	278	
Place		279	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	1	32	279	
Sitka		280	0	1	2	2	70	1	0	0	1	0	0	72	1	2	2	0	0	5	67	280	
Pence		281	13	4	14	0	727	15	1	0	6	0	0	749	8	21	12	0	0	41	708	281	
Len		282	4	6	0	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	3	0	0	0	3	54	282	
Clark		284	3	4	0	0	49	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	0	3	0	0	0	3	47	284	
Clark		285	0	6	3	3	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	0	1	1	0	0	2	114	285	
Kosh		286	1	6	0	3	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	1	1	0	0	4	87	286	
on		287	0	0	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	3	1	0	0	4	47	287	
Sha		288	4	2	4	3	388	3	2	0	5	0	0	397	1	12	14	0	0	27	370	288	
Clark		289	3	3	2	2	130	2	1	0	0	0	0	132	1	4	0	0	0	5	127	289	
Clark		290	28	30	24	18	1492	26	8	0	4	0	0	1530	7	42	22	0	0	71	1439	290	
mond		291	1	1	3	3	84	3	3	0	0	0	0	87	0	5	0	0	0	5	82	291	
ument		293	0	2	1	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	1	0	0	1	54	293	
ball		294	4	8	4	2	158	4	4	0	3	0	0	165	4	4	1	0	0	9	156	294	
atara		295	1	9	2	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	295	
ster		297	10	1	9	9	266	9	2	0	10	0	0	287	2	12	0	0	1	17	270	297	
er		298	0	1	2	0	52	2	2	0	0	0	0	54	0	3	0	0	0	3	51	298	
erland		299	0	0	1	0	76	1	1	0	1	0	0	80	0	2	2	0	0	4	76	299	
ry		300	5	2	5	1	391	4	1	0	3	0	0	398	3	7	6	0	0	16	382	300	
ard		301	1	17	9	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	301	
ah		302	9	1	9	0	964	9	0	0	5	0	0	978	7	30	34	0	0	71	907	302	
man Grove		303	2	5	1	1	443	2	0	0	1	0	0	446	2	8	9	0	0	19	427	303	
den Rod		305	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	1	0	0	0	2	55	305	
ins		306	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	2	66	306	
ebago		308	2	1	1	1	90	1	1	0	0	0	0	92	0	1	0	0	0	1	91	308	
ory		309	0	4	0	1	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	1	0	1	0	0	48	50	309	
		310	0	0	0	1	169	1	1	0	5	0	0	176	1	8	0	0	0	9	167	310	
Leaf		311	0	1	1	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	311	
er		312	0	1	0	0	35	0	0	1	0	0	0	36	0	3	0	0	0	4	32	312	
fishmen		313	4	1	5	4	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	3	0	0	0	4	79	313	
West		314	4	2	3	1	508	4	0	0	5	0	0	517	3	16	7	0	0	26	491	314	
nd Island		316	2	2	3	1	175	1	0	0	1	0	0	177	1	2	5	0	0	8	169	316	
en		317	11	7	8	3	608	7	4	3	3	0	0	622	7	15	6	0	0	28	594	317	
en View		318	1	11	2	0	320	3	0	0	5	0	0	328	3	6	4	0	0	13	315	318	
ony		319	1	2	0	1	136	0	0	0	1	0	0	137	0	2	0	0	0	2	136	319	
non		321	0	2	2	2	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	321	
on		323	3	8	6	5	209	2	1	0	1	0	0	213	2	3	3	0	0	8	205	323	
evue		324	0	7	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	324	
ennal		325	12	5	8	2	456	6	4	2	0	0	0	468	0	5	36	0	0	41	427	325	
h		326	8	12	6	6	84	458	8	4	0	0	0	465	2	24	2	0	0	28	437	326	
h		327	8	8	7	7	84	8	4	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	2	95	327	
ma		328	8	18	7	3	40	13	0	1	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	4	50	328	

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VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Roy T. Stiehl	Hay Springs No. 177	40 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	37 years
Floyd Christy	Trestle Board No. 162.....	33 years
Warren C. Hall	Nelson No. 77	33 years
F. Otto Nelson	Signet No. 193	32 years
Wayne Warden Loftis	Landmark No. 222	32 years
Bernard Besse Harris.....	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	32 years
Donald S. Hinman	Antelope No. 276.....	32 years
Albert B. Osborn.....	Grand Island No. 318.....	31 years
Harley I. Simons	Cambridge No. 150.....	29 years
Merle P. Hayes	Superior No. 121	29 years
John J. Carter	Cement No. 211	28 years
Alvin C. Groesser.....	Euclid No. 97.....	28 years

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA.

The Annual report of the Grand Custodian is hereby fraternally submitted:

Central Schools were held this past year at Fairmont, Osceola, Utica, Seward, Pierce, Hartington, South Sioux City, Wayne, Beatrice, Stanton, Oakland, McCook, Butte, Bassett, Atkinson, Grand Island, Merna, Arnold, Broken Bow, Edgar, Guide Rock, Clay Center, Nelson, Omaha, Chadron, Scottsbluff, Sidney and Lincoln.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

We continue to show 130 lodges certified for 1974 with Harvard Lodge No. 44 recertifying for the first time since 1964.

At this time I wish to correct the record of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 as reported last year in the proceedings. The 47 years consecutive certification should have been 50 years. As I have had no other reports on the record of Lodge certification, I will then assume this record to be correct.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

We have increased our individual certified men by 15 this past year.

Robert L. Bass	125	Donald D. Meinershagen	11
Steven A. Green	54	Charles V. Greenfield	15
Warren D. Lichty, Jr. GJD	314	Louis G. Purtzer	114
De Vern A. Engberg	26	Henry G. Hesser	54
Lloyd Jacob	232	Kenneth E. Gammell	11
Arthur J. Ferguson	221	Max K. Farney	38
Richard O. Cowles	217	George E. Root	50
	Michael L. Peterson	227	

Your Grand Lodge is proud of your accomplishments, Brethren. May I offer my personal congratulations.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Twenty-eight certificates of merit have been issued for 20 years of service, to the following brethren:

Merle P. Hayes	121	Lester C. Nelson	305
Robert L. Middleswart	54	Russell S. Keep	32
Gerald V. Inslee	158 DGC	John E. Pinkerton	1
Leonard G. Eriksen	241	Orris J. Pecoy	183
Leland B. Merrill	227	Donald W. Jorgenson	75
Irving Feldman	227	Wayne G. Luenenborg	39
Arthur S. Dye	317 DGC	Stuart A. Johnson	169
Alfred B. Saum	46 GJW	Donald R. Swanson	54 GM
Donald R. White	327	James P. Nielsen	184
Carl J. Peterson	33	Milton G. Hester	210
Lloyd E. Racek	210	Eiler H. Svendsen	77
John S. Ludden	46	J. Everett Denton	265
Orris C. Richert	209	Eugene A. Gierman	39
Daniel M. Siebold	39	Frank E. Swanson	290

This now swells the rolls of 20 year certificate men to 272, in this Grand Jurisdiction.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Our ranks have been increased just recently by the commissioning of two new Deputy Grand Custodians.

Richard O. Cowles, 217 to serve District No. 25

Jens P. Nielsen, 121 to serve District No. 13

Howard G. Whitmore, 161, District No. 37 found it necessary to resign his commission in September of 1974 after seven years of service. The Grand Lodge wishes to express thanks to W. Whitmore for his time and energy in pursuit of his duties.

All Deputy Grand Custodians are at their posts, and Masonry in Nebraska benefits greatly each year due to their efforts.

CORRECTION OF RECORDS

The record of George S. Schwab, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, 49, was found to be in error and has been corrected from 1952 - 1931. Cards for 25 - 30 - 35 - 40 years were mailed to him at Mesa, Arizona August 7, 1974. He now has 44 years of continuous certification.

The record of W. Gordon Sheets, 77, has been revised making him continuous since March 21, 1956. A total of 19 years.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, 1, now holds the distinction of being certified the longest with 52 years.

W. Paul C. Holmberg, 318, now boasts of 50 years of service as a certified man and a special plaque will be presented him at this communication.

W. Paul D. Fleming, 93, Deputy Grand Custodian, a special plaque for 25 years of dedicated service as Deputy Grand Custodian of this Grand Lodge. How can you say thanks to such fine Masons? God Bless you and keep you. Doc.

IN MEMORIAM

Stephen W. (Bill) Beck, 43 — Hebron, Nebraska

Born June 26, 1898

Passed away February 24, 1975 at the age of 76 years

Commissioned Assistant Custodian March 27, 1940 and served until his death, a total of 35 years.

Walter Brown, 1 Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Omaha, Nebraska

Born September 8, 1900

Passed away December 31, 1974 at the age of 74 years

Commissioned Assistant Custodian July 15, 1967

Commissioned Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus July 19, 1973

Richard L. Wait, 19, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Lincoln, Nebraska

Born July 17, 1904

Passed away January 12, 1975 at the age of 70 years

Commissioned Assistant Custodian March 20, 1962

Commissioned Assistant Custodian Emeritus June, 1966

W. Axel T. Danielson, 116, Alma, Nebraska, oldest certified man in Nebraska having served since 1922, a total of 53 years. Passed from this life February 2, 1975.

May they all be accepted into the Celestial Lodge above. Well done good and faithful servants.

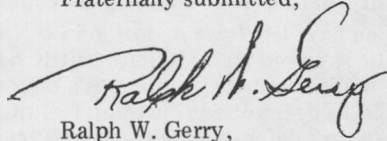
We are beginning to see a slight increase in new petitions for the degrees which leans toward more work and an increase of interest in our ritual. As we see the light at the end of the tunnel let us all work for the perfection and impressiveness so vital to our ritual, and may the All Seeing Eye be aware of our labors.

M. .W. . Sir, we hope we have met with your approbation and that of the Craft and return thanks for honor of the appointments.

To M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, my thanks for his assistance in the office.

To the Committee on Nebraska Work, M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, Chairman; M. .W. . Lewis R. Ricketts and M. .W. . Hugh W. Eisenhart, my thanks to a very understanding committee.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph W. Gerry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ralph W. Gerry,
Grand Custodian

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER

I would, at this time like to ask M. W. David L. Griffiths to approach the East. M. W. David, it has been my pleasure during the past two years to meet you at a number of meetings throughout the country. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

M. W. DAVID L. GRIFFITHS, GRAND MASTER OF IOWA:

Thank you, Brother Don, M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and my brethren. We are close neighbors, as you know. It is a little hard to tell when you are coming from Iowa to Nebraska, whether you have left Iowa or gotten into Nebraska except that when coming across the sky even seems to have a little red tinge as we cross the river into Nebraska. I don't know, maybe there is a reason for that. I was very interested, M. W. Sir, to hear you say that you feel that you are having an increase in initiations. We very definitely are seeing this trend in Iowa. We are also seeing the trend to younger men and if it helps you any, we lowered the age limit last year at Grand Lodge. I, too, voted against it and I, too, have changed my mind. We certainly are seeing some of the young men taking a real interest in Masonry. I think this should be a notice to us that we certainly have a duty and an obligation to these young men to help guide and direct them in Freemasonry. We are about to launch into the Bi-Centennial celebration of our country. What better time could there be for us to re-dedicate ourselves to the teachings and principles of Freemasonry, and re-dedicate ourselves to involvement in our Government and to true patriotism. If our country is to remain strong and free, if Freemasonry is to continue to grow and be a vibrant influence in our communities, I think it is time that we all re-dedicate ourselves to the Worshipful Master who gave the welcome here this morning and mentioned the five points of fellowship. To that, all I can say is "Amen". I think it is time that we all take stock of the real true values that have made this country and Fraternity great.

Now, M. W. Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Brethren of Nebraska for the many courtesies extended to us here and to wish you a successful and progressive communication. Thanks for the invitation to be here with you. I hope that you will come to Iowa in September and that we can return some of these courtesies. Thank you very much, brethren.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Dave. I hope you have a pleasant trip home. We know that you have been gone from home for a week or so and I well recognize the pile of work you will have when you get home. Now may we hear from the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. Donald R. Swanson, in part be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

- The section on Dispensations.
- The section on Amendments on By-Laws.
- The section on Decisions.
- The section on Recommendations.

To the Committee on Grievances:

- The section on Trial Commissions
- The section on Reinstatements.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- The section on Consolidations.

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

- The section on Necrology.

The report shows the untiring work and devotion of the Grand Master, to the affairs of this Grand Lodge and the Brethren throughout the State. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Returns:

- The section on Returns.

To the Committee on Grievances:

- The section on Grievances.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- The section on Consolidations.
- The section on Chartered Lodges.

To the Committee on Finance:

- All financial and report schedules, relating to funds.

The Grand Secretary continues the duties of his Office with a diligence that is a benefit to all of the Craft.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. As we have come to expect, the Grand Custodian's Department shows the same steady dedication to duty as in years past.

Fraternally submitted,

W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

W. Duane F. Mau, 49

W. Kenneth D. Beebe, 119

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER

Will R. .W. . Jess W. Gern, please approach the East? Brethren, I would like to present to you R. .W. . Jess E. Gern, Deputy Grand Master of Colorado who is the Personal Representative of M. .W. . Brother Clarence W. Hines, the Grand Master. We are delighted that R. .W. . Brother Gern could be with us. I attended the Grand Lodge of Colorado earlier this year and I can assure you they have a very fine lodge and a very fine program.

R. .W. . JESS E. GERN:

M. .W. . Grand Master Swanson, Distinguished Guests, Grand Wardens, Brethren All. On behalf of the Grand Master of Masons of Colorado, Clarence W. Hines, I greet you and I feel most pleased that I was the one who was able to come to Nebraska. We certainly have been treated in a Grand fashion and my wife and I extend our thanks to all of you. Seeing so many here, I feel as if I may be losing some of my faculties, I feel like the fellow who failed to pay his Exorcist and got re-possessed. I will wait. The fine way in which we have been treated here reminds me of a portion of the corner-stone ceremony that we use in Colorado, where we hope for everyone the necessary, the conveniences and the comforts of life. Certainly that is what we have received at the hands of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As you probably know, the Grand Lodge of Colorado feels a special kinship to Nebraska because the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska formed the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and we are very, very pleased to recognize the Fatherhood of of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. There are some 40,000 Masons in Colorado, and we extend to you an invitation to attend any of our Lodges and of course, to come to our Grand Lodge the last Monday and Tuesday of January. Thank you very much, M. .W. . Sir.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

W. Howard L. Patterson, 303, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

Your finance committee has examined the the books of the Grand Lodge. All disbursements had been properly vouched for by the respective officers and committees in line with their appropriations.

INCOME 1974 - 1975

Dues @ \$2.00 per member	\$ 76,195.00
Initiation Fees.....	6,210.00
Interest and Dividends	58,783.18
Bond Premiums (sub-ordinate Lodges).....	815.80
Liability Insurance " ".....	2,664.01
Sale of Supplies	4,206.92
George Washington Fund.....	485.00
Custodial Services	765.00
Dispensation Fees	30.00
Re-instatements	732.00
Miscellaneous Income	50.00
Sale of Securities Profit	29.93

Your chairman expresses thanks and appreciation to our Grand Secretary, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, and to Vince Keerbs as well as the entire committee.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Now if M. W. Brother Harold Ross will approach the East. Brethren, I would like to present to you M. W. Brother Harold Ross who is the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and is the Personal Representative of M. W. Earl M. Potter, Grand Master. It is a pleasure that you could come and visit with us and, of course, we have very fond memory and affection for Illinois as they were also instrumental in helping form our Grand Lodge. M. W. Brother Harold.

M. W. HAROLD D. ROSS, PAST GRAND MASTER OF ILLINOIS:

M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and my Brethren in Freemasonry. This trip has been a very significant one for me personally, because coming out here we drove across the State of Iowa, went by a little town of Gladbrook where in 1905, my Father became a Master Mason. The State of Nebraska borders on the State of South Dakota. Sixty-seven years ago in 1908, the Ross Family, Father and Mother and several of us children took up a Homestead out in the Bad Lands of western South Dakota, just north of the PineRidge Reservation. My brothers, if you haven't lived through a three day South Dakota blizzard, South Dakota drought, South Dakota prairie fire, you just haven't lived, that is all there is to it. I have seen all three and lived through them and survived.

One of the most interesting things that I have read this morning in this pamphlet which was presented to us, on page 27 and I hope that you will read it. It is at the end of the report of the Bi-Centennial Committee, a quotation from Carl M. Davidson, Grand Chaplain in 1964-65. In this he talks about heritage and tradition. But, my brethren, heritage and tradition, great as they are, and as memorable as they are, are not enough. Heritage and tradition must be a guide post to the future, not a hitching post to the past. It is not enough to shout from the house tops that communism is bad, we must demonstrate as good citizens, Freemasonry through our civic activities and devotion, that democracy is better. We must demonstrate every day that Masonry is good because of our participation in our lodges and our appendant bodies, institution of Freemasonry. We say that we do not have the privilege of solicitation in Freemasonry but I contend that we do and we have the greatest force of solicitation that any group can have and that is the example of our conduct and our own lives in the community where we live. Why did you join Freemasonry? Because you knew some good man who was a Freemason, by the force of his example, you too, became a Freemason. Some of his goodness, his character and his stature would rub off on you. Albert Schweitzer, the great physician who spent so many years in Africa said, "In influencing others, example is not the main thing, it is the only thing." So we hope that by our example as Freemasons in the communities where we live, large and small, will be an example to the young men of that community to praise the principles of Freemasonry as we have done and to continue the heritage and tradition of this great Fraternity.

I would like to give you a little poem which has meant a great deal to me and I think applies to us as Freemasonry because it teaches us what we should be and the title is "The Man in the Glass".

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
 And the world makes you a King for a day,
 Then go to the mirror and look at yourself and see what
 That man has to say.
 For it isn't your Father or Mother or wife, whose judgment
 Upon you must pass,
 The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life is the
 Man staring back from the glass.
 He is the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
 For he is with you clear up to the end,
 When you pass your most dangerous and difficult test
 Is the Man in the glass, he is your friend.
 You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum,
 And think you are a wonderful guy.
 But the Man in the glass says you are only a bum
 If you can't look him straight in the eye.
 You may fool the whole world on the pathway of years
 and get pats on the back as you pass,
 But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
 If you cheated the Man in a Glass.

My brethren, I think the teachings of Freemasonry, principles and ideals of this great institution, if it teaches anything, it is we can go to the glass and look ourselves straight in the eye. Thank you, M. W. Grand Master for your hospitality and for this opportunity to speak to you.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER

Thank you, M. W. Brother Ross, for those very fine remarks. It is a pleasure to have you.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M. W. Brother William B. Wanner has for many years presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. He always presented an outstanding report containing many interesting happenings in Masonic circles throughout the world. M. W. Brother Wanner is not able to be in attendance at this Communication and his absence is greatly felt by all who know Brother "Bill".

Your committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has not been any change during the past year, in our Fraternal Relations with other Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging Representatives.

This has been a quiet year, as far as fraternal relations are concerned. We have not been asked by very many other Grand Jurisdictions for recognition.

The Grand Lodge of Venezuela has in the past asked to be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We have never voted to accept them. They are recognized and maintain relations with practically all of the regular Grand Lodges of the world and they are a member of the Intra-american Masonic Federation. They are recognized by 45 Grand Lodges in the United States. I would recommend to this Grand Lodge that recognition be granted to the Gran Logia La Republica De Venezuela.

