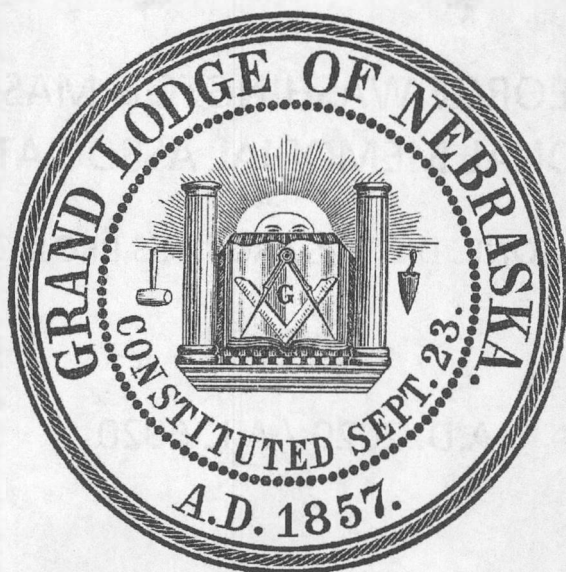


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**MASONS**  
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PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

*One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Communication of the*

GRAND LODGE

*of the*

Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity  
of Free and Accepted Masons  
of Nebraska



*Peony Park  
Omaha, Nebraska  
June 11 and 12, 1976*

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1976

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
FIRST EMERGENT COMMUNICATION  
HELD AT

Falls City, Nebraska - - June 17, 1975

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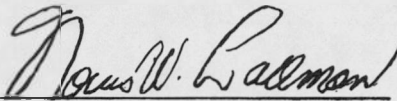
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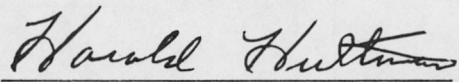
Present were M. W. Harold Hultman, Grand Master; Past Grand Masters, Merle M. Hale, Norris W. Lallman, Lewis R. Ricketts, Louis V. Sylvester. Grand Lodge officer present was W. Ralph W. Gerry. Also present were many members of Falls City Lodge No. 9 and surrounding Lodges.

Funeral services were held in the Mortuary in Falls City, after which the Masonic services were conducted by W. Brother Ralph W. Gerry who delivered the oration.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Attest:

  
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Grand Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Master



*Harold Hultman*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1975 - 1976



# *Biographical*



## *Harold Hultman*

Harold Hultman was born November 22, 1917 in Burt County, Nebraska, near Oakland, Nebraska, the son of Frank C. and Cynthia Borg Hultman. In a few years he moved to the Lyons area where he graduated from High School in 1935. He entered Wayne State in 1936 at Wayne and graduated in 1940.

He was married to Virginia Cram of Tekamah in 1940 and were blessed with two daughters, Janelle and Julie and two sons, Steven and Todd.

After a few years of teaching and coaching High School at Millard, Nebraska, he entered the Navy Reserve in 1944-46 and served as a Communication Officer in Hawaii. He returned to Millard Public Schools in 1946 as Superintendent of Schools for the next two years, when he entered into the Securities Business. Presently he is a Vice-President of Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood and Company, manager of the Omaha Office which he opened in 1967.

### MASONIC RECORD

LODGE - - Initiated, passed and raised in Papillion Lodge No. 39, and served as Worshipful Master in 1964. He was appointed a Trustee of The Nebraska Masonic Home in 1969 and has served as Chairman of The Building and Grounds Committee since that time to the present. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1970 by M. .W. . John H. Brown. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Omaha Consistory and was made a KCCH in December, 1975. He is also a member of all the York Rite Bodies in Omaha.

He belongs to Tangier Temple in Omaha, and is a member of Luna Chapter No. 169, O.E.S. at Elkhorn. In 1974 he was made an Honorary Member of Legion of Honour Order of DeMolay.

### CIVIC RECORD

He was Charter President of Millard Lions Club in 1947048. President of the Omaha Concord Club in 1963. Currently he is

State School Board and a Trustee of The Nebraska Childrens Home in Omaha.

M. W. Brother Harold Hultman has served as Grand Master with credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity. His, naturally, calm and friendly approach to the responsibilities of the office has endeared him in the hearts and minds of the brethren throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska. His dedication and devotion to the fraternity has profited Nebraska Masonry wherever it took him.