The language barrier hinders communication with many of the Grand Lodges we recognize. Many times we have had an interpreter to decipher mail we receive from overseas. Likewise, they have the same problem with letters we write to them.

Each year the Grand Master's Conference has a committee that reports on Information for Recognition. They base their recommendations on the following: "That it is an independent, self-governing organization, having Masonic authority within the governmental territory over which it assumes jurisdiction - - whether Country, Province, State or other political subdivision; or else shares such exclusive territorial jurisdiction with another Grand Lodge by mutual consent and/or treaty."

The Committee on Information for Recognition was organized in 1952 as a facility to gather and from time to time revise information on Grand Lodges in other lands, as a service to the Grand Lodges in the United States. The Commission neither advises nor recommends that recognition be given to any Grand Lodge, but merely indicates whether or not it considers that a Grand Lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba is laboring under difficult circumstances. Government interference does occur. An annual Communication was held in Havana but encountered many difficulties. Not all of the Officers could attend. Attempts to impute political involvement to the Craft have been resisted most strenuously.

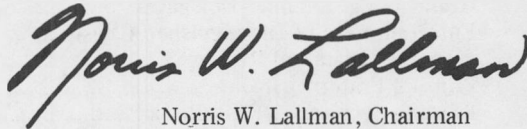
There is an attempt being made in Europe to bring together representatives of "regular" and "irregular" Grand Lodges, supposedly for the purpose of trying to "refashion" Freemasonry along more liberal lines.

I believe that we should be aware of this development. Forewarned in forearmed.

I trust this summary has been of some interest to the Brethren of Nebraska. Your committee recommends that all past applications be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Sir, I move that this report be accepted and that its recommendation be adopted and followed.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norris W. Lallman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Norris W. Lallman, Chairman

**PRELIMINARY REPORT
OF THE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

W. . Walter E. Truex, 55, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll, 1975 Communication	\$ 7,000.00
Grand Master's Dinner	1,000.00
Printed Proceedings.....	4,200.00
Grand Lodge Dinner - Delegates	1,350.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....	800.00
Preparing Fraternal Review	300.00
Printing Fraternal Review	— — — —
Printing Secretary's Desk Book	750.00
Printing Programs & Incidentals.....	800.00
	<u>\$ 16,200.00</u>

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES:

Masonic Education	4,600.00
Masonic Relief Committee	50.00
Trial Commissions	100.00
Grand Trustees (Audit Expense Included)	2,400.00
Appropriations.....	50.00
Grand Lodge Office Committee	50.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Nebraska Work	50.00
Grand Historian	100.00
Relief Fund	2,500.00
BiCentennial Committee	500.00
Publicity Committee	4,000.00
Youth Committee	200.00
	<u>14,650.00</u>

TRAVELING EXPENSE:

Grand Master	4,000.00
Grand Secretary	1,500.00
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Dues and Expenses	550.00
Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions	700.00
Grand Custodian Department	8,400.00
Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master	2,750.00
Deputy Grand Master for Conference Expense	500.00
Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitations...	1,875.00
	<u>20,275.00</u>

SALARIES:

Grand Secretary	12,900.00
Grand Custodian	10,900.00

Grand Lodge Clerical Staff	20,000.00
Social Security	2,700.00
Federal & State Unemployment Insurance.....	250.00
	<u>46,750.00</u>

FIXED EXPENSES:

Rent - Grand Lodge Offices	8,100.00
Museum & Library	100.00
Office Expense	6,750.00
Jewel, Apron for Grand Master.....	600.00
Grand Lodge Supplies (Including printing of Monitor)	10,500.00
Legal Fees.....	100.00
Retirement - CRG	4,646.40
Contribution to Retirement Fund.....	2,974.00
	<u>33,770.40</u>

INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS:

Workmen's Compensation	100.00
Masonic Relief Association Dues	325.00
Surety Bond - Grand Lodge Officers and Employees	200.00
Grand Master's and Employees' Car Insurance	253.00
Comprehensive Liability (all lodges)	3,650.00
Office Contents - Fire Insurance	124.00
Masonic Service Association Dues	1,254.37
George Washington Masonic Memorial Association	600.00
Hospitalization Insurance	1,500.00
Nebraska DeMolay	750.00
	<u>8,756.37</u>

TOTAL GRAND LODGE OPERATION..... \$ 140,401.77

ESTIMATED INCOME — GRAND LODGE — 1975 - 1976

Dues @ \$2.00 per member.....	74,160.00
Initiation Fees.....	6,000.00
Bond Premiums	800.00
Liability Insurance Premiums	2,500.00
Affiliations	50.00
Sale of Supplies	4,000.00
George Washington Masonic Memorial	500.00
Custodian Service.....	750.00
Dispensation Fees.....	30.00
Reinstatements	700.00
Interest on Bonds.....	48,000.00
Dividends on Stock	6,500.00
	<u>143,990.00</u>

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, I am happy to present R. W. Brother Chester L. Gilbert, Junior Grand Warden of Kansas.

R. W. CHESTER L. GILBERT, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN OF KANSAS:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren all. It is indeed a pleasure for me to bring you greetings from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Master does send his regrets that he is unable to attend, however, it was much to my satisfaction as this gave me an opportunity to make my first call to a foreign jurisdiction. Sometimes when you have an audience like this, you get carried away and want to speak more than you should. I know that the Grand Master wants us to keep our remarks brief. When I am in this situation, I often think of a story about an old farmer that went to church one dark and dreary day, like a blizzard our brother over there was talking about in South Dakota. The minister in this small town, he thought it was such a bad day that he didn't think he would even go down and open the church, but then he thought, maybe somebody would come to worship so he made his way down to the church. As he got near, the farmer was sitting on the steps and, as he neared him, he recognized that it was someone he didn't know, so he introduced himself and invited him to come in. They chatted for a few minutes, got acquainted and the minister wasn't sure just what he should do. So finally, he asked the brother, "What do you think I should do?" The Brother said, "Well, I have been farming nigh onto forty years, come rain or shine, one or a thousand, when my cattle come, I feed them." The minister took from this that he wanted a sermon, so he got up and talked for an hour and a half. The farmer sat there and listened. When he was finished, the minister asked what he thought. "Well, I will tell you, he said, I have been farming nigh onto forty years, come one or a thousand, rain or shine, when the cattle come, I feed them, but if only one comes I don't feed them the whole load." So today, I am not going to give you the whole load but I am impressed and appreciate the number of young people that I see in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I was visiting with the Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 last night and I understood how young the line is in this lodge and that they are doing a fine job. My own lodge in Topeka, Kansas has a young line and they are doing a fine job. I think the answer to Masonry today, gentlemen, is to get the youth interested. We now take 18 year olds in Kansas and it is proving successful and I believe that is the answer to our problems that we face in Masonry today. I heard a remark by a DeMolay Executive Officer awhile back which I think is fruit for thought. He said, we often hear men say, "I should have gone to lodge last night." We don't want them to say, "I should have gone to lodge", we want them to say, "I want to go to lodge", so we are going to have activities for Masons that they will enjoy coming and that is the way we are going to build on the years of today.

M. .W. . Grand Master, again let me express my appreciation for the hospitality shown by you and your Grand Lodge officers, and we look forward to many fruitful years between the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Thank you.

At 11:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FRIDAY JUNE 13
AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 p.m. The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

I would like to present Wayne Pauley, Chairman of the Youth Committee. Brother Pauley made the following report which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE**MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee became active after the appointment of a new chairman, Brother Wayne Pauley, on January 31, 1975. Brother Pauley has an active background in work with the Job's Daughters. The other two brothers previously appointed to the committee were William G. Hurst and Robert W. Bell. Brother Hurst has been active in DeMolay and Brother Bell in the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

PURPOSE

To recommend specific plans and programs to be initiated by the Grand Lodge for the support, encouragement and stimulation of the Order of DeMolay, International Order of Job's Daughters and the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

MEETINGS

In addition to several meetings and an exchange of letters, the committee met with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The members being from Omaha and Lincoln, it was necessary that they commute between cities, and also some time was spent on the telephone between meetings.

In addition to this the members of the committee visited with the respective heads of the youth organizations they were each familiar with.

GENERAL PROBLEM AREAS

1. There appears to be a lack of understanding between adult Masonic bodies relative to the actual work of the youth organizations. This exists to the degree of an almost complete lack of knowledge by some Masons that such programs even exist.

2. Those adult members of the Masonic lodges and Grand Lodge who are in general familiar with the youth organizations do not have a continuous or current picture of the specific activities the youth groups sponsor and are involved in.

3. Although the youth groups appear more cognizant of the adult Masonic bodies in general, they are not properly oriented to specific activities and the potential for their continuity of the orders.

4. The youth groups need support in the form of recognition, and along the line of participation in their organizational work far more than any direct financial assistance or support.

5. Visitation of youth organizations and activities such as installations even when public, appears to be very limited on the part of the adult Masonic bodies. Visitation occurs when close friends or relatives are directly involved.

6. There appears to be little or no effort made towards the forwarding of invitations to the youth groups for the adult Masonic activities except for some social events.

7. Members of the Masonic adult group are in many cases making no attempt to even get their own child involved in the youth organizations.

The above problem areas are generalizations, and the committee recognizes that there are exceptional cases where both the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star do have a close working relationship with the youth group they are sponsoring. This appears to be more prevalent where the

youth group and the adult group are not only sharing common physical facilities but also have a membership from the adult group serving in an advisory board capacity for the youth group.

GENERAL SOLUTIONS

1. Educate Nebraska Masonic adult bodies on all youth groups.
2. From the office of the Grand Lodge by demonstration set an example for all Masonic orders by active participation with youth organizations.
3. Establish avenues of communication between Nebraska masons and youth groups in such a manner that continuity is a must and not dependent upon individual action.

INTERIM ACTION

1. After counselling with the Grand Master the members of the committee submitted the specific requirements for membership in the youth organizations they represented. This basic information was published by Grand Lodge in the "Nebraska Masonic News", March, 1975 issue.
2. As an interim step at the request of the Grand Master, the committee members have each turned in to the Grand Lodge the announcement for the 1975 annual meetings to be held by the youth groups they represent. This is for publication in a future issue of the "Nebraska Masonic News".

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Basically all activities developed towards a better youth involvement should in its first phase be conducted by Grand Lodge on a demonstrative basis. Phase two in essence would be a recommendation by Grand Lodge to other Masonic bodies such as Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine etc., that they likewise initiate similar activities.
2. Grand Lodge officers should attend the State conclaves of each youth organization.
3. Grand Lodge should invite the State officers of each youth group to make a brief appearance and be recognized at Grand Lodge.
4. Educational meetings conducted by Grand Lodge should specifically stress the importance of the three youth groups. Where appropriate geographically a grand officer of each youth group could be invited to give a brief message on his or her specific state group activities. In the case of tiled meetings that are properly organized this could be accomplished prior to the meeting.
5. Grand Lodge should require the subordinate lodges to have a line officer present at the installation of any youth groups where an invitation has been extended to the lodge by the youth group.
6. Grand Lodge should require the Master of each lodge to make a written annual report indicating that he or his representative line officer has attended at least one regular meeting or installation of each youth organization located in the general vicinity of his respective lodge during his term of office.
7. Grand Lodge should direct all subordinate lodges to invite the head of each youth organization in his locality to the public installation of his lodge. Grand Lodge should make a study of the geographical location of the various youth groups as they relate to the lodges. This would

be for the purpose of ascertaining that each youth organization does get a communication from one of the lodges in the state most closely affiliated or located to it.

8. Grand Lodge should direct all subordinate lodges to read any and all communications received from the youth groups as part of their regular communications.

9. Grand Lodge should require the subordinate lodges to direct written communication on their activities to the head of any youth organization within their general locality, so they in turn can be cognizant of the lodge's activities.

10. Grand Lodge should encourage open installations to make attendance easier for the youth organizations.

11. Grand Lodge should direct subordinate lodges to recognize the attendance of the Grand Officers of the youth groups at any open installation in the same manner as they recognize Grand Officers visiting from other Masonic or state groups.

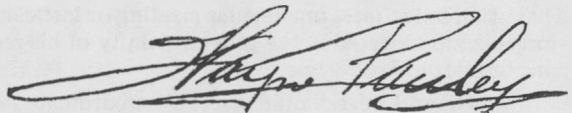
12. Grand Lodge should direct a communique to the appropriate adult head of each youth organization requesting that they assign the responsibility to one of their grand youth officers of forwarding announcements of state activities and other items of general interest to Grand Lodge for publication. The committee feels it should be emphasized that this responsibility should be assigned to a Grand Officer of the youth organization rather than to some member of the youth organization by name so that we have an opportunity for continuity.

13. Grand Lodge should direct the subordinate lodges to invite youth groups in their locality to social functions. Lodges may even wish to consider a courtesy invitation to the head of the youth group in their locality as a guest. In such cases the guest should be recognized.

14. Grand Lodge should give consideration to the possibility of sponsoring a scholarship for each youth organization. This should be more in the vein of a token that recognizes the youth organization rather than in the light of a substantial financial contribution. For example, Grand Lodge could give a \$50.00 scholarship to the outstanding member of each youth organization as determined by that particular organization, or as an alternative, a similar scholarship to the Grand Officer of the youth organization to assist with his or her installation expenses.

15. Grand Lodge if interested in following any or all of these recommendations should immediately establish a follow-up date of one year from implementation to review the success or the failure of the program, so that the appropriate steps may be taken to amend the recommendations or further suggest their implementation to the other bodies.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Pauley, Chairman

W. BYRON C. JENKINS, 325, CHAIRMAN, presented the report of the Bi-Centennial Committee which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE
BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
1975

As a backdrop for this annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, you see six 13 star Betsy Ross Flags. They are the symbol of this Grand Lodge from now until the end of this Bi-Centennial Celebration. They will be displayed where ever one of your Grand Lodge Officers is officially present.

During the past year the Committee has been at work on methods of implementing the recommendations of our report approved by this Grand Lodge in June 1974. To this end we have prepared a kit of materials to be presented to all Senior Wardens during this annual communication. These materials will assist your Senior Warden and your Lodge in planning for the Bi-Centennial year, and includes the following:

1. A copy of the recommendations made and approved June 1974.
2. A proclamation to be used at installation of officers in January 1976.
3. A ceremony that may be used at the dedication of Flag Poles, monuments, etc.
4. Recommendations of Masonic books suitable for presentation to public libraries and to public school libraries.
5. A report of the first ten Lodges in this State and encouraging visits to these historic Lodges. This report could also serve as the basis for a Masonic talk at any gathering.
6. A paper describing items of Masonic Historic interest that may be in your storage rooms, and how to display them.
7. An outline for a program to be used as a guide for planning an open meeting during Masonic Month, April, 1976.
8. A letter to Senior Wardens on Bi-Centennial planning.
9. A form to be filled out and returned to the Committee, on your Lodge activities for the Bi-Centennial.
10. A paper describing sources of material for programs and/or talks.
11. A paper on the use of the speaker's bureau.
12. For all Senior Wardens present at this communication a copy of the book *Masonry in Nebraska*.
13. We have requested that the Committee on Appropriations include a sum of \$500.00 in the Budget to complete our work in 1975-1976.

We further recommend that:

1. April 1976 be declared Masonic Month. That all Lodges are to have an open dinner meeting on an evening and time of their own choosing, with a speaker or program covering our Masonic Heritage.
2. That all Lodges continue to make their Temples as presentable as possible for the Bi-Centennial year.
3. That for all Lodges without the means to fly a flag on the outside of their Temples, make the erection of a flag pole the first order of business in their Bi-Centennial Year.
4. That the Flag be flown every day of the year especially during the Bi-Centennial Year.

5. That all Lodges make use of the Table Lodge Ceremony at least once during the Bi-Centennial Year.
6. That all Lodges make use of the 1976 Bi-Centennial Commemorative dues card.
7. That all appendant bodies meeting in your Temple be invited to join in your Bi-Centennial celebration.

Your celebration can be as elaborate or as simple as you wish it to be. We only ask that you do carry out a celebration.

In closing this report I will use the words of Worshipful Brother Dr. Carl M. Davidson, Grand Chaplain 1964-1965, in his talk on Masonry and Our American Heritage. "We are called upon to act with as much enthusiasm and devotion as our forebears had. We are under obligation to do our part as citizens, to make our Masonry expressive in the Life of the Nation. We must solve our problems in the spirit of unity and brotherhood and under the light of the eternal values of Liberty, Freedom, and Equality. We have Masonic work to do; and this work is more than the business of initiating new members. We must work in the "Third part of our time" for the service of God and our fellow men. To foster Masonic spirit, Faith and Principles. We have a right to Glory in our past, but we must in each generation demonstrate our ability to be good Americans and good Masons. Today we may and must prove our self Faithful Workmen in the Temple, and worthy Heirs of a Glorious Heritage and a Grand Brotherhood."

Respectively Submitted,

W. . Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

W. . Melvin E. Johnson, 112

W. . Olen A. Brake, 26

W. . Charles W. Amidon, 281

W. . Harold Parker, 36

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

We just received word that M. .W. . William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master, passed away this morning at Falls City. A moment of silent prayer was held after which the Grand Chaplain lead us in prayer in memory of Brother Wanner.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

The hour has arrived for the election of Grand Lodge Officers and two resolutions that were proposed last year.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - BE IT RESOLVED: that section 1-407 - - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, be amended to read as follows:

The Nebraska Masonic Home \$2.00
 To the General Fund 3.00

The initiation fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

This resolution would increase the per capita to the General Fund by \$1.00.

Resolution No. 1 received the necessary two-thirds vote and was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. II - RESOLVED: that Section 3-102 (d) En-gaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage, be deleted from the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

This resolution received the necessary two-thirds majority and was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the re-port, which was adopted.

Your committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., Tekamah, Nebraska, and re-commends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former mem-ber was expelled from membership on April 24, 1970; that he petitioned for restoration in Tekamah Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., Tekamah, Nebraska on February 13, 1975; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Petition of a former member of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., Tekamah, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Ashlar Lodge 33, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island, Nebraska, and recom-mends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good stand-ing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on December 30, 1958; that he petitioned for restoration in Ashlar Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island, Nebraska on February 3, 1975; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Petition of a former member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., Grand Island, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that it has examined the report of the Trial Commission of Fidelity Lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M., David City, Nebraska, relating to a complaint filed against one of its members and the finding of the Trial Commission relating to the penalty and recommends that the finding of the Trial Commission be affirmed and offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Trial Commission of Fidelity Lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M., David City, Nebraska, be and it is hereby affirmed.”

Your Committee on Grievances reports that it has examined the report of the Trial Commission of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., Wahoo, Nebraska, relating to a complaint filed against one of its members and the finding of the Trial Commission relating to the penalty and recommends that the finding of the Trial Commission be affirmed and offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Trial Commission of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., Wahoo, Nebraska, be and it is hereby affirmed.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, presented the report in the absence of the Chairman, M. W. Charles F. Adams. The report was adopted.

As First Vice President of the Association as well as Chairman of this Committee, I am pleased to submit this report. The 65th Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Memorial Building at Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, February 17, 1975. The Nebraskans in attendance included M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, R. W. Harold Hultman, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master, W. Brother Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Custodian, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master, and your Chairman.

The highlight of the meeting was the visit of Brother Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States. He is the fourteenth Master Mason to occupy this high office. The Galvano plaque which will be added to the other plaques commemorating our Masonic Presidents was unveiled in his presence and he responded with appropriate remarks. It was the privilege of your Chairman to preside just prior to, during and following the attendance of the President because the President of the Association, M. W. Brother Raymond C. Ellis, was acting as personal escort to President Ford.

A cassette tape recording of the remarks of Brother Ellis and Brother Ford is available through the office of our Grand Secretary and of your Chairman and may be obtained for use as a program in Masonic meetings or in meetings where non-members are present.

In our report to you last year we detailed the program for increasing the Endowment Fund of the Association by one and one-half million dollars. I am pleased to report that during the past year Nebraska Masons have contributed more than \$5,000.00. Of this amount, \$1,000.00 was paid out of Grand Lodge funds and \$4,000.00 was furnished by the newly organized Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. We are most grateful to M. W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Nebraska. These contributions have been acknowledged as coming from our Grand Lodge and from the four Valleys of the Scottish Rite in Nebraska, namely, Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, and Alliance. Each will be recorded as a Life Member and Bicentennial Contributor and each of these five organizations will be listed on a bronze plaque to be installed in the Memorial Building.

We are hopeful that other Masonic organizations and many individuals will join with us in this endeavor. Anyone who contributed \$100.00 or more becomes a Life Member and receives a suitable certificate. To become a "Bi-Centennial Contributor", the amount must be \$1,000.00 or more and must be received on or before December 31, 1976. All contributions are tax deductible.

A cordial invitation is extended to each of you and the members of your family and your friends to visit the Memorial Building when you are in or near Washington, D.C. This is really more than an invitation as we urge you to see this magnificent edifice and its contents if it is at all possible for you to do so.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. . Gail Axen, 235, Chairman, presented the report.

We pause to pay our tribute and honor to our Brethren, who have passed into eternal rest. Their contribution should remind and help us to fit ourselves as living stones for that House, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Our Grand Lodge reports the passing of 1004 Brothers to their Eternal Abode, over which the Supreme Master of the Universe presides.

With profound sorrow, your Committee reports the deaths, within the past year of (two) Grand Masters; (one) Grand Historian; (three) Deputy Grand Custodians.

Past Grand Master, Elmer E. Magee, (83rd) was born November 3, 1900 at Seneca, Kansas and died March 19, 1975 at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Past Grand Master, Howard J. Hunter (107th) was born September 27, 1902 at Aurora, Nebraska and died May 6, 1975 at Wahoo, Nebraska.

Grand Historian, George W. Rosenlof was born January 16, 1891 at York, Nebraska and died January 2, 1975 at Lincoln, Nebraska. He was also the Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Deputy Grand Custodian, Stephen W. Back was born June 16, 1898 and died February 24, 1975 at Hebron, Nebraska.

Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Walter Brown, born September 8, 1900 and died December 31, 1974 at Omaha, Nebraska.

Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Richard L. Wait, born July 17, 1904 and died January 12, 1975 at Lincoln, Nebraska.

To all these brethren we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to their lodges and to their Masonic brothers. We thank God for the the privilege to have known and worked with these beloved brethren. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

During the past year, our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards from 21 Grand Jurisdictions, listing the passing of 25 Past Grand Masters; 1 Deputy Grand Master; 2 Grand Treasurers, 1 Grand Secretary and 2 Grand Senior Wardens.

Reports from the Jurisdictions of Canada show that 6 Past Grand Masters have died.

The Grand Lodge of Mexico has notified our Grand Secretary of the death of one Past Grand Maestro.

Our own oldest certified man, Axel T. Danielson, Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma, Nebraska, having served since 1922, a total of 53 years, died February 1, 1975.

Your Committee closes this report with the request to the M. . W. . Grand Master that he ask the Grand Lodge to stand in tribute to our departed Brethren
Prayer by V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson, Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
APRIL 30, 1975

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report which was accepted.

There was quite a bit of Investment activity on the part of your Board of Grand Trustees during the last fiscal year which ended April 30, 1975. The Board met, as required by our By-Laws, on six occasions. In addition we had five telephonic meetings. As a result of these meetings the Board directed the investment of \$1,083,000.00 in both the Grand Lodge and Masonic Home accounts. These funds, exceptionally large for us, were made available by reason of maturities, receipts of interest and dividends, a large sale of bonds, hereinafter discussed, and gifts and bequests to the Home.

In addition to long term investments we have attempted to keep our funds working by the purchase of short term commercial paper, usually maturing in not more than 30 days. The rate of interest on this type of investment declined precipitously in the last year. In September 1974 we bought paper for 30 days to return 11 7/8%, whereas our recent purchase in April 1975 for like maturity returned only 5 5/8%. The rate of return in this kind of investment has affected adversely our total income as compared to last year when the interest rate ranged from 8 1/4% to 11 7/8%.

The large sale of bonds referred to above is explained as follows. Those of you who have attended Grand Lodge in the last several years will recall efforts to obtain, through an increase in the Per Capita Tax (or dues), money for first the Home and then the Grand Lodge. Those who sponsored these attempts realized the need to be in a better position to defray expenses in a rising market of increased cost of all goods and services. This increase is essentially necessary with respect to the Grand Lodge where the annual surplus (that is the excess of income over operating expense) had been for a number of years very minimal. Efforts to explain this had not been very effective, for upon vote, the Grand Lodge denied the increase in the per Capita Tax. Acknowledging the problem and anticipating the need for increased income the members of the Board concluded it was their duty, to the extent they could, to increase the income by the sale of low coupon bonds and the purchase of higher yielding bonds. This would, they knew, entail a loss on the sale, but in view of our need for additional income a decline in assets could be tolerated if an increase in interest return could be accomplished. Several members of the Board experimented - what to sell - what to buy - the range, price-wise, within which to sell if other bonds of quality could be bought within the same range. We commenced on July 31, 1974 and in early August 1974 found to our satisfaction that the transactions could be accomplished in a very few days. In the Grand Lodge Fund we sold \$450,000.00 principal amount of U.S. Treasury 4 1/4's to yield the purchaser a 6.95 basis and with the proceeds bought bonds to yield 8.64%. This transaction resulted in an annual increase in interest of \$4,854.00, over that received from the bonds sold. For the Endowment and Bequest Fund of the Home we sold \$495,000.00 principal amount of the same issue. This resulted in an increase in yield from 6.95 to 8.60 and an increase in annual interest of \$7,262.00.

Grand Lodge Accounts

Analyzing the operations of the Grand Lodge reveals Income for the use of the General Fund amounted to \$150,984.00 (1974 - \$148,218.00) with expenses of operation \$121,096.00 (1974 - \$135,297.00). Changes in income between 1974 and 1975 were a decline in dues receipts in 1975 of \$1,600.00; an increase in sale of supplies of \$1,200.00; an increase in investment income of \$4,000.00. Expense in the operation of the Grand Lodge was \$14,868.00 less than in 1974. This can be explained almost solely by the difference in the sum contributed to the Masonic - Eastern Star Home at Fremont. In 1974 we shared in the expense of operating that Home in the amount of \$24,030.00 and in 1975 \$3,435.00 a difference of \$20,500.00. In subsequent years we can expect a resumption of contributions to that Home more in line with those of previous years. So the surplus of 1975 cannot be expected to re-occur. The 1975 Surplus (Income over expenses) was \$29,888.00. Assets of the Grand Lodge General Fund, allowing for the loss in the sale of bonds, were \$962,685.00 a decline of \$72,625.00. The assets of the Retirement Fund at year end were \$317,439.00 an increase of \$29,944.00. This Fund provided Retirement benefits in the amount of \$5,525.00 to retired employees in 1975 year end.

Assets of The Nebraska Masonic Home General Fund at year end amounted to \$228,524.00, an increase over 1974 of \$98,905.00. This increase is due to a large contribution by a guest of the Home upon admission to the Home and a transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Endowment and Bequest Fund of the Home.

The Assets of the Endowment and Bequest Fund at year end amounted to \$4,316,443.00 as compared to \$3,988,413.00 for 1974. This is an increase of \$328,030.00 notwithstanding the loss in the sale of securities heretofore referred to of \$120,283.00.

The total income of the Operating or General Fund of the Home amounted to \$477,982.00. This includes Per Capita Tax - \$76,104.00; Cash received from Residents - \$335,400.00; Donations of \$21,197.00; Seal program of \$49,531.00. The residents of the Home contributed 70% of the income. Expenses of operation were \$479,077.00; Deficit in operation was \$1,095.00.

Investment Income in the Endowment and Bequest Fund was \$258,837.00. Once again we of your Board have enjoyed our work and thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge and the Home.

M. .W. . JOHN F. FUTCHER, PAST GRAND MASTER

Now, M. .W. . Grand Master, I have a report on the Retirement Program. I would ask the members of the Grand Lodge to be real co-operative with me so that I don't have to read to you two volumes like this in order for you to understand every step of the way. In view of the length of the matter discussed, it is summarized as follows:

The history of our Retirement Plan which started in 1965, was discussed; the assets in the Retirement Fund; the passage by the Congress of the United States of the Employees Income Securities Act of 1974 and its ramifications requiring our Pension Plan to be approved by the Internal Revenue Service and the necessity of insuring our plan through a Deposit Administrative policy with an Insurance Company authorized to do business in the State of Nebraska. The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees then presented the following motion.

I move that the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to adopt a Pension Plan to provide retirement benefits for employees of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home containing provisions in general similar to our present Plan, except, however, such Plan shall contain provisions which comply with the minimum requirements of Sections 401(a), Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, for obtaining approval of the Internal Revenue Service and the Secretary of Labor. That upon adoption of said Pension Plan the Grand Master is hereby authorized to purchase on behalf of the Grand Lodge a Participating Deposit Administration Policy issued by the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Nebraska, or an Insurance Company authorized to do business in the State of Nebraska, said policy to be in such terms and containing such conditions and providing such benefits as seems in his judgement most favorable to the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home and the employees of both organizations.

That upon the adoption of said plan and the issuance of said Policy the Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized to liquidate our Retirement Fund, either at a private or public sale, and thereafter to deposit the proceeds of such sale with the Insurance Company under the provisions of said Participating Deposit Administration Policy.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

All those in favor of the motion will vote by the usual sign of a Mason while voting, down hand, opposed same sign. Seeing no hands it has passed unanimously.

M. .W. . JOHN F. FUTCHER:

Now, brethren, since you have done that, we need to amend the By-laws. In Section 1-401 of our By-laws, the second paragraph, it is said: Said Grand Trustees shall administer the Retirement Plan of the Grand Lodge, A. .F. . & A. .M. . of Nebraska, and The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the salaried employees of the Grand Lodge with benefits to be payable from the Retirement Fund, provided in Section 1-406. Changes in eligibility or rates of benefits shall be recommended by the Grand Trustees and approved by the Grand Lodge prior to adoption. Since we have decided to have a new plan to insure, this provision should be repealed. I have a resolution which is a change in the By-law and I have to ask for unanimous consent that the second paragraph of Section 1-401 (a) of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, be in the same is hereby repealed. M. .W. . Grand Master, I ask for action, if there is no objection.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, you have heard the motion which has been duly seconded, is there any objection? Hearing none, will all those in favor of the motion vote by the usual sign of a Mason while voting, down hand, opposed same sign.
Carried

M. .W. . JOHN F. FUTCHER:

Brethren, in section 1-406, we provide in that section for two funds. A General Fund and the Retirement Fund. Now we are not going to need the Retirement Fund anymore and we should amend that section and I have prepared a resolution which has been signed by five Master Masons and this is the Resolution. That Section 1-406 of the By-laws of The Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . be amended to read as follows:

General Fund -- The General Fund of this Grand Lodge.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER

TO RECEIVE and ballot at this time, is there any objection? Hearing none, I will put the question. All those in favor of the motion will vote by the usual sign of a Mason while voting, down hands, opposed same sign.
Carried.

M. .W. . JOHN F. FUTCHER:

Thank you, brethren, you saved my voice and you are just jewels to go along with me like this. I was afraid that it would take me as long to submit this as it did to work up the whole plan and the policy of insurance. Thank you.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

I am sure there are few brethren present who know of the tremendous amount of work that M. .W. . Brother John Futcher has done in the last year to accomplish this end. It is something that must be done and he did it in a very workman-like manner. I compliment you and I commend you for the efforts you have extended on our behalf.

RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, announced that the tellers were ready to report the results of the election.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Harold Hultman, 39 Grand Master
- T. Leo Stines, 36 Deputy Grand Master
- Alfred B. Saum, 46 Grand Senior Warden
- Jack H. Hendrix, 174 Grand Junior Warden
- Norris W. Lallman, 72 Grand Secretary

R. .W. . Harold Hultman, Grand Master - elect announced the following appointments:

- J. Dallas Gibson, 54 Grand Chaplain
- Bevin B. Bump, 158 Grand Orator
- Wade E. Sheppard, 303 Grand Historian
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281 Grand Custodian
- Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 Grand Marshal
- Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314 Grand Senior Deacon
- Byron C. Jenkins, 325 Grand Junior Deacon
- Wayne G. Lueningborg, 39 Grand Tyler

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. . Donald R. White, 327, Acting Chairman, was not in attendance. The report was given by M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman. The report was accepted.

During this past Grand Lodge year, this Committee received and acted favorably upon 32 applications which is a few more than the year before.

It was a busy year, but it is a very enjoyable and rewarding activity since we like very much to see so many of our fellow Brother Masons coming back into the fraternity.

We would like to call to the attention of the Blue Lodge that, in submitting these applications to our Committee, they watch carefully and make certain that the form is completed in its entirety. We do find sometimes, that this is not the case and it can cause delay in a decision being made if it is necessary to ask for more complete information.

It would be most helpful to the Committee if this one point would be kept in mind when sending in the application. Your Committee does not want to see any Brother Mason not reinstated if at all possible.

We do thank you for your support and cooperation.

M. .W. . WILLIAM W. WIDSTRAND, PAST GRAND MASTER:

M. .W. . Brother Widstrand brought greetings and best wishes from the Grand Lodge, A. .F. .&A. .M. . of Minnesota.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

W. . Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

Your Relief Committee has had a relatively quiet year.

From a statistical basis, May 1, 1974 to May 1, 1975, we spent \$700.00 on our two regular annuitants. We gave help to a widow for immediate aid in the sum of \$25.00 and, on the suggestion of the Grand Master, contributed \$200.00 to the Masonic Service Association for relief in Honduras in the wake of the Hurricane. One of our most interesting cases, and one on which a member of our committee has worked very hard, both as a member of the lodge involved and also as a friend, resulted in a return of \$200.00 to the Relief Fund. He finally secured Workmen's Compensation benefits for a brother whose case seemed almost hopeless, with the brother unable to work. Not often does money come back into the fund but this is a remarkable case. With 37,080 members on the roll and expenditures of \$925.00 this averages out to about \$.025 per member.

After May 1 we had a tornado in Omaha. Our Grand Secretary contacted all the lodges in the Omaha area and told them if they had members who were damaged by the tornado and need financial help to get in touch with our Committee. Some lodges notified him that they had members in the path of the tornado but we have had no requests from any lodge for help. We did make a contribution to one of our annuitants in the amount of \$100.00 for damage to her apartment. That figure will be reported next year.

Your committee is happy to serve and stands ready to be of service at any time.

M. . W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Would M. . W. . Clair E. Woodard approach the East, please? M. . W. . Brother Clair is the most recent Junior Past Grand Master, I am sure, in the Jurisdiction of the United States. He is from South Dakota and it is my great pleasure to present to you a Grand Master who has just presided over his Centennial session.

M. . W. . CLAIR E. WOODARD, PAST GRAND MASTER, SOUTH DAKOTA:

M. . W. . Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, brother Masons. It is indeed a privilege and pleasure for me to bring to you the fraternal greetings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota and to act as the Representative of our new M. . W. . Grand Master, Walter F. Johnson, in your Grand Lodge Session. I was very pleased when he said that he would not be able to attend your session here in Nebraska, and asked me to represent him because I was unable to attend your session last year. This came about by some activities which had no Masonic connection. However, I went to North Dakota last year because I could incorporate a dual purpose. My boys went to the International Music Camp at Peace Garden, therefore, I made the trip doubly possible. I am very pleased to be here with you on this 118th Session of your Grand Lodge. The statement that of the meaning of the letters PGM - prestige gone man, for this reason I will make no profound statements to you at this time, also due to the fact that your time is running out, getting close to your time of recess. But it is my pleasure to be here. I thank you for the courtesies extended to me and my wife, and I assure you that it has been very enjoyable. Thank you.

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

Now, we have M. .W. . Brother Merle M. Hale who has been waiting patiently in the wings to bring his report of the Grand Lodge Offices Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

M. .W. . Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

The Grand Lodge Office Committee met in the Grand Secretary's office on May 12. A proposed budget for routine office items was prepared and has been submitted to the Appropriation Committee. There were no significant changes except as follows:

- (1) We recommend an increase in the 1975 Communication Payroll expense from \$7,000.00 to \$11,000.00. This will cover the increase in the mileage and per diem expense for delegates.
- (2) Supplies account increased from \$4,000.00 to \$10,500.00 because of the need to print new Monitors. This will provide for 5,000 Monitors, approximately a 4 to 5 year's supply.
- (3) We recommend cost of living and merit increases for the Grand Lodge Office employees. An increase of \$75.00 per month each for the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian. The Grand Secretary's salary would be \$12,900.00 and the Grand Custodian's \$10,900.00. Other Grand Lodge employees would be given increases ranging from 5% to 7½%. These latter increases will not require an increase in this budget item as one full time employee is retiring. We think we can manage by shifting some work responsibilities. We wish to commend the Grand Lodge Office staff for the efficient operation of this office with its many varied and important activities. We note with special appreciation the fine and important work they do for The Nebraska Masonic Home as well as for the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY

M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes, 33, Chairman, presented the report, which was adopted:

M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes met with Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., and a committee from Osceola Lodge No. 65 to inspect a building the lodge is interested in purchasing. The building is in good condition and readily adaptable for lodge purposes. Osceola Lodge No. 65 is continuing negotiations with the owner.

M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes met with Ionic Lodge No. 87, Niobrara, to discuss their moving problem. The town of Niobrara is being moved to a new location and buildings in the community are being purchased by the Corps of Engineers at "fair market value". The Niobrara Planning Commission submitted a plan to incorporate all the fraternal organizations, the village library, and the village council room in one building. As this proposed building would also contain a bar, the plan was submitted to M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, for his interpretation. He ruled this plan would be in violation of Section 2-501 of the Constitution and By-laws. We have not received word of any further action by Ionic Lodge No. 87.

Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland, requested information on procedures for building a new temple, and securing a loan. This information was forwarded.

John J. Mercer No. 290, Omaha, advised they are participating with Narcissus Chapter No. 269, OES and Delta Chapter No. 60, RAM in raising funds for an elevator for their temple.

Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, submitted an application to purchase a building for use as a Masonic Temple. M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, approved this purchase.

Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha, requested permission to purchase a church building for use as a temple. M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master, requested further information from the lodge. Not receiving this information, M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson disapproved this request.

Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha, requested permission to purchase a church building for use as a temple. The committee approved this purchase.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Past Grand Master, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Your Committee on Work is pleased to advise that all matters relating to the esoteric and floor work as adopted by this Grand Lodge, is being strictly adhered to and no problems have arisen in this connection.

The annual report of the Grand Custodian has been submitted to us and again reflects the fine manner in which the promulgation of the work has been carried on, and, in our opinion, has been most effective.