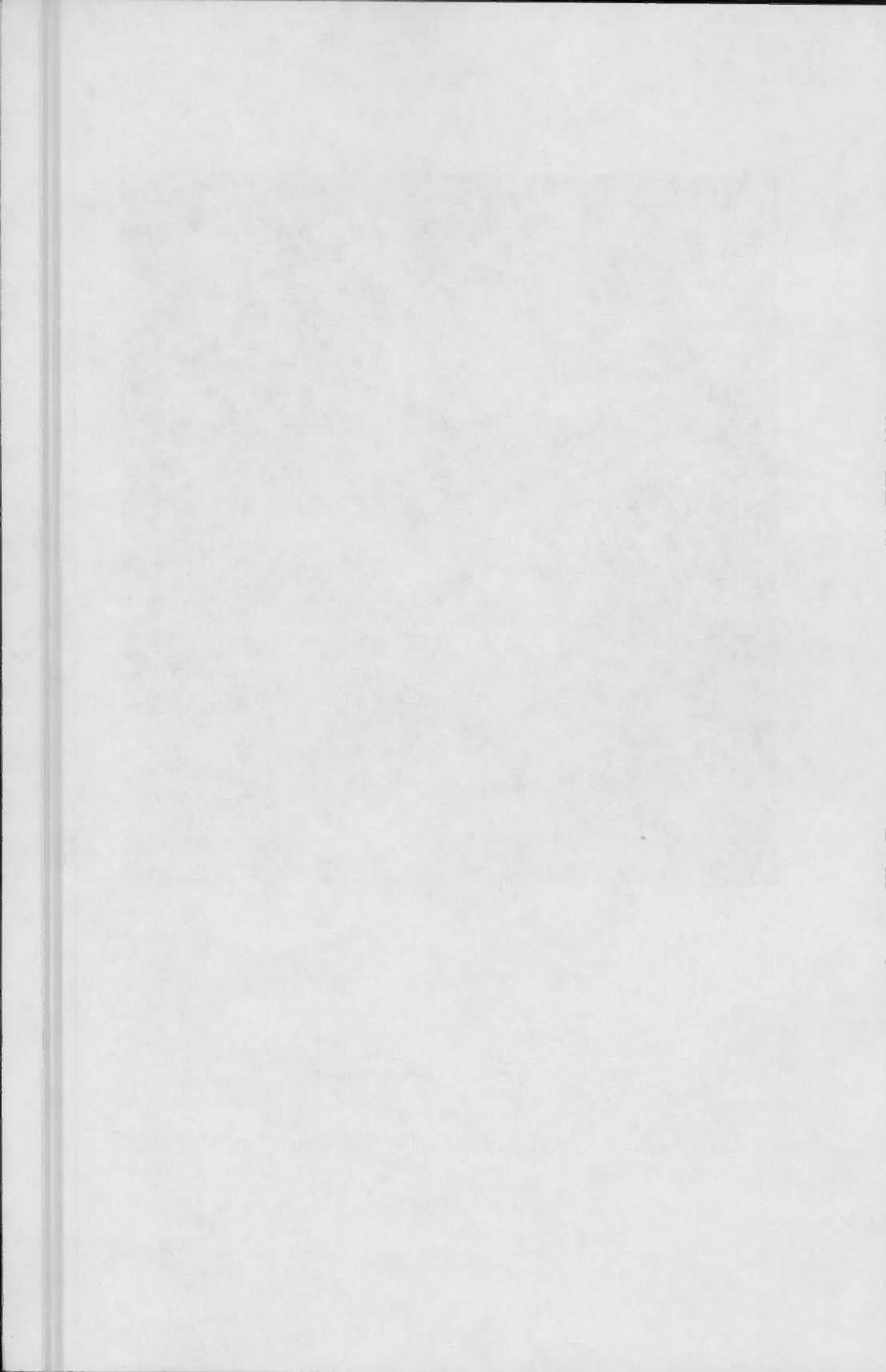




*G. Leo Stines*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1976 - 1977



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
SECOND EMERGENT COMMUNICATION  
HELD AT

Omaha, Nebraska - - October 14, 1975

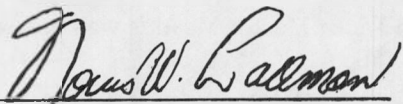
An Emergent Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. was held at the Masonic Temple of Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., for the purpose of conducting funeral services for M. W. Brother Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

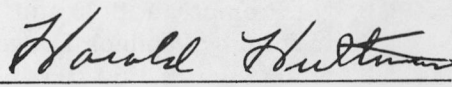
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Present were: M. W. Harold Hultman, Grand Master; Past Grand Masters; Merle M. Hale, Harry A. Spencer, Lewis R. Ricketts, John H. Brown, Norris W. Lallman, Louis V. Sylvester, Joseph C. Tye, and Carl R. Greisen, Honorary Past Grand Master. Grand Lodge officers present: Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Wade Sheppard, Ralph W. Gerry, Byron Jenkins. A very large number of members of Covert Lodge No. 11 and other Omaha Lodges were also present.