All vouchers and expense items of the Grand Custodian were submitted to, and approved by, the Committee on Work; and, we are pleased to note and advise that, as has been the case for the past several years, the Grand Custodian operated well within his appropriation for the office. We have examined the proposed budget for the Grand Custodian and approve his request for an appropriation of \$8,600.00, which is the same amount requested last year. The supply of Monitors being depleted, the Committee approved an additional appropriation of \$7,700.00 for a re-issue of the Monitor. This is a Supply Account, and reimbursement is made to Grand Lodge on the sale of Monitors.

At the last printing of the revised Monitor, there were found to be - - with one exception - - a number of mistakes relating to misspelled words and improper words. These have been checked with the standard approved work and the new Monitors will reflect these corrections.

The Grand Custodian has again been examined in both the esoteric and Standard floor work and found to be most proficient in both.

The Committee approved and recommended to the Grand Master the appointment as Deputy Custodians the following Brethren: Richard O. Cowles, District 25, and Jens P. Nielsen, District 13. In addition, we regretfully noted the retirement of Howard G. Whitmore as Custodian of District 37.

We approved the recommendation of the Grand Custodian that in the future each Certificate of Proficiency contain a blank space in which can be inserted the number of years of certification of the individual Brother.

With retirement of Deputy Custodians and the appointment of new Brethren to this distinction, the Grand Custodian found that the supply of Aprons had been exhausted. We approved his request for an additional appropriation of \$500.00 for the purchase of 12 new aprons.

Members of the Committee were present at the Custodians School held in Grand Island. The Deputies passed a very satisfactory examination in the three degrees and we can be assured that the high standard of perfection at which they have arrived in this Jurisdiction will be maintained.

With the re-issuing of the Monitor, the Grand Custodian suggested that this would be the appropriate time for the inclusion therein of the Memorial Service adopted originally by this Grand Lodge, together with explicit instructions of how and when this Memorial Service is, and may be used. The Committee was in accord with this suggestion.

In general, the work throughout the State is being carried on most proficiently, and this Grand Lodge and the Committee on Work owes to the Grand Custodian and the Deputies a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude for their unceasing loyalty and devotion

RECOMMENDATION

With the re-publishing of the Monitor, the Committee on Work feels that this is the time to recommend a change in the Standard Adopted Work of this Grand Lodge as it relates to a portion of the Middle Chamber Lecture with regard to the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Esoteric portion now states, "We now arrive at the number seven which alludes to the seven liberal arts and sciences, Grammer, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy." The Monitorial work then follows quote "The seven liberal arts and sciences, which are Grammer, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy, are next illustrated in this section; it may not, therefore, be improper to insert here a short explanation of them." End quote.

For years certified Brethren have been taught only the Esoteric portion. The addition of the second part, or monitorial work, has resulted in a great deal of confusion. In the opinion of the Committee, the Monitorial work is merely a repetition of the Esoteric work.

Your Committee on Work therefore makes the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Monitorial portion of Middle Chamber Lecture, as it relates to the introduction of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, be deleted from the Standard Adopted Work of this Grand Lodge, and that only the Esoteric portion be retained so that if adopted the introduction to the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences will read, "We now arrive at the number seven which alludes to the seven liberal arts and sciences, Grammer, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy."

M. W. L. LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, PAST GRAND MASTER:

M. W. L. Grand Master, may I request your appearance here at the mike for just a moment? During the report of the Grand Custodian this morning, there was an elusion made to the fact that he had a surprise for you in the presentation to you of your 20 year certificate of merit. I wondered at that time just how much of a surprise it could possibly be because I notice it is signed by Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master.

Don, it is a personal privilege and at the request of the Committee on Work and the Grand Custodian, that I present to you this certificate of merit which designates you as a certified man in this Grand Jurisdiction for a period of 20 years. I have watched with a great deal of pride your activity over a period of many years as you and I have grown to think a great deal, of each other, I hope, at least I do of you, as we work together in the Grand Lodge. And I have noticed always the great dedication and devotion which you have given to your job as whatever it might have been as you have served. This certificate today, is just another evidence of that devotion which you have toward this fraternity and I am pleased to present to you this certificate of merit for 20 years as a certified man. To my personal knowledge this is the first time that a Grand Master, presiding Grand Master, received his 20 year certificate, this worked out that way.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. James R. Kimmel, 3, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

Your Committee on Returns respectfully submits the following report.

The Committee has examined the Monthly and Annual Returns of the 244 subordinate Lodges for the year 1974 and find that in general these reports are satisfactorily prepared by the Lodge Secretaries.

While checking these Monthly and Annual Returns we find the following omission errors:

33 Lodges failed to apply their Official Seal imprint on their Annual Returns.

8 Lodges did not show the name of their Jordan Medal Member and the date of presentation.

There were a few Lodges filing incomplete reports causing extra correspondence in maintaining up-to-date records. This could be avoided by the Local Lodges compiling their reports in compliance with instructions.

It is the suggestion of the Committee that Lodge Secretaries carefully review the instructions of the Grand Lodge Secretary in compiling these Monthly and Annual returns, before mailing and that they are mailed on schedule.

That the Monthly Progress reports be kept up to date in each Lodge which will enable them to file a correct report.

It is also suggested that in the case of death of their Jordan Medal Member that this be noted on their Monthly report. This will aid the Grand Secretary's Office in maintaining a complete file of Jordan Medal Holders.

With very few exceptions the Committee wishes to commend the Lodge Secretaries for their diligence in compiling their Monthly and Annual Reports to the Grand Secretary's Office.

We also wish to commend the Grand Secretary and his efficient staff for the excellent manner in which these records are maintained and for the courteous cooperation extended the Committee while checking these returns.

Following prayer by our V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, J. Dallas Gibson, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

GRAND ORATION

Friday evening June 13, 1975 - Grand Lodge Banquet.

Thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for that brief introduction, it wasn't at all like the one I had prepared for you to give.

I should tell you that just before that introduction, the Grand Master leaned over and said to me - "Should we let everyone enjoy themselves a little longer, or had we better have your speech now?"

This completes my second year as your Grand Orator and let me tell you I have really enjoyed it.

Last year at Kearney, I had to follow 30 minutes of introductions, a lady vocalist, and a piano duet; but this year I didn't think I would ever get on.

This is really a good crowd, and I know you are all tired and usually I would have you all stand and stretch before I begin my talk, but the last time I did that, we lost half the audience before we could get the doors to the hall bolted and locked again.

Which reminds me, I asked our incoming Grand Master, Harold Hultman today if he knew what it was like to go before an audience like the one this evening, and he said, "No, I spoke before an audience once, but most of it went before I did."

It is nice to see all the Past Grand Masters here this evening. Speaking of speakers and Past Grand Masters, I have been told that no one speaks longer than a Past Grand Master, unless it is another Past Grand Master.

If you will remember, last year I had to ask Grand Junior Deacon, Duke Lichty to move over just a little bit because a spot light was reflecting off his head and blinding me in the eyes. Well, Duke told me the other day he was objecting to his barber about the price of haircuts, and he told the barber that he should cut his hair for less money since there is so little of it. His barber told him that in his case, he was not charging for cutting the hair, he was charging for having to search for it.

I understand that Grand Senior Deacon, Jack Hendrix was the speaker at a rather large Masonic function about three months ago, and when he was offered a check, he refused it saying that it should be devoted to some charitable purpose. He was then asked if he minded if it was added to their special fund. "Not at all" said Jack. "What is the special fund for?" The Answer: "To enable us to get better speakers next year."

But I know how he feels. Last month I was giving a talk, and I was tired of being interrupted, so I said: "We seem to have a great many fools here tonight; wouldn't it be advisable to hear one at a time?" "Yes", said a voice, who I recognized as Grand Senior Warden, Leo Stines. "Get on with your speech."

That was the night I began: "My friends, when I came here tonight, only God and myself knew what I am about to say to you, and now only God knows."

I happened to have lunch with our Grand Custodian, Worshipful Brother Ralph Gerry the other day and as the soup was placed before us, I just happened to remark, "It looks like rain." "Yes, it does", he replied, "but it smells a little like soup."

Yes, I have enjoyed being your Orator, the opportunity to speak last and to pick the topics.

This evening I would like to talk of another Orator and a speech he made 200 years ago. It has been a favorite of mine, and because of this, some of the words you hear tonight will be his, and I am sure you will agree that his message still sparkles today, as it did then.

Two hundred years ago, this last March, a meeting of 150, or so, persons was held at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. The assembly was the Second Virginia Convention held prior to the Second Continental Congress, which would open in May in Philadelphia. Richmond was, at that time, a small town on the James River, 50 miles from the Colonial Capitol of Williamsburg.

Williamsburg was unsafe for the patriots because the royal governor, Lord Dunmore, had a fleet of British ships with Royal Marines on board ready to arrest the delegates. In Richmond they were far enough away to have ample warning if the British should move to break up the convention.

Apparently little notable occurred during the first two days of the meetings, but it is the third day that I wish to recall for you this evening.

The session began, as usual, with an invocation by St. John's rector, the Rev. Miles Selden, who ironically intoned the prescribed prayer for the King, asking that he "may vanquish and overcome all his enemies." Then followed a long reading and discussion of Edmund Pendleton's resolution to the Jamaican Assembly which was objected to, as too moderate, by a 38 year old lawyer, who was a member of the Virginia Convention and also a Representative of Virginia in the Continental Congress.

He arose and proposed as an amendment to Pendleton's resolution, one calling for Virginia to be put in a "state of defense" and that a committee be appointed to provide arms and raise enough men to defend the colony.

Surprisingly, because the other colonies had adopted similar resolutions, there was opposition to his motion from many of the patriots, who thought it was premature.

We can imagine the scene as he rises to address the motion. A successful lawyer from Hanover County in the poorer part of the colony, a region of small farmers and backwoodsmen, still remote both in distance and thinking from the aristocratic Tide-water region.

Carelessly dressed, awkward and ungainly, he is the leader of the radical party in Virginia. For more than ten years he has been the spokesman for the frontier in Virginia, and he has become famous for his speeches and letters apposing what he regards as attempts by King George III and his ministers to destroy the liberties of the colonies.

To many of the wealthy, respectable, conservative planters, he has come close to treason in many of his utterances, but the events of the past year since the Boston Tea Party have had their effect. Some of the most influential men in the colony have almost decided that the radicals may be right after all.

The buzz of conversation in the church dies down as he rises to speak. He has the reputation of being one of the finest orators in America, and his success at law is partly due to his ability to sway men's minds by his command of the English language. He begins, softly:

"Mr. President, it is natural for men to indulge in the illusions of hope."

His voice is clear and his tone matter of fact.

"We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth - and listen to the song of that syren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty?"

He speaks slowly and distinctly, aware of the fact that he now has the full attention of his audience.

"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided; and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future, but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what there has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years, to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves and the house? Is it that insidious smile with which our petition was received? Ask yourselves how this gracious reception of our petition compares with those warlike preparations which cover our waters and darken our land. Are fleets and armies necessary to a work of love and reconciliation?"

There are two regiments of British regulars stationed in Boston, the British navy has blockaded the port of that city, and there are indications that the navy is now seriously trying to enforce the laws against smuggling imports into the colonies - laws that the colonists have been cheerfully ignoring for years.

"I ask, gentlemen, what this martial array means, if its purpose is not to force us to submission? Can gentlemen assign any other possible motive for it? Has Great Britain any enemy in this quarter of the world to call for all this accumulation of navies and armies? No, sir, she has none. They are meant for us; they can be meant for no other. They are sent over to bind and rivet upon us those chains which the British ministry have been so long forging.

"And what have we to oppose them? Shall we try argument? Sir, we have been trying that for the last ten years. Have we anything new to offer upon the subject? No, nothing. We have held the subject up in every light of which it is capable; but it has all been in vain. Shall we resort to entreaty and humble supplication? What terms shall we find which have not already been exhausted?

"We have done everything that could be done to avert the storm which is now coming on. We have petitioned - we have remonstrated - we have supplicated - we have prostrated ourselves before the throne, and have implored its interposition to arrest the tyrannical hands of the ministry and Parliament. Our petitions have been slighted - our remonstrances have produced additional violence and insult - our supplications have been disregarded - and we have been spurned with contempt from the foot of the throne.

"In vain, after all these things, may we still indulge the fond hope of peace and reconciliation? There is no longer any room for hope. If we wish to be free - we must fight! I repeat it, sir - we must fight! An appeal to arms, and to the God of hosts, is all that is left us.

"They tell us, that we are weak - unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be next week, or next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house?"

He is referring to the Quartering Act, one of the most detested of the "Intolerable Acts" recently passed by Parliament. Under its provisions, when barracks are unavailable, British troops are to be quartered in inns, houses, or barns at the expense of the colonies.

"Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our power. Three millions of people armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us.

"Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle is not to the strong alone - it is to the vigilant - the active - the brave.

"Besides, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery. Our chains are forged. Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston. The war is inevitable! And let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!!

"It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry "Peace, - Peace! - but there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms. Our brethren are already in the field. Why do we stand here - idle! What is it, that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, Give me Liberty, or Give me Death!"

The 150 or so in the small church were stunned. The silence that greeted his words was due to the impact of his oratory, not the rejection of his ideas. His voice, contemporaries recalled, seemed to rock the building. One was so moved that he asked to be buried on the spot when he died.

The date - March 23, 1775! The speaker - Patrick Henry.

Needless to say, Henry was named Chairman of the committee to arm Virginia, and serving on the committee were George Washington, Richard Henry Lee, Andrew Lewis, Benjamin Harrison, Pendleton, and others. Before the convention ended, he was re-elected as a delegate to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

Less than a month later, six companies of British grenadiers, returning to Boston from an expedition to Concord to seize colonial military stores, met four or five dozen colonial militiamen on the common in Lexington. Shots were fired, and the Revolutionary War began. Henry's words spread quickly among the Americans, and the phrase "liberty or death" was worn on the soldier's shirts.

And what became of Patrick Henry?

He became Colonel and Commander in Chief of the Virginia forces, September, 1775; and he was the first republican governor of Virginia, serving from June 29, 1776 to 1779, and again from 1784 to 1786.

His role in the Revolution was overshadowed by greater Virginians. He is remembered primarily as the orator of the Revolution. His greatest contribution to his country, however, was indirect. Years later, when the new Constitution was being debated in the thirteen states, Henry was bitterly opposed to its ratification and he pointed out the great flaw in the original document. His arguments were so persuasive that, when the document was ratified, it was almost on condition that it be immediately amended. Historians and lawyers feel that more than any other man, Henry deserves credit for the American Bill of Rights.

He declined appointment as United States Senator in 1794. President Washington offered him the position of Secretary of State, on October 7, 1795, which he declined; three months later, he was asked by Washington to be Chief Justice of the United States, and he declined that position also.

Having refused Washington's appeals that he become a member of his cabinet, Henry returned to state politics. He was elected to the legislature, but died at 63 before he could take his seat.

It is reported that an appendix of his Last Will and Testament read as follows:

"I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor."

Was he a Mason? In checking the Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers by Brother Ronald E. Heaton, Patrick Henry is listed in Group II, which is Membership in the Masonic Fraternitiy doubtful, supported only by tradition, contradictory evidence, of other unverified or undocumented information.

However, I would like to believe that he was, because he was our kind of man, and he lived by the principles of Masonry.

It has been said, that the most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.

And so, I would ask, that on this evening, while we are still thinking of patriot Patrick Henry, and the gifts that he has had a part in passing on to us, as we approach the 200th birthday of this great country of ours, that we as Masons, all take a moment and re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of Masonry, to reflect upon the obligations that we have bound ourselves while kneeling before the Altar, and remembering the responsibilities and duties that we owe to God, to our country, to our neighbor, and to ourselves, which are never to be forgotten.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

My Brethren:

On behalf of the officers and trustees of your Home, I am pleased to give you our report at this Communication.

As to our residents, the population hasn't changed much from what I reported to you last year as near 80.

As this report is being prepared, we have taken in 15 new residents and have lost 9 by death.

I gave you some figures last year on period of residence, deaths and average age at death. To bring that up-to-date, the average age of residence stays at 8 years. Deaths moved up to 9 from 4 in 1974; however, the average age at death moved from 86 in 1974 to 89 in 1975.

Of our present population, 12 are above 90 years of age; the oldest being 98. These figures therefore are rather fragile. At this high age, any year we might lose several and set the number of deaths out of proportion.

It is sufficient to your trustees that we keep our residents a goodly number of years after they come to us. This is especially true when the average age at admittance of both men and women is well above 80 years.

We still are convinced that living at our Home tends to extend life. The very nature of our operation provides the spark that encourages life. Without zest, life is dull. We provide zest for living. Without love, that priceless intangible item desire dies before the body. We not only provide love by loving but equally important, we make it possible for our residents to give love.

Many in the medical profession now feel it is just as important to give love as to receive it. If both of these ingredients prevail the general health of the person benefits.

Our nursing care is still as skilled and qualified as ever. This provides peace of mind to a resident who has already lost the anxieties of life. Love makes up the rest of it and is the easiest part of it all.

I reported to you last year that our oil supplier suggested a larger reserve oil fuel tank. It was installed and we came through a rather bitter winter in very good shape.

Energy of all types are more costly now. We expected that. Our fuel; gas, oil and electricity all reached higher levels of cost this past year.

We are in the process now of installing door closures activated by the presence of smoke. This was a recommendation of our insurance engineer. After checking with the State Fire Marshall, plans and specifications approved by the State were prepared and the work is under way.

This is a safety measure in case of fire or smoke and is a further safeguard of the lives of our residents. These door will operate automatically with the presence of a very small amount of smoke.

These things I have been talking about are expense items caused by no fault of ours. Speaking of expense, need I remind you that every item we purchase or use costs more than before.

You've heard that before I'm sure. I also am certain you are finding the same experience in your own home life. We both have a lot of company.

Your trustees are very aware of this. We try as best we can to cope with these rising costs but I very much fear the end is not in sight. Therefore, caught as we are in rising inflation, depression or both, it is not a pleasant outlook.

Our income has limitations as does yours, yet I ask you to keep in your minds that good times or bad, we all have our obligations to our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters in this Home.

There are two things you can do and I ask both of them. One; respond as generously as you can when you receive our seal letter and seals. It helps. You have been responding in the past. Please keep it up. Second; I suggest a glorious act on your part. I suggest endowments.

As to this last suggestion, you need not die to make a Memorial. Each year we receive living Memorials in the form of cash. It is placed in the Endowment Fund and the Home benefits each year from the income, year after year. Nothing I know of could be more unselfish and fitting.

If you are thinking you must have a large sum of money to do this, let me assure you that the Home receives these living Memorials often in very small sums; so don't be ashamed to send any amount, large or small. It will be gratefully received.

This fund continues to grow. This year we were fortunate to be remembered in the Wills of a number of Brethren. For living bequests we can express our thanks but frequently we do not know, in these other cases, we were remembered until an attorney calls and tells us.

We can express our appreciation in how we use funds like this and we will always do so. We are very thankful.

I spoke of cost of commodities. Our budget, which I have not seen as yet for this new year, will beyond a doubt be more. It has continued to escalate in spite of all the thrift we can employ.

I have been talking here about unpleasant subjects but they should be brought to your attention. I feel I should tell you of these things. Your trustees are doing their best and I am sure you will do all you can to help.

One of my friends just read the January Proceedings of the Home. He wrote me he was struck by our Superintendent's annual report of the cost per capita of maintaining a resident in the Home.

Our friend noticed that in 1965 the per capita cost was \$3,087.00. Nine years later, in 1974, it was \$6,591.00.

That, my friends, is what inflation can do.

Now for some good things and there are alot of "goodies".

It doesn't seem long ago that we took the Christmas tree down. The holiday season is gone but much lingers on.

As before, at Thanksgiving, W. Bob Boon of Grand Island and his group as well as W. J.C. Peterson of Scottsbluff and his group arrived at the Home with those big semis loaded to the roof with food.

It is a big day when these great friends come. The residents remember them very fondly and can tell almost to the day when they arrive. All turn out to see them unload. They stay for lunch and all have a whee of a time. This means that Masons, countless ones, from all over those areas have helped make this trip possible. It is a wonderful contribution to our food supply and we thank them one and all.

Christmas, a big fat Santa Claus, turkey, gifts and no one desperately ill. I've told you before it is very rare to have anyone too ill to enjoy the holiday. Something takes over and I thank God for it.

The gifts came from the Masters and Wardens from all over our state. They most generously do this each Christmas. The Omaha Masters and Wardens saw to the wrapping and figuring out who got what. A labor of love and we love them for it. It goes a long way to make Christmas really be Christmas.

Our thanks again to all Masters and Wardens for their thoughtfulness.

We owe so much to so many, space here will permit naming only a few. It does not diminish our gratitude to all.

A few among the many to whom we say "thanks" are all the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Masters and Wardens, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters and the Youth Groups, to name a few. We are most grateful.

We are indebted to Sister Agnes Bowman, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Dr. William Beckenhauer, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star for their generous support this year. May God bless you. You have our thanks.

Our Grand Master M. W. Donald R. Swanson is an old friend. We knew him when years back he was on the Appropriations Committee. We have lived with him during the years that followed to the present. He is still our good friend and we appreciate his ever ready help this year.

Our Superintendent Raymond F. Evers you all know. He does the hard job of seeing it work. It does work under his able management. He is priceless.

Our Secretary M. W. Norris W. Lallman is more than a secretary. His dedication to this Home goes way back before he became a Grand Master. He was first a board member. Now he does his job. Unpaid by the Home, as Grand Lodge law prescribes, but you would never know it. He is a champion.

Now to my Brother Trustees. Unless you knew them and sat at a Board table month in and month out with them as I do, you wouldn't understand why it is so difficult to pay tribute to these great Masons. I've sat as President of this Home for 20 years this year and have never used a gavel. It is never necessary. That is the kind of gentlemen I live with. I wish you could know them one and all as I do.

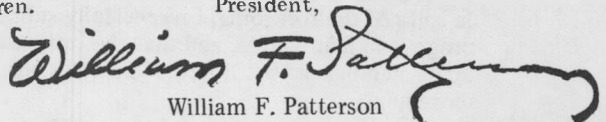
My Brethren, I've told you some bad news and some good. Your Home is well operated; we will survive these critical times. They won't last forever so dedicate yourself anew that this stays the best Home in the country as I fully believe it is now. Help us to keep it that way.

Lastly, how long has it been since you have visited your Home? It is yours, all yours.

A great man once said to me, "Take a look at your investment." I suggest you also take a look; then take another look and then fall in love.

Thank you my Brethren.

President,



William F. Patterson

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. J. Joseph N. Lindquist, 1, Chairman, prepared the report which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Brethren:

Once again, I extend greetings to all of you from the Board of Trustees, and I bring you the good wishes and heartfelt appreciation from the children at the Home.

The chief difficulty in authoring this Annual Report is to keep it within acceptable time and space limitations and at the same time, comment on matters that will be of general interest to all of you. I'll do my best to keep the report brief; however, I make no assurances with respect to whether or not the contents will be of interest.

At the outset, I must comment that far too many are still unfamiliar with the operation of the Masonic - Eastern Star Home for Children. I never cease to be amazed at the great number of Masons and Eastern Star members who possess no knowledge whatsoever of the Home and of the large number who, although being cognizant of the Home's existence, are unaware that it is a joint endeavor between the two Grand bodies of this jurisdiction. If there are any here today that are in this category, I quote from the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: "The Home is a nonprofit corporation whose business it is to aid, care for, maintain and educate children of Freemasons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and when feasible, to likewise assist, maintain, and educate other dependent children under such conditions as the Board of Trustees may provide. Another way of stating the foregoing proposition is the Freemasons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska are lending a helping hand to certain dependent children and are, without pretense or notoriety, breathing life into many of the precepts that have been taught to us in our Lodge Rooms. If you'll just stop for a moment and think about it, I'm sure you'll come to the same conclusion as I, that helping unfortunate children is a commendable endeavor in itself, but at the same time, we are furnishing the community at large with a graphic illustration that membership in Masonry is truly significant.

At the time this report was given last year, we had 19 children at the Home. This year, we have 31 children residing with us, with a child in every grade, Kindergarten through High School. The reason for commenting on the number of children is to illustrate that enrollment will vary from year to year and on occasion, from month to month. There are some who become unduly concerned or alarmed when the enrollment is at a low ebb, and comments will be heard about the high cost of per-child maintenance. It's true, that by reason of certain fixed expenses, caring for a greater number of children reduces the per-child expense; however, my impression is that the Board of Trustees and the membership at large is concerned with qualitative rather than quantitative care.

Progress is difficult to define and frequently difficult to recognize. In spite of the foregoing, I respectfully submit that the Home has shown progress in many areas, and that the various committees, which are made up of members of the Board of Trustees, are responsible for the forward movement.

Notwithstanding an adverse economic climate, the Home's investment portfolio, otherwise known as the endowment fund, managed to hold its own, and in some cases, showed growth. The latter situation was not the result of accident or hapstance, but resulted from hard work and perseverance on the part of the Finance Committee. In addition to supervising the Home's financial affairs, this Committee has the responsibility of placing proper insurance on all of the buildings and preparing the annual budget, which is no easy task. The following serve on the Finance Committee. Ed Lorenzen, Chairman; Ruby House, Co-Chairman; Grace Margaret Aden, Corrine Nevins and Elmer Sells.

The Buildings, Grounds and Furnishings committee consisting of: Elmer Sells, Chairman; Beverly Bass, Co-Chairman; Beverly Groetke and Ed Lorenzen, found last year to be both challenging and active. This Committee has the never-ending job of keeping up with the routine maintenance, but in addition this year, it had the added responsibility of working out the details of several items of major repair and improvements.

The Publicity Committee very capably discharged the responsibility of getting out the Christmas and Mother's Day letters which are extremely important from the standpoint of obtaining gifts and donations. In addition, this year, the Committee also did an exemplary job in disseminating news of the Home's activities to the membership of both Grand bodies. This Committee has taken on a new vitality and a new sense of direction. Grace Margaret Aden, Chairman; Dorothy Shaw, Co-Chairman and Kay Palmer have all done a remarkable job and are deserving of plaudits.

The Admissions Committee and Welfare Committee are now operating as one, and the significant increase in enrollment is indicative of the volume of work assigned to this joint Committee. Corrine Nevins, Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, Co-Chairman; Kay Palmer, Co-Chairman; Beverly Bass, Clyde Birch, Ruby House, Beverly Groetke and Max Friis have the duty of screening all applicants for admission and have the additional responsibility of generally supervising all matters relating to the wealth, health, education, food and clothing of the children.

The Employees Committee found last year to be one of hyperactivity. There were a number of changes in personnel which required the attention of this very capable group, and Max Friis, Chairman; Clyde Birch, Co-Chairman; Dorothy Shaw and E. Forrest Estes are deserving of compliments.

A profound area of progress is that all employees, commencing with the next fiscal year, are to be provided hospitalization insurance as a fringe benefit to their employment. In my opinion, the salaries presently being paid to the employees are marginally sufficient, particularly in light of prevailing economic conditions, general conditions of employment, and the degree of responsibility and trust that devolves upon this very dedicated group of individuals. Hopefully, the ensuing years will witness a further upgrading of the conditions of employment at the Home.

The services of retiring Board members, Richard Sievers, Margaret Worthman, Inex Shumway, William Placek and Helen Morton will be deeply missed. Their many years of loyalty to and hard work on behalf of the Home will long be remembered. Fortunately, the new appointees have proved themselves to be capable and hard working. We welcome Beverly Bass, Beverly Groetke, Clyde Birch and E. Forrest Estes. Ruby House is once again serving after a brief retirement of several months.

To the best of my knowledge, all of the children are healthy, happy and continue to live in a family-like environment. They are engaged in numerous activities, such as 4-H, sports, dancing lessons, and many of the older ones have part-time employment. There are many things that could be, and perhaps should be done, to improve upon the physical assets at the Home, however, none of these needs in any way detracts from the atmosphere of love and affection.

The Board of Trustees has adopted a budget of \$147,650.00 for the 1975-76 fiscal year, which is an increase of \$16,480.00 over the previous fiscal year. The tremendous increases in the cost of food, clothing and utilities could not be ignored by the Trustees, nor could they fail to take cognizance of the many needed repairs to the premises which have been occasioned by long years of use. Salary increases were held to a bare minimum in view of the hospitalization fringe benefit being offered to the employees. Any desiring information about this year's budget or about any fiscal matter related to the operation of the Home should not hesitate to make his inquiry known.

On behalf of the children, I thank all of you who have sent gifts, memorials or in any manner remembered the Home. Every effort is made to acknowledge gifts, bequests and memorials; however, errors do occur, and should anyone have been overlooked, the oversight was the result of inadvertence.

In conclusion, I want to compliment Superintendent, Fred Mulford, Assistant to the Superintendent, Ford Delp, the housemothers, and all other employees at the Home who are and have been doing a tremendous job in caring for our children.

Masons can justifiably be proud of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and of the people who attend to its day-to-day needs. Please take the time to visit the Home and see for yourselves.

M. W. . Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master:

We will now hear from M. W. . Herbert A. Ronin, who will present the report of the Masonic Service Association.

M. W. . HERBERT A. RONIN, PAST GRAND MASTER,
CHAIRMAN OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

My Brethren, it has been my privilege for the past 12 years to be one of the Executive Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association, which is a National Masonic Organization. I represent the States of the Central Division. There are ten States in my particular division. The work of the Masonic Service Association is divided into two main groups, one of these is Masonic Education. The short subject bulletins, which are issued monthly and which the Chairman of the Education Committee of each of our Lodges receives monthly as do the officers of the Grand Lodge, are published by the Masonic Service Association. We also compile statistics of what is going on in the various Grand Jurisdictions. Each day, Conrad Hahn, who is probably one of the best versed Masonic Scholars in the country, receives many inquiries wanting to know something of a Masonic nature. He does research and answers those inquiries.

Nebraska joined the Masonic Service Association in 1960. The other part of the Masonic Service Association is the Field Hospital Agent. He visits the many patients in the various Veteran Hospitals in the United States.

There are 132 Veteran Hospitals, and there are trained Masonic Service Field Agents in 94 of these installations. He has an office in the Hospital and is serving the Masons in these Hospitals. You would be surprised how many Masons are in these hospitals. We have had the Korean War and the Vietnam war besides, of course, the veterans of the other wars. In Omaha they have facilities of a thousand beds—the number of Masons occupying those beds vary. Our Field Agent is going to need non-paid volunteers in order to carry out the work that the Masonic Service Association plans for these Field Agents. Let me fill you in a little more. When Frank Mattoon was Grand Master and the present Grand Master, Donald Swanson, were attending the Conference of Grand Masters, in Washington, which incidentally is serviced by the Masonic Service Association, the subject of a visitation of Masonic Brethren in our Veteran Hospitals came up and they both expressed their interest, but their concern was money. Where are we going to get enough money from our Grand Lodge budget to fund this program? I spoke for the Scottish Rite and said we would fund half of that expense, whatever it amounts to. It would be the project of Grand Lodge. It would have to be because the Grand Lodge is a member of the Masonic Service Association. We would, if they wanted to instigate a pilot program to see how it worked and make an evaluation, the Scottish Rite would pay for half of that expense. Last year at our Grand Lodge session, this was approved and \$1,000.00 was placed in the budget. Since then our Grand Master interviewed a number of applicants and recommended to the Masonic Service, the employment of Alan Wolcott of Omaha. This was done after the Chief Field Agent of the Masonic Service Association came to Nebraska, visited these facilities and decided that Omaha needed the program more than the other two installations at Lincoln and Grand Island. Our Grand Master employed or recommended employment of Alan Wolcott. He was interviewed and employed, sent to Des Moines to take his training under a Masonic Service Hospital Agent. He came back and has been working in the U.S. Veteran Hospital at Omaha since February 1st. Of the \$1,000.00 appropriated, to date \$600.00 has

been expended. We estimate the cost of employment of a full time Field Agent and his expenses will cost \$3,750.00 for the current year. Of course, we employ somebody who is retired and loves Masonry, this is true with Alan Wolcott. The raise in dues, of course, won't be affected this year, but that doesn't make any difference with Scottish Rite. We will pay half of the expense for this Grand Lodge year. The incoming Grand Master recommended to the appropriation committee the sum of \$1,875.00 to fund this program.

Brethren, something additional that I think is important — that is seeing Masonry in Action. I wish that Alan Wolcott were here this morning. He was here yesterday to make this report but because of the business there was not time for him to report. I think it is a very fine activity of the Grand Lodge and as far as the Scottish Rite is concerned, we are very pleased to help the Grand Lodge with finances.

M. W. Grand Master, I move the acceptance of this report and also move that the sum of \$1,875.00 as an appropriation for this expense be approved.

The report was approved by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER.

Brethren, I would personally like to say that M. W. Herbert Ronin is to be commended for his co-operation, help and assistance and counseling in this program. We certainly appreciate all the help he has given us over the past several years in initiating this program which we thought was vital and necessary to Masonry in Nebraska. I would like to go on record to thank him in this Communication, for all of his help.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION FIELD AGENT

In the absence of F. Alan Wolcott, the field agent for the Masonic Service Association, the report was presented by M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, The report was accepted.

The Masonic Service Association has been active in the field of hospital visitation and service for many years, and a number of Masonic Field Agents have been enthusiastically serving at Veterans Hospitals throughout the country under the direction and guidance of the respective Chiefs of Volunteer Services. The program has been considered very helpful and has enjoyed a high degree of success at the various Veterans Hospitals where it has been introduced. Omaha, however, has not been, until the present time, a part of this program. There has been for several years, on the part of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, increasing enthusiasm for the introduction of this program into one of Nebraska's Veterans Hospitals. Each of the Hospitals in Nebraska — Omaha, Lincoln, and Grand Island was considered for the inauguration of such a pilot program. After due consideration and investigation Omaha was chosen, due in the main, to the size of the plant, its facilities, and the number of patients capable of being cared for. As a result of surveys and meetings between M. W. Donald R. Swanson, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, Mr. Daniel Knode, Jr., Chief Field Agent of

the Masonic Service Association, and Mr. S.H. Birdzell, Director of the Omaha Veterans Hospital, as well as other officials including Mr. Robert Gradoville, a great deal of enthusiasm for this program was engendered among the Hospital management personnel. In view of this favorable and enthusiastic response, it was decided to launch this program immediately at the Omaha Veterans Hospital.

My appointment became effective as of February 1, 1975, and during the greater part of that month I spent reviewing information I had received from the Hospital at Omaha, and also acquainted myself with and studying the Masonic Field Agent's Manual, as well as reading various peices of literature and numerous brochures I had received from Mr. Daniel Knode, Jr.

As might be expected, in view of the comparatively short time that I have served as Field Agent, I can only say that so far the results of the work have been for the most part of an intangible nature. I can only say that whatever has been accomplished, has in my own mind, and insofar as my own feelings are concerned, been well worth the effort expended, and I feel that the end results will be well worth while. As to what I refer to as an intangible results is the seeming interest and appreciation that almost without exception light up the features of each patient with whom I come into contact and visit. Each individual exhibits a quiet appreciation of the attention and interest shown them, and the time involved for each contact may be from five minutes to a half hour or more.

As to what plans that I may have in mind for future service, I can only say that as I become better acquainted with regulations, and being mindful of plans of various volunteer groups and organizations, I am hoping from time to time not only to recruit one or two volunteers to assist me, but also to attempt now and then to inaugurate some sort of entertainment periodically for the benefit and pleasure of the patients.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. . Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

Your committee on Charters & Dispensations respectfully submit the following report for the consideration and approval of the 118th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The following lodges were consolidated:

Winnebago No. 309 at Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274 at Walthill on December 3, 1974.

Temple No. 175 at Filley with Tecumseh No. 17 at Tecumseh on March 26, 1974.

We concur with these consolidations.

Beemer Lodge No. 253 is in the process of consolidation with Wisner Lodge No. 114. This consolidation will be finalized in the near future.

The following lodges failed to be represented at the 116th and 117th Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge.

Hiram No. 52	Arlington
Boaz No. 185	Danbury
Signet No. 193	Leigh
Olive Branch No. 274	Walthill
Beemer No. 253	Beemer

Boaz Lodge No. 185 of Danbury was represented by M. W. Ramond A. Parker who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 was represented by M. W. Lee Fahrenholz, SW Bernard Vavra and JW Lyle Drum who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Signet Lodge No. 193 was represented by SW Henry Hamernick and Brother Joseph Kecera and give a satisfactory explanation. This Lodge will continue to function as such until a proposed consolidation is finalized.

Hiram Lodge No. 52 of Arlington failed to appear before this committee. However their letter to the committee stated they would be appearing on the 14th of June. Should they appear on the 14th as stated with a satisfactory explanation, we recommend they should continue to function. But should they fail to appear on the 14th of June before this committee, we recommend they consolidate with a nearby lodge as soon as possible.

This is to inform you that Hiram Lodge No. 52 of Arlington did meet with this committee on the 14th of June and gave a satisfactory explanation for their failure to attend the 116th and 117th Grand Lodge Communications.

The following named Lodges failed to be represented at the 117th and 118th Annual Grand Lodge Communications and should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters & Dispensations at the 119th Annual Communication to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with section 2-514.

Harlan No. 116	Alma
Wauneta No. 217	Wauneta
Sioux No. 277	Harrison

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, presented the report which was accepted.

M. W. Grand Master, my brethren, I appear here to make a brief report with regard to the Committee on Masonic Education. I am feeling rather emotional about it. I think most of you brethren are cognizant of the fact that the Chairman of this Committee for many, many years, M. W. Brother Howard J. Hunter, very suddenly departed this life just a matter of about two weeks ago. I had had the pleasure of being with him two nights prior to his death in Kansas City where we were attending the Conference Midwest Conference on Masonic Education which is composed of some 13 midwest states. During which time, Howard took an active part in the proceedings of that Conference, of which Conference he was a Past President. Just prior to his death he sat down at his typewriter and had completed, with the exception of the last paragraph of his report on the doings of the Committee on Education during these past few years. I completed the last paragraph at the request of the Grand Secretary, and that is the only portion of the report that I had anything to do with. We are going to miss Howard. He has been a real factor in Masonic Education throughout this state for many years and his loss certainly is a personal loss as far as I am concerned because of my work with him on this Committee for many years.

We held Table Lodge Mini Area Meetings last fall at Bennet on October 10, 1974, with Bennett, Hickman, Douglas and Palmyra as participation lodges and Alma was host on November 12, 1974, with Alma, Republican City and Orleans participating.

On February 17, 1975, Paul R. Pierce arranged a Table Lodge with Cairo Lodge No. 324 as host and with Wood River, Gibbon and Shelton attending.

On March 4, 1975, Alfred G. Wurst, E. Forrest Estes and I participated at a Table Lodge at Sidney conducted by Frank Welch Lodge No. 75. Principal speaker was Walter E. Kinne, who presented an interesting well planned talk.