Memorial services were conducted for our Brother by the Brethren of Covert Lodge No. 11 and by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., with the time honored ceremonies of the Fraternity. W. Brother Wade Sheppard, Grand Historian, delivered the oration. Burial rites were held at Cairo, Nebraska at 11:30 a.m. on October 15, 1975.

Attest:

  
Grand Secretary

  
Grand Master

PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

*ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ANNUAL  
COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Omaha, June 11 and 12, 1975.*

*FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION*

*Friday, June 11, 1976*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at Peony Park, Omaha at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 11, A.D. 1976, A.L. 5976.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. .W. .Harold Hultman, 39 .....Grand Master  
R. .W. .T. Leo Stines, 36 .....Deputy Grand Master  
R. .W. .Alfred B. Saum, 46 .....Grand Senior Warden  
R. .W. .Jack H. Hendrix, 174 .....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. .Wade E. Sheppard, 303 .....Grand Historian  
W. .Ralph W. Gerry, 281 .....Grand Custodian  
W. .Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 .....Grand Marshal  
W. .Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314 .....Grand Senior Deacon  
W. .Byron C. Jenkins, 325 .....Grand Junior Deacon  
W. .Wayne W. Luenenborg, 39.....Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Papillion Lodge No. 39, A. .F. .&A. .M. .

M. .W. . Harold Hultman, 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 119th 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. Calvary Commandery No. 1, K.T.

Following the seating of the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was given. W. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 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. Fitcher.....	(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
Donald R. Swanson .....	(109th)....	1974
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; Edward Huwaldt.

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

## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MISSOURI: R. W. Frank A. Arnold, Grand Secretary and Personal Representative of M. W. Lewis (Wes) C. Cook, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri.

IOWA: M. W. Gordon C. Hascall, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa.

KANSAS: M. W. Ralph D. Walker, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas.

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. W. Walter W. Johnson, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Arthur W. Galligher, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

NEBRASKA: R. E. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Secretary - Recorder, York Rite Bodies; M. E. Harry A. Tollander, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; M. I. Wayne L. Campbell, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M.; Sir Knight Raymond A. Lancaster, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T.; Dr. Robert Bass, 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; W. Walter Miller, Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay, W. Edwin G. Mortensen, Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite of Omaha, W. Edward H. Lockwood, Organist, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for Nebraska.

M. W. Harold Hultman welcomed the Distinguished Guests with words of thanks for honoring our Communication.

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY  
GRAND CUSTODIANS

M. W. Harold Hultman, 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

Paul D. Fleming, 93 .....	1949
Willard I. Lewis, Jr. 9 .....	1955
Harry N. Ahl, 112.....	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222.....	1961
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
Herman O. Hansen, 3 .....	1970
D. Wayne Erickson, 146 .....	1970
Walter S. Cork, 75.....	1970
Richard L. Mauch, 254 .....	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. McNulty, 188 .....	1975
Don L. McCoy, 11.....	1975
Everett K. Dappen, 265 .....	1975
Alfred V. Peltzer, 148 .....	1975
Ben D. Fussell, 79 .....	1976
Victor D. Hunt, 62 .....	1976

## 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  
 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  
 Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191  
 Harold D. Weddel, 61  
 Gordon Chard, 240

## ROBERT BASS, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, O.E.S.

M. W. Brother Harold, Distinguished Guests, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge. It is my distinct honor and privilege to extend to you fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska. Our Grand Master has just about completed his log of many miles serving Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Each mile was filled with pleasant memories and satisfaction of achievement in his exercise of brotherly love, belief and truth. He has added a corner-stone to the spirit of Freemasonry in Nebraska, honoring this Grand Lodge by his leadership.

M. W. Sir, the Grand Chapter presents this floral bouquet in token of its love, esteem and best wishes as you direct this Grand Communication. Additionally, we, in the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters, would like to share some small part in carrying for our Sisters and Brothers at The Nebraska Masonic Home, and so present you with this check in the amount of \$3,000 for that purpose.