On March 8, E. Forrest Estes arranged for a Lincolnland Area meeting with the Lincoln Masters and Wardens Club with Lancaster Lodge No. 54 officers opening lodge and receiving the Grand Master, who gave us a fine message. This meeting was to give special recognition to Grand Master Donald R. Swanson, Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska Scottish Rite; Wayne W. Reese, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M. in Nebraska; Norval W. Stewart, Grand Commander, Knights Templar K.T. of Nebraska and William H. Beckenhauer, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, all being from the Lincoln area. These brethren together with Grand High Priest, Harry L. Scheffel and Lewis R. Ricketts, Past Grand Master, representing Sesostris Temple of the Shrine for Potentate William W. Cook, who was out of the state, were presented to the East and spoke to the unity and cooperation of the Masonic Bodies in Nebraska. Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home and Fred Mulford, Superintendent of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, brought the brethren up to date on happenings at each home with a brisk question and answer discussion followed by refreshments.

On March 26, 1975, Louis V. Sylvester arranged an interesting Table Lodge meeting at Lyons with Pilot Lodge No. 240 as host. Other towns participating were Wisner, Beemer, Stanton and Decatur.

The Table Lodge Mini Area Meeting is designed to bring neighborhood lodges together for fellowship and instruction. They are held in the early evening during the week and are over by 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. so brethren can get home early.

May first through the third was the occasion for the annual meeting of the Mid West Conference on Education, this year hosted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri at Kansas City. Twelve member Grand Lodges were represented. I was pleased to note that, along with myself and Elsie, the Conference was attended by M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Alfred G. Wurst, E. Forrest Estes, all members of the Nebraska Committee, together with their wives, and Harold Hultman, Deputy Grand Master and his wife. The Conference was welcomed by the Grand Master of Missouri and was followed by a well rounded program of Masonic Education as it relates to each Grand Lodge represented. Next year the Annual Meeting is to be held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

M. W. DONALD R. SWANSON, GRAND MASTER:

M. W. Sir, I would like to add my comments. I have known Howard J. Hunter for many years and he was a very dedicated Mason and loved his Masonic education and I would say, we have lost a very fine servant of Masonry in his death. I have read his report. It is a fine report and covers all the activities of the year by the Masonic Education Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Glenn F. Sperry, 139, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges are represented except the following: 60, 64, 67, 99, 111, 116, 117, 127, 147, 155, 165, 168, 189, 191, 200, 211, 216, 217, 228, 253, 262, 277, 299 and 301. Total number of lodges: 244, number not represented 24. Lodges not represented for two years: Harlan No. 116, Wauneta No. 217, and Sioux No. 277. Not represented for four years: Beemer No. 253.

There are 19 Past Grand Masters present, all of the Grand Officers were present. There were 27 Deputy Grand Custodians and 29 Committee-men present. Twenty-two Distinguished Guests present.

The Past Grand Masters who were unable to attend were M. W. Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William C. Schaper, Edward Huwaldt, Herbert T. White and William B. Wanner, who has recently passed.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Ward D. Goodell	Richard D. Wiese	Keith E. Winheim
Western Star	2	Lloyd H. Wymore	Earl Komma	Henry E. Schemmel*
Capitol	3	John H. Gardner	Wesley Lindahl*	Michael J. McCall
Omaha Valley	4	John C. Sierks	Earl Stivers	Bruce Larson
Madison	5	George Paulsen*	.....	.....
Wattsmouth	6	Roy L. Smith	Robert Painter, Jr.	Roger G. Roberts
Walls City	9	Allan R. Clark	Harvey D. Hinz	J. Chris Horn*
Polomon	10	Rodney Mayo	James P. Ryan	Carl A. Lorenzen*
Robert	11	Donald D. Meinershagen	James T. Lindsey	Henry L. Cummings
Robert	13	Louis L. Buising	Orville H. Zoeller	Louis L. Buising*
Robert	14	Theodore J. Johnson*	Theodore J. Johnson	John B. Solie
Robert	15	George A. Iverson	Floyd R. McKenzie	Omar L. Gottula
Robert	17	Ivan Lamb	Ivan Lamb*	Ivan Lamb*
Robert	19	Robert W. Gettman	Virgil A. Meints	Charles J. Probasco
Robert	21	Herbert C. Coulter*	Herbert C. Coulter	Herbert C. Coulter*
Robert	23	Otto Mach	Otto Mach*	Charles K. Harding*
Robert	25	R. Fred Cloninger	R. Fred Cloninger*	Vern Dirgo*
Robert	26	Ronald L. Miller	Harold O. Kelsey	DeVern A. Engberg*
Robert	27	Lawrence Marvin	Allen Thorman*	Allen Thorman
Robert	30	.....	Michael Stahly	James D. Boshart
Robert	31	Robert E. Coffman	A. Dale French	Raymond A. Cram*
Robert	32	Loren J. Stevens	Veon E. Seaton	Kenneth R. Lemon
Robert	33	Richard H. Reed	Allen N. Miller	William E. Frasier
Robert	34	Joseph Hoffman*	Joseph Hoffman*	Joseph Hoffman*
Robert	35	Dale Brinkman	Everett Schwarm	Clarence Black*
Robert	36	.....	L. Harold Parker*	Robert E. Kyes*
Robert	37	G.E. Darrington	Jerald J. Pomajzl*	John D. Hamby, Jr.*
Robert	38	Erwin J. Imig*	Max K. Farney	Rollin S. Rolofson
Robert	39	Paul F. Opocensky	Robert E. Simmons	Donald E. Christensen
Robert	40	Ernest King	Charles Hilgerfeld	Galen Vaughn*
Robert	41	George Benson	.....	.....
Robert	43	Dail Shearer*	Dail Shearer*	Dail Shearer*
Robert	44	Larry L. Keller	Kenneth H. Keasling	Larry L. Keller*
Robert	46	Albert Schadt	James E. Scheurich	Alfred B. Saum*
Robert	48	Duane Roper	Lewis B. Halsey*	Lewis B. Halsey
Robert	49	Lyman Novy*	Lyman Novy*	William R. Bottorf
Robert	50	Melvin L. Carlson	Merwyn B. Valentine	Melvin L. Carlson*
Robert	51	Robert D. Larson	Charley Welker	Ivan Long
Robert	52	Melvin Misfeldt*	.....	.....
Robert	53	Chester R. Hodge	Chester R. Hodge*	Chester R. Hodge*
Robert	54	Eugene C. Sibley	Darrell D. Christensen	William G. Hurst
Robert	55	G.W. McCracken	G.W. McCracken*	G.W. McCracken*
Robert	56	Owen L. Donohoe	Byron L. Covey	.....
Robert	57	.....	Gerald Goering	.....
Robert	59	George C. Welton	Alfred G. Wurst*	Lloyd R. Druery*

Melrose	60	.....	.....	.....
Thistle	61	Albert W. Shepard*	Albert W. Shepard	Donald L. Coad
Keystone	62	Donald D. Schuster*	Donald D. Schuster	John R. Zaugren
Blue Valley	64	Leonard Freeouf*	.....	Leonard Freeouf
Osceola	65	Dale A. Hiemer	Joseph M. Roberts	.....
Edgar	67	.....	.....	.....
Aurora	68	Steven C. Larson	James L. Hruza	Bob Clark
Trowel	71	Keith N. White, Jr.*	Keith N. White, Jr.	.....
Hooper	72	Irwin Osterloh*	Jack Luther	Gerald Janssen
Friend	73	Mel Cornell*	Sam Ramp	.....
Frank Welch	75	Elwood Lostroh	Earl W. Schultz*	Charles M. Everett
Nelson	77	Ralph E. Bottenfield	Allan D. Sole	Ralph E. Bottenfield
Albion	78	Elmer C. Hansen*	Elmer C. Hansen	Elmer C. Hansen*
Geneva	79	Ben Fussell*	Ben Fussell*	Ben Fussell*
Composite	81	Dennis O'Dell	Leonard Davis*	M. Dean Ruth*
St. Paul	82	Frederick W. Frost	Edward G. Paulsen*	J. Keith Davis
Corinthian	83	Cecil H. Rhodes	Cecil H. Rhodes*	Cecil H. Rhodes*
Ionic	87	Floyd Hildreth*	Franklin Uhler	Franklin Uhler*
Star	88	Victor N. Webster	Harold Hale*	Victor N. Webster*
Cedar River	89	Kenneth L. Cunningham	Arna Peterson*	Bryan E. Lee
Oakland	91	Carl A. Magnusson	Norman E. Case	Harry L. Scheffel*
Beaver City	93	Victor A. Graham	Glenn W. Cornell	Charles W. Herman
Bennett	94	Richard Miller	LeRoy E. Slade	Barry Warwick
Garfield	95	Harry D. Gildersleeve	Robert L. Mlinar	Harry D. Gildersleeve*
Utica	96	Harold A. Busch	Arvon E. Engel	.....
Euclid	97	Loyd A. Barkhurst*	Loyd A. Barkhurst	Douglas F. Jones
Republican	98	Cletus D. Lyden*	.....	.....
Shelton	99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton	100	Gerald H. Langhorst	Gerald H. Langhorst*	Gerald H. Lanhorst
Ponca	101	Robert L. Anderson	Harry Stammer*	Paul Peterson*
Waterloo	102	John D. Salmon	Wayland Magee	John D. Salmon*
Ord	103	Fred Williams*	Fred Williams	Fred Williams*
Wymore	104	Charles W. Haggard	Lacy Mittan*	.....
Stella	105	Keith E. Wheeler	Edgar Bredemeier	Glen G. Gossman
Porter	106	Austin S. Bacon*	Austin S. Bacon*	Austin S. Bacon*
Table Rock	108	Lloyd Vrtiska*	Lloyd Vrtiska*	Lloyd Vrtiska*
Pomegranate	110	Lloyd I. Edwards*	.....	.....
DeWitt	111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield	112	Herman Schnack*	Herman Schnack*	.....
Globe	113	Donald L. Dover*	Donald L. Dover	.....
Wisner	114	Richard R. Alexander	Richard J. Breitkreutz	.....
Harlan	116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy	117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend	119	R. Willard Scott	Charles E. Nelson	R. Willard Scott*
Wayne	120	George O. Macklin*	Robert A. Merchant	George O. Macklin*
Superior	121	Kenneth Studier	Richard E. Hawkins	Gerald M. Barnes
Auburn	124	Lambert Blecha	Claude Matthews*	.....
Mt. Nebo	125	Dorris L. Cuddeford*	Robert L. Bass*	.....
Stromsburg	126	Richard Anderson	Phillip Waller*	Timm O. Waller
Minden	127	.....	.....	.....

Guide Rock	128	Robert Albin	Wendell Ord	Rodney Ely
scribner	132	Richard L. Porter	Omar Keller	.....
olar	134	Marland Beckstrom	Phil Foulk*	L. DeWitt Van Pelt
McCook	135	J. Dane Thompson	Ronald D. Stuhmer	Richard W. Cole
ong Pine	136	Norman D. Johnson*	.....	.....
pright	137	Leonard Steiner*	.....	Leonard Steiner
lawalt	138	Keith McMann	.....	.....
lay Centre	139	Raymond Stratman	Eugene Peterson	Nelson L. Hughes*
estern	140	Rolland Winter	Rolland Winter*	Rolland Winter*
rescent	143	Richard T. Jackson	Kenneth A. Smiley	Waldron G. Heany*
ancroft	145	Donald L. Berg	Gerald J. Haverkost	Donald L. Berg*
achin	146	Curtis Lindstrom	Wm. H. Greathouse	Harley G. Lofton, Sr.*
loam	147	.....	.....	.....
uster	148	Harold Grooms	.....	.....
ambridge	150	Bernard A. Corder*	Bernard A. Corder*	Bernard A. Corder
vergreen	153	.....	Archie R. Lederer	.....
ily	154	Wilfred Jensby	Wilfred Jensby*	Wilfred Jensby*
artington	155	.....	.....	.....
amaritan	158	.....	Donald G. Kay	Warren D. Lichty, Sr.*
galalla	159	Paul Pascoe*	Paul Pascoe	Paul Pascoe*
eredatha	160	Truman Garber*	Floyd McIlroy	.....
lt. Zion	161	Don Linton	Howard G. Whitmore	.....
restle Board	162	Merlyn Osborn	.....	Charles Boellstorff*
nity	163	Wm. Lloyd Jeffrey	Harold Jewett*	Lewis Jeffrey*
tkinson	164	Charles Pierson	Murray Mellor	Charles Pierson*
arneston	165	.....	.....	.....
lwood	167	Geoffrey K. Bogle	.....	.....
urtis	168	.....	.....	.....
imity	169	Gerald Walgren	Gerald Walgren*	Gerald Walgren*
ason City	170	Clarence Lamb	Clarence Lamb*	Clarence Lamb*
erna	171	Floyd Grantzinger*	Floyd Grantzinger*	Floyd Grantzinger*
obert Burns	173	Lyndell Whipp	William C. Anderson	.....
ulbertson	174	Lanny E. Carlson	Marvin E. Goodenberger	Lanny Carlson*
ladstone	176	Anton J. Bubak*	Anton J. Bubak	.....
ay Springs	177	Phillip Warden	.....	Phillip Warden*
ustice	180	Roger Shillington	Aubrey Shillington*	.....
faith	181	Gordon B. Pinney	Gordon B. Pinney*	.....
lliance	183	John C. Wright*	Byron J. Mott	Ehm J. Sorensen*
ee Hive	184	Allen Beavers	Bruce J. Horner	Amos Campbell*
oaz	185	Raymond A. Parker	John E. Gallatin	.....
eridian	188	Duane Neuenburg	.....	.....
ranite	189	.....	.....	.....
ystal	191	.....	.....	.....
innekadusa	192	F.M. Reece, Jr.	Henry A. Fox*	U. Wesley Fox*
ignet	193	Joseph P. Kucera*	Henry Hamerink	.....
ighland	194	Edward T. Douglass	.....	.....
rcana	195	Frank G. Capler*	Frank G. Capler	.....
urity	198	Charles Adams	.....	Leonard L. Jones
avel	199	Richard C. Smith*	.....	.....
lazing Star	200	.....	.....	.....
cotts Bluff	201	E.A. Good	Donald L. Zier	E.A. Good*
olden Sheaf	202	Pete Milander*	Robert Jones	Robert V. Sellon*

Plainview	204	Hubert L. Kuhl	.....	.....
Golden Fleece	205	Donald H. Pearce	.....	.....
Parian	207	Alston Asmus*	Alton Asmus*	.....
Canopy	209	Raymond K. Althouse*	Raymond K. Althouse	.....
East Lincoln	210	Charles M. Godwin	Darrell Ihde	Nelson Rittenberg*
Cement	211	.....	.....	.....
Plumblin	214	J. Clebert Armes	.....	.....
Occidental	215	Richard N. Nielsen	Lawrence E. Bauer	Richard N. Nielsen
Palisade	216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta	217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	Henry Ball	Norman B. Case*	.....
Relief	219	Marvin Ropte	Ira D. Wilcox	Marvin Ropte*
Magnolia	220	Ivan Mackley*	.....	.....
Wood Lake	221	Donald R. Tetherow*	Donald R. Tetherow	Donald R. Tetherow*
Landmark	222	.....	Opal B. Golden	.....
Eminence	223	E. Keith Hunnicutt	Daryl E. Hunnicutt	James Bierbower*
Silver Cord	224	Richard L. Jones	Richard L. Jones*	Richard L. Jones*
Cable	225	Albert Fuller	Fay L. Wilson	Roy E. Blixt
North Star	227	George C. Sawyer	Ray C. Sperry	Michael L. Peterso
Bartley	228	.....	.....	.....
Comet	229	Elwyn E. Rolofson	Amos E. Skelenar	Elwyn E. Rolofso
John S. Bowen	232	Walter Wrich*	Fred L. Gregerson	Roy L. Rosenbau
Gilead	233	Walter G. Sire	William P. Wills*	Max O. Brown
Zion	234	Paul I. Nielson	Paul I. Nielsen*	Paul I. Nielsen*
Fraternity	235	Gail Axen*	.....	.....
Golden Rule	236	Irvin Durant*	.....	.....
Cubit	237	Lloyd Brugman*	Lloyd Ferguson*	.....
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	.....	.....
Pilot	240	Garland Ramsey	Gary C. Cram	Robert L. Little*
Geo. Armstrong	241	Robert E. Wolfe	Gerald B. Eriksen	.....
Hampton	245	Richard D. Regier	.....	Kenneth Schultz*
Nehawka	246	Edward H. Snyder	William B. Mayfield	.....
Laurel	248	Howard Detlefsen	Brian McBride*	.....
Gothenburg	249	D.J. Kirkpatrick*	D.J. Kirkpatrick	Steven Hecox*
Geo. Washington	250	Scott L. Brown	L.D. Payne*	William Keller
Wausa	251	James W. Otteman	Irvin Englebrecht	.....
Beemer	253	.....	.....	.....
Bassett	254	Lyle Kops	.....	.....
Hickman	256	Duane Grove	John P. Kramer	.....
Anselmo	258	G.L. Neubauer*	G.L. Neubauer*	G.L. Neubauer*
Ornan	261	Curtis Nelson	.....	Lovis Klasna*
Endeavor	262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	263	Wilmer A. Hettinger	Steven K. Jones*	.....
Franklin	264	Earl R. Tuers*	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas	265	Willard J. Moore	James Armstrong*	.....
Silver	266	Ronald J. Carlson	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys	267	Elvin L. Young	.....	.....
Geo. W. Lininger	268	Lauren G. Faist	James R. Erixon	.....
Oasis	271	Dwight D. Walker*	Dwight D. Walker*	Dwight D. Walker
Lee P. Gillette	272	Ronald G. Reuter	.....	.....
Crofton	273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	274	L.D. Farenholz	Bernard N. Vavra	Lyle Drum

Antelope	276	.....	.....	.....
Boux	277	.....	.....	.....
Clitchfield	278	Charles Predmore*	Charles Predmore	.....
Wallace	279	Loren J. Stevens*	Donald C. Short	.....
Wastika	280	W.W. Steen*	W.W. Steen*	W.W. Steen*
Dolence	281	Robert L. Tollander	Wm. H. Vieth	Theodore M. Dodge
Fullen	282	John M. Jones*	John M. Jones	Cleve O. Kennedy
Beneca	284	Joe O. Spencer	.....	.....
Camp Clarke	285	Ted. C. Chikos	.....	.....
Shkosh	286	Charles R. Brown*	.....	.....
Union	287	Milton Lefers	Milton Lefers*	Milton Lefers*
Maha	288	Richard D. Cary	R.H. Eichtenkamp	Lawrence L. Durden
Lotus	289	Jerry L. Karel, Sr.*	.....	.....
John J. Mercer	290	Robert W. Hamilton	Clyde L. Jackson	Jerry Hoban
Diamond	291	Dale D. Greenamyre	.....	.....
Monument	293	W.M. d'Allemand*	.....	.....
Imball	294	William O. Begley	Carl Sorensen	Maynard Brown
Linatare	295	Elmer Owen*	Elmer Owen	Elmer Owen*
Dotner	297	Frank S. Daugherty	Gary F. Ossenkop	William J. Williams
Hester	298	Everett A. Roop	Donald E. Collison	.....
utherland	299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	300	Raymond Prieb*	Dale L. Strasburg	.....
Hayard	301	.....	.....	.....
Lizpah	302	George S. Holman	Roland McKinsey	Jack Wagaman
Light Angle	303	Albert W. Groth	Roger Schultz	Riehard T. Allbright*
Newman Grove	305	.....	Henry C. Mierau	.....
Olden Rod	306	Ernest H. Meyer	Ralph R. Carleton*	John D. Demers
Perkins	308	Keith Olsen	Vern H. Woodmancy	.....
Victory	310	Jack M. Williams	Roy M. Hickerson	Jack M. Williams*
Polk	311	Merwin D. Carlson	.....	Robert C. Clymer
Lak Leaf	312	Russell Moffett*	.....	.....
Dotter	313	Rolland Schilz*	Rolland Schilz*	Rolland Schilz*
Boatmen	314	Jack L. Fisher	Eugene L. Jones*	Ralph L. Beach
Alpha	316	Rolly P. Rector	Charles K. Bradley	Marvin M. Anderson
Mid-West	317	Harry Potter	Harold B. Hemphill	.....
Grand Island	318	Zane A. Hipke	Gary F. Albright	Curtis K. Greiss
Madison	319	Harold Lutkemeier*	Harold Lutkemeier	.....
College View	320	A. Douglas Anderson	.....	.....
Harmony	321	Irvin Campbell	.....	.....
Lebanon	323	Robert E. Lund*	Gerald L. Overturf	Charles E. Fornham
Wairo	324	Ronald G. Hargens	Richard W. Moffett	.....
Bellevue	325	Stanley L. Burmeister	Brule A. Fauchs	Herbert P. Taylor
Centennial	326	Venneth N. Fleek	Douglas H. Hannah	Robert L. Schroder
Chiloh	327	Eugene J. Clifton	Stanley L. Hale	Robert M. Lieberbrand
Wiloma	328	Howard A. Muckey	Doyle A. Wineland	Leonard R. Stennecke

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

The Dispensations, Decisions and Recommendations are listed in the Grand Masters Report. The Jurisprudence Committee refers to those parts of the Grand Masters report.

DISPENSATIONS

There were 31 dispensations requested and reviewed by our Committee, attention will be given to several of these dispensations.

1. A dispensation was requested to ballot on a petition without regard to time because the petitioner was a member of the Armed Forces. The dispensation was granted under Article X of the Constitution.

Our Committee recommends the disapproval and recommends that to clarify the situation, that action be taken to amend Paragraph 5, Section 1, Article X of the Constitution by striking out the words "ballot for and".

Grand Lodge voted to recommend this change.

Brethren, I think it should be clarified here that you have not amended the Constitution by this action. You have merely approved recommendation of further proceedings to be instituted for the proposed amendment, in the regular procedure prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Two dispensations were approved to confer degrees without regard for time to candidates who were not in the military service, provided that the proficiency requirements were not waived.

Motion to adopt the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee on dispensations was approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Jurisprudence Committee recommends the approval of the section on By-Laws. There were 52 By-Law changes during the year. The section on by-laws was approved.

DECISIONS

1. We recommend the disapproval of Decision No. 1.
2. Neither approval or disapproval was recommended on Decision No. 2. Further investigation by the incoming Grand Master was recommended.
3. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 3.
4. We recommend the disapproval of Decision No. 4.
5. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 5.
6. We recommend approval of Decision No. 6, with the deletion of the reference to "life membership".
7. We recommend approval of Decision No. 7.
8. We recommend approval of Decision No. 8.
9. We recommend approval of Decision No. 9.
10. We recommend approval of Decision No. 10.
11. We recommend disapproval of Decision No. 11.
12. We recommend approval of Decision No. 12.
13. We recommend approval of Decision No. 13.
14. We recommend approval of Decision No. 14.
15. We recommend approval of Decision No. 15, with the provision that the use of the Temple not be restricted to regular meeting nights.
16. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 16.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Withdrawn by Grand Master.
- 2. We recommend the approval of recommendation No. 2, with the provision that the words "Lodge of Sorrow" be changed to "Emergent Communication" and that the term "Memorial Services" be amended to read "Funeral Service".

Recommendation No. 2 was approved by Grand Lodge. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was a whole was approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman presented the report.

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and, pursuant to the action taken by this Grand Lodge, recommends amendments to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge as follows:

That Sec. 1-407 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

SEC.1-407 - - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - - The per capita tax of \$5.00 shall be divided as follows:

To the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$2.00
To the General Fund.....	\$3.00

The initiation fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

That the original Sec. 1-407 and all subsequent amendments thereto be repealed.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this By-Law amendment.

That Sec. 3-102(d), relative to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as an enumerated Masonic offense be repealed, and that otherwise said section shall remain in force and effect.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the repeal of the above section of the By-Laws.

That, in order to codify the provisions of the approved recommendation of the Grand Master relative to funeral services, Sec. 2-503.01 of the By-Laws be enacted as follows:

SEC. 2-503.01 - - EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS - - The Worshipful Master of each subordinate lodge, after being duly installed, is authorized to open a Lodge for Emergent Communications for the sole purpose of conducting funeral services, which Lodge shall remain open for the duration of the term of office of the Worshipful Master who opened the same, and which shall be closed by him before his successor is installed. The Secretary shall be responsible for supplying and returning to the Lodge the properties of the Lodge required for use at each funeral service.

I move the adoption of this section of this report and the adoption of this By-Law.

FINAL REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Walter E. Truex, 55, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

This Budget covers the period of May 1, 1975 to April 30, 1976. Our final report is exactly the same as the preliminary report we made yesterday.

The totals given then were for total operating expense of the Grand Lodge Committees.

Grand Lodge Responsibility	\$ 140,401.77
Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont	<u>3,435.00</u>
Amount appropriated	\$ 143,836.00
Anticipated Income	\$ 143,990.00
Appropriated	<u>143,836.00</u>
Balance	\$ 154.00

RALPH W. GERRY, GRAND CUSTODIAN:

M. W. Grand Master, may I at this time present a motion that the Published Proceedings of the 117th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held on June 14 and 15, 1974 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved.

RESOLUTIONS

W. Charles W. Amidon, 281, Omaha, presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That Section 2-904 - - "Grounds for Disqualifications"

Delete the following wording:

" . . . who is engaged in the manufacturing of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, nor one who is engaged in the same of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one . . . "

Section 3-102 Masonic Offenses - - Enumerated.

Add a new paragraph, (d) to read as follows:

"The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, in a lodge building or on the property of any lodge holding a charter under this Grand Jurisdiction."

This resolution will be acted upon at the 119th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in June, 1976.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1. That Article X, Paragraph 5 - - Grand Master - - be amended to read:
To grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon candidates without reference to time.

(This proposed amendment would delete the words "ballot for and")

2. That the original Article X, Paragraph 5 is hereby repealed.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES
APPOINTED

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENTS: W. Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; Kenneth P. Lott, 184; Amos H. Campbell, 184.

APPROPRIATIONS: W. Walter E. Truex, 55 (1978), Chairman; W. Paul Eveland, 119 (1977); W. Harry W. Tollander, 281, (1980); W. Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1976); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1979).

FINANCE: W. Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1976), Chairman; W. LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1977); W. J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1980); W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); W. Floyd A. Sterns, 19, (1979).

FRATERNAL DEAD: W. Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; Dr. Cecil N. House, 19; W. Dean L. Robertson, 227.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33; W. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES: M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1980), Chairman; W. Douglas D. Duey, 59 (1976); W. Harold C. Wurde- man, 323 (1977); W. Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1979); M. W. John H. Brown, 1 (1978).

GRAND TRUSTEES: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1976), Chairman; W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1979); Frank V. Lawson, Jr., 1 (1977); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1978); W. George T. Harris, 302 (1980).

MASONIC EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND: M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75, Chairman; W. Perley F. Bates, Jr., 26; W. Robert A. Metcalf, 210.

MASONIC EDUCATION: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1977) Chairman; W. Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1976); W. Paul R. Pierce, 50 (1976); W. James L. Brown, 320 (1977), W. Wayne W. Reese, 54 (1978); W. George A. Iverson, 15 (1978).

MASONIC RELIEF: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1977); W. James A. Bradley, 1 (1976); W. Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1979); W. Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978); W. Robert L. Little, 240.

NEBRASKA WORK: M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1978) Chairman; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, (1976); M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1977).

PUBLIC RELATIONS: W. Gary L. Powell, 19 (1979), Chairman; W. John S. Savage, 11, (1976); W. Lester Way, 54, (1977); M. W. John H. Brown, 1 (1978); Bro. Jack Payne, 1 (1980).

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY: M. W. Russell L. Fickes, 33, (1976) Chairman; W. Donald G. Hafer, 306; (1977); W. Herman O. Hansen, 3 (1978).

LODGE ADVISORY: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1976); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1978); M. W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75, (1977).

BI-CENTENNIAL: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; W. Charles W. Amidon, 281; W. Olen A. Blake, 26; W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112; W. L. Harold Parker, 36.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: W. Wayne J. Pauley, 19, Chairman; W. William G. Hurst, 54; W. Robert W. Bell, 184.

JOHN H. BROWN, INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER:

Before I begin the installation, may I say that the presence of you ladies certainly does something for the appearance of this audience. Brethren, of the Grand Lodge and ladies and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, we are now about to have our installation of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were installed:

M. W. Harold Hultman	Grand Master
R. W. T. Leo Stines	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Alfred B. Saum	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Jack H. Hendrix	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Norris W. Lallman	Grand Secretary
V. W. J. Dallas Gibson	Grand Chaplain
W. Bevin B. Bump.....	Grand Orator
W. Wade E. Sheppard	Grand Historian
W. Ralph W. Gerry	Grand Custodian
W. Harold C. Wurdeman	Grand Marshal
W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Byron C. Jenkins	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Wayne G. Luenenborg	Grand Tyler

M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN,
NEW GRAND MASTER

First, I must say, M. W. Brother John, I certainly enjoyed you being the Installing Grand Officer. I know from the wisdom and guidance that you have given me for a long, long time, that I will still be able to call on you for advice on problems that may arise. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your part in this ceremony. I also, would like to thank the rest of the Installing Officers, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester and M. W. Frank J. Mattoon. I should also like to thank the Organist for the music which accompanied the ceremony.

Well, the time has arrived. My wife accused me this morning, of arising kind of early. I didn't know that she would miss me, but she asked me if I was fully prepared for the task ahead and I assured her that I was. One of the nicest things a Grand Master, upon his installation could see, is the number of brothers, friends and relatives that are here to wish us well. I certainly appreciate the size of this crowd and it is indeed a vote of confidence under which I will be working for the coming year.

I would like to introduce at this time some of the people who are very close to me. I am very happy to have with me the one who shares my responsibilities day in and day out, my wife Virginia. Give her a hand. I am also very happy to have all of my children here today and I should like to present them. My daughter Jan from Indiana and her children. Aren't they a bunch of lovelies? My daughter from Toronto, Julie Johnson and her son Steven. He is not going to be interrupted, he is going to suck his thumb, I am sure of this. I am also very happy to have my son Steve with us. Steve, would you stand up? If I didn't recognize this next one, he would quit cutting my lawn for me, my son Todd.

My sister Fern and her husband Bob Little from Lyons. My sister Rae and her husband John Loisel, who came from Dallas, Texas. I also have my two loving aunts and it certainly is indeed a pleasure to present them. I would like at this time for my Aunt Lil (Mrs. Anderson) from West Point and my Aunt Irene (Mrs. Stiven from West Point) to stand and be recognized. We are glad to have you with us. Also present is Virginia's brother Gary Cram and his wife Mary Lou. I should like to present my nephew John Little and his wife Carol, who live in Lincoln. It is certainly a pleasure that all of you could be here and I am enjoying it thoroughly.

You know, I put in all my time previous to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, down in a little Lodge in Papillion. I think the Master, Paul F. Opocensky is here and I would like at this time for all the members of Papillion Lodge No. 39 to stand. It is very nice to have you with us. I also have an affiliation in The Order of Eastern Star, belonging to Luna Chapter No. 169 of Elkhorn. I know there are a number of the members of that Chapter present. Would they rise? I also have many friends in the adjacent Chapters and Lodges in the Omaha area, and I want to thank them very sincerely for coming to this installation ceremony.

During the coming year we will follow several of the steps which have grown with favor in the past couple of years. I am going to remind you that we will have more Grand Lodge visitations. We will also be receiving more of the Grand Lodge Officers as my personal representatives to these lodges. I think this plan worked out very well a couple of years ago and I intend to put it back into force. Any of the Past Grand Masters who are in attendance will be called to help and aid in projects.

We are also going to have a revival of the Masonic Area Educational meetings and we are going to work most strenuously in this portion of work during the coming year. As I said yesterday, we are alarmed a little bit at the losses in membership we have had in Nebraska, and while I don't think we can reverse the trend, it has to start someplace and perhaps we can get this turned around. As you know, this is going to be a very busy year from the standpoint of the Bi-Centennial celebrations that will be taking place all over the whole Nation. We intend to participate and we intend to work very hard at it. I, personally, think that the duty of the Grand Master lies with priority in his own Lodges. Therefore, I want to tell the Masters and Senior Wardens that if at all possible, I will make myself available for your services. They come ahead of anything else that transpires.

Yesterday, we received comments from one of the visiting dignitaries which influenced me very much. You recall, the talk given by Past Grand Master Ross from Illinois, when he referred to the mirror, he gave a very nice poem on reflections. If you can answer to the man in the mirror, you are performing a great deal of the job ahead of time. There is a passage in the Bible which says, "Judge yourself and you will not be judged." I would admonish you Masters, to judge yourselves and you will not be judged.

I received a little criticism the other day, and I should like to remind the Masters and Senior Wardens, that one of the things that we should be very cautious of after we have raised a new candidate, is try to pay as much attention to that candidate until you get him oriented in the work that you would expect him to do after his initiation. I think we are all derelict in our duties of initiating, passing and raising a candidate and then leaving him to shuffle for himself. I am certain that the Master of each Lodge can figure out something that he would like the candidate to do to aid that Lodge and by so doing you are going to have a much better Lodge member.

In closing, I want to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for working with me. It has certainly been a pleasure working with them, and I know that they will try to make my job as easy as they can. I also should thank our Junior Past Grand Master and Mary Lee for all the courtesies, all the help, all the guidance that they have given us in the past, not just one year but for several years.

Thank you Brother Don. I would like at this time for the Grand Lodge Officers to rise and I would like for you to introduce your wives. (Each Grand Lodge Officer then introduced his wife.)

Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for the part you have played in this Installation Ceremony. It certainly has been a most successful installation and we are as happy as I trust you are. For a Father's Day present, my wife and Tod got me a brand new desk, so that I can keep most of my things in order. I think she is trying to tell me something — get my correspondence off the kitchen counter.

PRESENTATION

A group from Omaha known as the Proficient Past Masters Shrine Club was present. They had about 40 members in attendance for the Installation Ceremony. They presented M. .W. . Harold Hultman, who is one of their members, with a "King" size gavel as a token of their esteem. This gavel was inscribed as follows: "M. .W. . Harold Hultman, Grand Master of Masons 1975-1976 Bi-Centennial". Of course, the plumb, square and level are on one side of the handle. On the other side of the handle are the 24 inch gauge, gavel and trowel.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN:

Thank you very much, Proficient Past Masters. It is always a pleasure to be with you and certainly I will enjoy this throughout the year and for many years to come.

JOHN H. BROWN, P. .G. .M. .

Will the Junior Past Grand Master, M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, approach the East? M. .W. . Brother Don, as Past Grand Master the Grand Lodge wants to be sure that you are properly decorated with this beautiful expression of appreciation for just some of the many things you have done for this Grand Lodge. We are proud of you, Don, and your accomplishments and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to place this Jewel on your lapel. Brother Don, you should be properly clothed. I didn't realize how beautiful these aprons are when they are brand new. This beautiful apron is also an expression of the Grand Lodge to you, Junior Past Grand Master, for the fine services you have rendered our Grand Lodge. It is just a small token of the real appreciation we feel for you. May I put it on you?

M. .W. . DONALD R. SWANSON, P. .G. .M. .:

M. .W. . Brother John asked me to say a few words. I am glad he limited me. M. .W. . Brother John, I thank you and the members of the Grand Lodge, Delegates and Past Grand Masters, for allowing me to serve the Grand Lodge in the capacity of Grand Master. Both Mary Lee and I enjoyed it thoroughly. We appreciated it. Thank you so much.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN:

The 119th Annual Communication will be in Omaha. We will convene at the New Tower and Peony Park in Omaha for 1976, on June 11th and 12th.

At 12 o'clock noon no further business appearing after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Harold Hillman

Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 13 and 14, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 15th day of July, 1975.

James W. Ralman

Grand Secretary

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS
 Who Have Attended Grand Lodge
 21 Years Or More

Benjamin F. Eyre 53 years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-30-31-32-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65- 66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73 -74 -75
Carl R. Greisen 52 years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73 -74-75
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Louis V. Sylvester 34 years	1942-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68- 69-70-71-72-73-74-75
Edward M. Knight 33 years	1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53- 54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-66-67-69- 70-71-72-73-75
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William C. Schaper 32 years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64- 67-68-69-70
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E. Forrest Estes 29 years	1943-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-69-71-73- 74-75
Ralph R. Carleton 28 years	1941-42-47-48-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72- -73-74-75
Arthur Anderson 28 years	1942-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-57-58-59- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73

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MEMORY OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE
PASSED BEYOND THE VEIL.