## M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, very much, W. Brother Robert, would you carry the greetings from this Communication back to the Order of The Eastern Star and sincerely thank them for the appreciation that they have shown with this gratuity. Thank you very much.

M. W. Ralph D. Walker, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas, brought greetings from the Distinguished Guests.



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. W. Harold Hultman, 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. There were 52 Grand Representatives present.

M. W. Harold Hultman, presented the following brethren with their Grand Representatives Commission: Glenn F. Sperry, Sidney H. Bliton, Kenneth N. Parke, Eugene Sibley, Edgar Brede-meier and Wade E. Sheppard.

Response given by M. W. John F. Futcher, Past Grand Master.

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

M. W. Grand Master, we who are representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, North America and the World near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, appreciate your warm welcome in this Communication. We, all of us, wish you a very fruitful Communication and a very happy retirement. Thank you.

The Worshipful Masters of each subordinate lodge were escorted to the East and they were presented with a ball point pen as a gift from the Grand Master.

M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

At this time, I would like to introduce Worshipful Brother Roland McKinsey, Master Mizpah Lodge No. 302, who will greet us with his welcome.

W. ROLAND MCKINSEY, MASTER, MIZPAH No. 302:

M. W. Sir, Distinguished Brethren, visiting guests, my brothers all: It is an honor and pleasure for me to welcome our visitors from other states to this 119th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska. The people in Nebraska are well known for their friendliness and hospitality. We sincerely hope that your stay will be pleasant and enjoyable. On behalf of the Omaha area lodges, I extend a hearty welcome to all our Nebraska brethren who are attending this meeting. We are proud that we were chosen to host this Grand Lodge meeting during this Bi-Centennial year of 1976. Masons have had a prominent roll in this country's history from its very beginning. Many signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons. Fourteen members of our Fraternity have served this country as President. Many famous civic and military leaders have been Masons. Therefore, we as Masons should be proud of our heri-

tage and join our Nation in celebration in its 200th birthday. Brethren, let us all remember that Masons meet on the square, act by the plumb, part upon the square, may this meeting proceed with peace and harmony prevailing and all our actions be for the good to Masonry. Thank you.

M. W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

I would like to ask, at this time, that Worshipful Brother Gary Cram of Pilot Lodge No. 240, Lyons, Nebraska give the Response.

W. . GARY CRAM, MASTER, PILOT NO. 240

M. W. . Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and brethren all. Worshipful Brother George Iverson of Fremont Lodge No. 15, in giving the response a year ago, commented to those of us who were Senior Wardens, that to get a job like this you have to be in the right place at the right time. I just want to say, that back in 1940 when I became a brother-in-law of the Grand Master, I consider that as 36 years ago to qualify and being at the right place at the right time. It is of special significance to the Grand Master and myself that we hold our offices, not only the same year, but during our country's Bi-Centennial year. We are provided a special opportunity of holding Bi-Centennial celebrations in all of our lodges. It is a time to reflect upon our heritage of America and Masons, it is a time to invite our youth to participate in and attend these celebrations, that they might become more knowledgeable and appreciative of past generations. And it is a time to renew our efforts in the further continuance of freedom in Freemasonry throughout our land.

In the roll of promoters for Masonry, perhaps we might become more appreciative of our own product, more steadfast in holding to the faith of our Father and forefathers and more alert in resisting those who would take our freedoms from us. Every Nation, I am sure would like to congratulate the Grand Lodge Officers for their efforts in promoting these Bi-Centennial celebrations and Freemasonry throughout Nebraska.

M. W. . Grand Master, I am honored that you asked me to give the Response for all the lodges. We are pleased to attend the Grand Lodge here in Omaha on behalf of all Masons in Nebraska. We wish this to be a most successful 119th Annual Communication. Thank you very much.

## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

- APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENTS: W. Donald R. White, 327, Chairman; W. Kenneth P. Lott, 184; W. Amos H. Campbell, 184.
- APPROPRIATIONS: W. Walter E. Truex, 55 (1973), Chairman; W. Paul Eveland, 119 (1977); W. Harry A. Tollander, 281, (1975); W. Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1976); W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1979).
- CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS: W. Charles W. Jacobs, 325, Chairman; W. John W. Laughlin, 327; W. Keith Hatfield, 227.
- CODIFICATION OF THE LAW: W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; W. Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210; W. Joseph N. Lindquist, 1.
- CREDENTIALS: W. Glenn F. Sperry, 139, Chairman; W. William W. Steen, 280, W. Albert B. Osborn, 318; W. Gary L. Powell, 19; W. Eugene Monasmith, 46.
- DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; W. Duane F. Mau, 49, W. Kenneth D. Beebe, 119.
- ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman; M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281.
- BI-CENTENNIAL, FOR REMAINDER OF 1976: W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; W. Charles W. Amidon, 281; W. Olen A. Brake, 26; W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112, W. L. Harold Parker, 36.
- FINANCE: W. Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1976) Chairman; W. LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1977); W. J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1975); Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); W. 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. John A. Bottorf, 49.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33; W. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10.
- GRAND LODGE OFFICE: M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1980) Chairman; W. Douglas D. Duey, 59, (1976); Harold C. Wurde- man, 323, (1977); Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1979).