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

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th) 1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th) 1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th) 1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th) 1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th) 1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th) 1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th) 1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st) 1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd) 1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd) 1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th) 1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th) 1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th) 1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th) 1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th) 1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th) 1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th) 1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st) 1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd) 1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd) 1928
Ira C. Freet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th) 1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th) 1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th) 1931
Edwin B. Johnstor	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th) 1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th) 1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th) 1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th) 1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st) 1935
Chancellor A. Phillips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd) 1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd) 1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th) 1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th) 1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th) 1940
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th) 1943
Roscoe Pound	July 1, 1964	54	(Honorary) 1949
Elmer E. Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd) 1948
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th) 1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th) 1950
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th) 1953
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295	(92nd) 1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd) 1958
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th) 1972

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

EDWARD F. CARTER, 201	.....	(77th)	..1941
1615 Skyline Dr., Lincoln 68506			
GEORGE A. KURK, 54	.....	(78th)	..1942
Plum Tree Convalescent Hospital, 16060 Samaritan Way, San Jose, Ca. 95214			
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER, 148	.....	(80th)	..1944-1945
345 South 10th Avenue, Broken Bow 68822			
BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1	.....	(81st)	..1946
2607 No. 93rd, Apt. 3, Omaha 68134			
EDWARD HUWALDT, 318	.....	(82nd)	..1947
Lakeview Nursing Home, Grand Island 68801			
THOMAS J. ARON, 37	.....	(86th)	..1951
Crete State Bank, Crete 68333			
EDWARD M. KNIGHT, 183	.....	(87th)	..1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301			
CHARLES F. ADAMS, 68	.....	(89th)	..1954
Box 167, Aurora 68818			
HERBERT T. WHITE, 11	.....	(90th)	..1955
Florence Heights Village Nursing Home 3220 Scott, Omaha 68112			
MERLE M. HALE, 54	.....	(91st)	..1956
1915 D, Lincoln 68502			
JOSEPH C. TYE, 46	.....	(94th)	..1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847			
JOHN F. FUTCHER, 302	.....	(95th)	..1960
5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104			
HERBERT A. RONIN, 210	.....	(96th)	..1961
Court House, Lincoln 68508			
ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249	.....	(97th)	..1962
802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138			
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227	.....	(99th)	..1964
State Capitol, Lincoln 68509			
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281	.....	(100th)	..1965
801 S. 52nd, #2105, Omaha 68106			
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19	.....	(101st)	..1966
1811 1st National Bank Bldg., Lincoln 68502			

- JOHN A. BOTTORF, 49. (102nd) . . 1967
 Sutton 68979
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN, 72. (103rd) . . 1968
 201 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
- HUGH W. EISENHART, 150 (104th) . . 1969
 Box 250 Cambridge, 69022
- JOHN H. BROWN, 1 (105th) . . 1970
 2506 No. 55, Omaha 68104
- RUSSELL L. FICKES, 33 (106th) . . 1971
 1022 West 8th St. Grand Island 68801
- FRANK J. MATTOON, 75. (108th) . . 1973
 2613 El Rancho Rd. Sidney 69162
- DONALD R. SWANSON, 54 (109th) . . 1974
 1615 So. 44th, Lincoln 68506
- CARL R. GREISEN, 32 (HONORARY) . . 1966
 Box 68, Boone, 68625

GRAND SECRETARIES

- *GEORGE ARMSTRONG Sept. 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 Oct. 27, 1869
- *ROBERT W. FURNAS Oct. 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
- *Deceased

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New Hampshire	Robert H. Danelson	Box 299, Concord, 03301
New Jersey	Edward Rainey	P.O. Box 544 Burlington, N. J. 08016
New Mexico	Ronald A. Brinkman	P.O. Box 25004, Albuquerque 87125
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Peru	Jamie Dorich	Box 587, Lima
Philippines	Esteban Munarriz	1440 San Marcelino, Manila
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ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55 *1
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56 *2
Capitol	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57 *3
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
Omaha	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Falls City	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
Orient	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
Peru	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Fremont	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Washington	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
Papillion	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 1, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	April 30, 85...	June 24, 85
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Custer	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
Hartington	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
Trestle Board	" 162	Brook.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
Unity	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
Barneston	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Amity	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
Mason City	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
Justice	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
Faith	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
Alliance	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89
Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Granite	No. 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	February 18, 89	June 20, 89
Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	August 7, 89	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 89	June 20, 90
Signet	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	September 3, 89	June 20, 90
Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21, 89	June 20, 90
Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 89	June 20, 90
Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 89	June 20, 90
Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	July 20, 89	June 18, 91
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 90	June 18, 91
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 90	June 18, 91
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	August 29, 90	June 18, 91
Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 90	June 18, 91
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 90	June 18, 91
Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31, 91	June 18, 91
Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	September 4, 91	June 16, 92
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5, 91	June 16, 92
Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27, 91	June 16, 92
Plumblin	" 214	Adams	Gage	November 17, 91	June 15, 93
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	July 16, 92	June 15, 93
Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18, 92	June 15, 93
Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	December 7, 92	June 15, 93
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18, 93	June 15, 93
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19, 93	June 15, 93
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21, 93	June 15, 93
Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22, 92	June 21, 94

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93...	June 21, 94
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93...	June 21, 94
North Star	" 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94...	June 13, 95
John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95...	June 10, 96
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95...	June 17, 97
Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00...	June 7, 00
Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
George Washington	" 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
Hickman	" 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Ornan	No. 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
Silver	" 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
James A. Tullevs	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10...	June 6, 11
Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11...	June 4, 12
Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12...	June 4, 13
Florence	" 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
Seneca	" 284	Theedford.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13...	June 9, 14
Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15
Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14...	June 8, 15
Diamond	" 291	Orehard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14...	June 8, 15
Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17	June 5, 18
Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17	June 5, 18
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17	June 5, 18
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18	June 5, 18
Bavard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18	June 5, 18
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18	June 4, 19
Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20	June 8, 21
Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20	June 8, 21
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21	June 8, 21
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lyneh.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21	June 7, 22
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22	June 5, 23
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25	June 10, 25
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36	June 8, 37
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55	June 8, 55
Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55	June 6, 56
Shiloh	" 327	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 3, 65	June 10, 66
Miloma	" 328	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 19, 72	June 28, 72

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

Name of Lodge	Location
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.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.
 Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.
 Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.
 Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.
 Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.
 Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.
 Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.
 Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.
 Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.
 Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.
 Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.
 Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.
 Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.
 Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.
 Tuscan Lodge No. 130 with Composite No. 81, Feb. 9, 1963.
 Delta Lodge No. 230 with Albion No. 78, Jan. 1, 1965.
 Jewel Lodge No. 149 with Geneva No. 79, Sept. 9, 1966.
 Valley Lodge No. 157 with Beaver City No. 93, Mar. 8, 1966.
 Ruskin Lodge No. 304 with Nelson No. 77, Sept. 23, 1966.
 Morning Star Lodge No. 197 with Stromsburg No. 126, Dec. 9, 1967.
 Cornerstone Lodge No. 247 with Plainview No. 204, Dec. 12, 1967.
 Kenesaw Lodge No. 144 with Midwest No. 317, Jan. 13, 1968.
 Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 with Midwest No. 317, Mar. 19, 1968.
 Pioneer Lodge No. 322 with Oasis No. 271, Apr. 10, 1969.
 Square & Compass No. 212 with Thistle No. 61, Apr. 20, 1969.

- Hope No. 29 with Nemaha Valley No. 4, Sept. 9, 1969.
Elm Creek No. 133 with James A. Tulleys No. 267, Mar. 17, 1970.
Naphthali No. 206 with Fairbury No. 35, Mar. 24, 1970.
Alexander No. 74 with Hebron No. 43, Sept. 10, 1970.
Pythagoras No. 156 with Diamond No. 291, Dec. 4, 1970.
Grace No. 226 with Jachin No. 146, May 11, 1971.
Wolbach No. 292 with St. Paul No. 82, Dec. 23, 1971.
Tyrian No. 243 with Nelson No. 77, June 9, 1972.
Mystic Tie No. 166 with Trowel No. 71, June 12, 1972.
Roman Eagle No. 203 with Bancroft No. 145, Jan. 8, 1973
Amethyst No. 190 with Cable No. 225, Apr. 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179 with Utica No. 96, Apr. 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84 With Clay Centre No. 139, Jan. 24, 1974.
Ramah No. 275 with Elwood No. 167, Febr. 14, 1974.
Sterling No. 70 with Tecumseh No. 17, Febr. 23, 1974.
Mt. Hermon No. 231 with Tecumseh No. 17, April 15, 1974.
Winnebago No. 309 with Olive Branch No. 274, Dec. 3, 1974.
Temple No. 175 with Tecumseh No. 17, Mar. 26, 1975.
Beemer No. 253 with Wisner No. 114, June 18, 1975.

NAME & LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 - Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff.	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 - Plattsmouth.	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First.	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses.	July 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco.	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107 - Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe.	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 - Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 - Dorchester.	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 - Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 - Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 - Johnson.	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup.	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Parallel No. 152 - Liberty	January 2, 1940
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 - Areadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller.	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard.	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek.	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260 - Springview.	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley	June 7, 1939
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter.	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 - Cowles	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe.	December 15, 1964
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan	May 12, 1966

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Hubert P. Key	Birmingham	Feb. 3, 1960	Alabama	John W. McLane, 150	Cambridge	Aug. 7, 1969
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alherta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Hastings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo		Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	Apr. 13, 1949	Arizona	Erwin J. Imig, 38	Seward	Aug. 6, 1960
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Bevin B. Bump, 158	Chadron	July 1, 1974
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 21, 1965
Reue Desgaign		Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Nov. 6, 1962
			Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Dec. 1, 1963
			Brasilia	Alfred G. Bates, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia	Frank I. Vlasak, 119	North Bend	July 6, 1972
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E. Brunton, 222	Herman	
			Brazil, Matto Grasso	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	Brewster	
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
D.M. De Vasconcelos Lobo		June 26, 1974	Brazil, Goias	Harry L. Scheffel, 91	Oakland	July 1, 1974
Francisco Bezrea Frota		Aug. 1, 1969	Brazil, Maranhao			
Oscar de Paula Assis	Rio de Janeiro	Oct. 25, 1973	Brazil, Guanabaro	Earl N. Hanel, 318	Grand Island	July 6, 1982
Ewald Helmuth Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Jose Agular E. Silva	Para	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Para	Gerak A. Moller, 15	Fremont	Dec. 10, 1968
Joao Bento	Paraiba	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Habib Chehade Jeha	Parana	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1968
Jose Aquinar E. Silva	Pernambuco	Oct. 22, 1968	Brazil, Pernambuco	Mannie O. Hansen, 1	Omaha	1974
Francisco X.G. Maciel		Apr. 29, 1974	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr. 65	Oseola	July 1, 1974
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Clyde D. Worrall, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
A.G. Mitchell		Apr. 13, 1965	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Harold Loewenthal	Eureka	Apr. 23, 1969	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	June 26, 1958
F.W. Nance Kivell		Dec. 16, 1965	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	July 22, 1937
Jorge A. Wachholtz		Jan. 10, 1962	Chile	David O. Kipling, 281	Omaha	June 4, 1971
TzeTsing Tuan	Taiwan	Sept. 14, 1962	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	Apr. 13, 1960
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Henry E. Olsen, 54	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
			Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 23, 1943
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Connecticut	Arnold F. Mains, 15	Fremont	Dec. 13, 1968
Vincent Vernon	Collinsville	Mar. 18, 1969	Costa Rica			
Carlos Miranda		Oct. 22, 1968	Cuba in Exile	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
V.H.F.E. Gracia		Nov. 5, 1952	Delaware	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
Paul E. Ellis		Jan. 28, 1971	Denmark	Alton S. Mofe, 183	Alliance	Dec. 2, 1968
Knud V. Raude		Sept. 23, 1971	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Godfrey L. Munter		May 6, 1969	Ecuador	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
F.G. Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	England	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	Dec. 2, 1968
Sir Knox Cunningham		Dec. 29, 1970	Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
Kalle Putkisto	Helsinki	Dec. 15, 1969	Florida	Bryon C. Jenkins, 325	Bellevue	Aug. 8, 1966
Wm. C. Mitchell		June 23, 1970	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	J. Dallas Gibson, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
			Germany	Alfred G. Wurst, 59	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
John M. McClurd	Aschoffenburg	May 13, 1969	Greece			
Wolfgang Durst	Athens	Sept. 24, 1975	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
Geo. Sakellorou		Apr. 10, 1954	Iceland	John Nelson	Lincoln	
Angel G. Guzman	Helgafell	Aug. 13, 1963	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Bjarne Bjarnason	Kendrich	Jan. 7, 1953				
Eugene Taylor		Nov. 9, 1966				

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Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Warren W. Kelley, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
Herbert Newman	South Bend	Dec. 4, 1974	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Omaha	May 21, 1959
H.J. Engineer	Bombay	Aug. 7, 1963	India	Warren K. Urbom, 314	Lincoln	Sept. 7, 1966
James E. Weir	Dublin	June 19, 1970	Iran	Joel N. Lindquist, 1	Omaha	June 4, 1971
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1965	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Maurizio Segre	Rome	Feb. 9, 1967	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Yasuhiko Ide			Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Richard K. Hart	Topeka	Jan. 6, 1964	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Kansas			
Philip O. McLaughlin		Jan. 23, 1961	Kentucky	Harold C. Wurdeman, 323	Columbus	July 1, 1974
			Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 23, 1958
			Luxembourg	Stuart A. Johnson, 169	Rushville	Mar. 21, 1968
Robert M. Fletcher		Dec. 15, 1970	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Omaha	Aug. 7, 1969
Clarence V. Antenburg	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	Harry N. Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 12, 1962
Clifford S. Hubbard		Apr. 19, 1961	Maryland	Henry L. Rood, 59	Wahoo	July 6, 1972
James E. Roy	Worcester	Aug. 30, 1964	Massachusetts			
George Sanfor	Mexico City	Aug. 8, 1969	Mexico York Grand Lodge	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	John H. Brown, 1	Omaha	Nov. 1, 1965
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Wm. W. Widstrand	St. Paul	Feb. 9, 1972	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Wm. R. Robbins	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 327	Omaha	June 3, 1964
J.R.P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 21, 1965
J.F.A. Graycnberch		Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Lee Griswold	Eureka	Aug. 5, 1968	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth R. Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Ellis W. Howard	Littleton	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire			
Robert W. Emery	Old Bridge	Sept. 15, 1972	New Jersey	John F. Futeher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Gordon Ross	Mallam	June 26, 1974	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Wm. Cahn	Lido Beach	Dec. 30, 1971	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr. 314	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
T. W. Pairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand		Lincoln	1973
			Nicaragua	Donald R. Swanson, 54	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Nathaniel C. Dean		July 26, 1965	North Carolina	Paul D. Fleming, 83	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Calvin E. Rustad	Grand Forks	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
Han Oluf Lorentzen	Oslo	March 2, 1971	Norway	S.F. Torgeson, 294	Kimball	1973
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	Grand Island	Dec. 2, 1968
Juan L. Arocha	Monterray	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Robert W. Boon, 33	Grand Island	Mar. 6, 1967
E. L. Galbraith		Apr. 23, 1969	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guymon	July 23, 1963	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1964	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Dec. 4, 1968
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 13, 1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Carlos Pena	Lima	Sept. 1, 1972	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 254	Bassett	Aug. 4, 1971
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	Lincoln	June 7, 1969
Allan C. Jenkins	Summerside	April 8, 1971	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. D. Lightbourn	Fajardo	Aug. 3, 1966	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	Omaha	June 4, 1971
T. H. Whitman	Quebec	Aug. 3, 1966	Quebec	E. Forrest Estes, 19	Lincoln	July 6, 1972
W. R. Gailey	Queensland	Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Gaylord C. Wright	Regina	Apr. 13, 1965	Saskatchewan	Robert E. Lund, 323	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962

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William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	Scotland	Gerald V. Inslee, 148	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
George C. Hobson	Bogota	Dec. 3, 1968	Southern Africa	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
Pafael F. Moreno			South America Colombia			
M. D. J. C. Navarro		Aug. 25, 1969	South America Dominicana	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	Scotia	Aug. 7, 1969
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	South Australia	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
Rhoden D. Batson	Greenville	July 6, 1971	South Carolina	U. Wesley Fox, 192	Kilgore	July 6, 1972
Lawrence J. Larson	Sioux Falls	June 17, 1971	South Dakota	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	Wayne W. Reese, 54	Lincoln	July 1, 1974
Eric C. Monk	Zurich	Feb. 24, 1967	Switzerland	Homer C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
German Barrera	Victoria	Aug. 27, 1970	Tamlaupias	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
J. Turner Williams	Nashville	Oct. 28, 1968	Tennessee	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	Oakdale	Aug. 27, 1963
Attila Atli	Istanbul	Dec. 29, 1971	Turkey			
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah	Carl E. Diers, 106	Loup City	July 6, 1972
David A. Smith	Shelburne	May 16, 1962	Vermont	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Malcolm L. Wilkinson	Tacoma	April 14, 1971	Washington	Ward McGlashan, 180	Benkelman	Dec. 10, 1968
F. G. Hatcher		Dec. 17, 1960	West Australia	Willard I. Lewis, Jr. 9	Falls City	Mar. 15, 1960
J. K. Ferguson		Sept. 28, 1961	West Virginia	Harold Hultman	Elkhorn	
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin			

THE ROLL OF ASSISTANT 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 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	L. S. Moe, 15.....1877
John Reed, 2.....1871	Roland H. Oakley, 19.....1877
Robert W. Furnas, 4.....1871	James R. Cain, 9.....1877
D. F. Powell, 3.....1871	Albert K. Marsh, 49.....1877
A. Atkinson, 3.....1871	Jess T. Davis, 21.....1877
H. O. Hanna, 9.....1872	Charles H. Willard, 21....1878
Milton E. Pinney, 2.....1873	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....1879
William B. Wharton, 12...1875	Marshall Smith, 2.....1878
Edward K. Valentine, 27..1875	James McNaughton, 4....1879
Newton R. Persinger, 36...1876	Joseph H. McConnel, 32...1879
David K. Hume, 3.....1876	Edward F. Thorp, 2.....1879
Hiram C. Ryder, 37.....1876	George W. Mowrey, 50....1880
Frederick N. Dick, 32....1876	Charles A. Holmes, 17....1880
George W. Lininger, 3....1877	

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 "assistants" 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 Custodians". The following brethren appeared in the records as "assistant custodians" or at times as "Deputy Custodians."

*Samuel S. Whiting, 54....1910	*Ira C. Freet, 56.....1913
*Walter W. Wells, 192....1910	*Benjamin Wood, 210.....1913
*Ensign J. Rix, 55.....1910	*Edward M. Wellman, 1....1913
*James D. Phillips, 93....1910	*Charles A. Eyre, 268.....1913
*Frederick L. Wolff, 135...1910	*Earl M. Bolen, 130.....1914
*Fred A. Howe, 119.....1910	*Frank L. Haycock, 207...1914
*Robert B. Walker, 170....1912	*George A. Stevens, 158...1914
*Frank W. Farrand, 36....1913	*Levi D. Phipps, 31.....1916

- *Alfred G. Hunt, 33 1916
 *Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 . . . 1916
 *Walter W. Wells, 192 1917
 *Orville A. Andrews, 19 . . . 1917
 *Barclay M. Hickman, 38 . . 1916
 *Andrew H. Viele, 55 1917
 *Walter W. Wells 1917
 *Maro C. Shipherd, 15 1920
 *Vinsent S. Ramsey, 205 . . . 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
 *I. 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 . . 1932
 Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . 1932
 *Ward B. Schrack, 46 1933
 *Byron S. Peterson, 25 1933
 *Raymond C. Cook, 6 1933
 *Ray B. Bottorf, 33 1933
 *Wallace E. Linn, 1 1934
 *Jesse P. Entriken, 295 1934
 Harold 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 . . . 1945
 *Irving S. Johnson, 148 1946
 *LaVerne A. Walker, 55 . . . 1946
 Ernest E. James, 1 1948
 *Frank A. Anderson, 17 1949
 *Robert W. Cook, 33 1949
 Paul D. Fleming, 93 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, 321 . . 1956
 Mathias E. Mael, 173 1956
 Frank H. Smith, 301 1957
 *Ward V. Whitaker, 310 1957
 Richard L. Ely, 128 1957
 Asa J. Farnham, 106 1958
 Robert B. Conrad, 125 . . . 1958
 Winston C. Swanson 1958
 *Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210 . . 1959
 *Edmund D. Shaw, 254 . . . 1959
 Harry N. Ahl, 112 1959
 Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148 . . . 1960
 Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 1960
 T. Leo Stines, 36 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, 71 1962
 Stuart A. Johnson, 169 . . . 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, 318	1965
Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
Ralph W. Gerry, 281	1965
Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
Nelson W. Rittenberg, 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, 161	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
John C. Sierks, 4	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171	1969
David O. Kipling, 281	1970
Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
E. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254	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, 217	1975
Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975
Ralph E. McNutty, 188	1975
Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975

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."

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."

Knight Templar commence their era with the organization of the order, Anno Ordinis, (A. .O. .) "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 Beneficio, (A. .Beo. .) "In the year of the blessing."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used. Anno Mundi, (A. .M. .) "In the year of the world."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1975 and 4,000 — 5975.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1975 and 530 — 2505.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1975 and 1,000 — 2975.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1975 — 857.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1975 — 3888.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1975 and 3,760 — 5735.

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