- GRAND TRUSTEES: M. .W. . John F. Futcher, 302, (1976) Chairman; W. . Robert A. Wekesser, 54, (1979); Frank F. 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. . 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), Chairman; W. . James A. Bradley, 1 (1976); W. . Earl W. Schultz, 75, (1979); W. . Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978); W. . Robert L. Little, 240, (1980).
- 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), Chairman; M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1978); M. .W. . Frank J. Mattoon, 75, (1977).
- YOUTH COMMITTEE: W. . Wayne J. Pauley, 19, Chairman; W. . William G. Hurst, 54; W. . Robert W. Bell, 184.

### 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, this 119th Annual Communication. I hereby present a written address setting forth all of my official acts as Grand Master during the past year. May I remind you our Grand Lodge is made up of three top officers of each of our 242 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. As a result of this authority, there also must be an accountability with the responsibilities thereof. I extend to all of you a very warm welcome to this, the 119th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge at Peony Park and trust you will be most attentive to the duties we are here to perform. May the decisions you will be required to make be for the good of Masonry for all concerned.

To our distinguished guests, I am delighted with your presence. We trust you will enjoy your visit with us and perhaps share ideas that are most beneficial for Masonry wherever we are. May this Communication, held on our Bi-Centennial of the founding of our nation, be full of enrichment for you to make your stay with us most pleasant.

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

### NECROLOGY

In the past year we were saddened by the summons of two of our Most Worshipful Brethren who were called to their Eternal Home; M. W. Brother William Ballou Wanner in June 1975 and M. W. Brother Herbert T. White in October 1975. Both brothers served Masonry in many stations over the years and their devotion shall long be remembered.

We also were saddened by the loss of two of our Deputy Grand Custodians, W. Ward L. McGlashan of Benkelman and W. Ernest E. James, Emeriti of Omaha. W. Brother James was responsible for passing me in my original proficiency some 12 years ago. The patience and understanding of these dedicated brethren is tremendous.

In all, 944 of our brethren were called this past year to their Eternal Rest. A full report will be given by the Committee on Fraternal Dead later with full acknowledgement of tributes due to their memories.

### CORNER STONES

On August 30, 1975, the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone and dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Mizpah, Lodge No. 302 at Omaha. We are grateful to W. George S. Holman and for the years ahead.

On May 8, 1976, the cornerstone and dedication ceremonies were held at DeWitt Lodge No. 111 where a new temple was also honored. W. M. Max Waldo presided and the accomplishment of the brethren of DeWitt Lodge no. 111 should be most gratifying. W. Bevin B. Bump gave the cornerstone address and V. W. Brother J. Dallas Gibson the dedication address. Both orations were well received, the day was beautiful and this new temple is a joy to behold.

On May 15, 1976, the Grand Lodge Officers laid a cornerstone on the Carles Geil Elementary School in Gering. This school honored Charles Geil, a brother of Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201, who is 96 years old and had served on the Board of Education for 45 years. It is so nice to honor a dedicated brother, not only for his faithfulness to his lodge over the years, but for his other achievements. Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201 at Gering is to be commended for the fine work they are doing and have done over the years.

A special thanks are in order to our Grand Marshal Harold C. Wurdeman for the very effective handling of all arrangements for these ceremonies. He certainly has everything in order and we do appreciate his loyalty in a job well done.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

During the year, two consolidations of Lodges occurred.

On June 18, 1975, I approved the consolidation of Beemer Lodge No. 253 of Beemer with Wisner Lodge No. 114 of Wisner, and on February 20, 1976, I approved consolidation of Signet Lodge No. 193, at Leigh with Northern Light Lodge No. 41 at Stanton.

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the year I approved amendments to the By-Laws of 54 Lodges. Many of them were By-Law changes necessitated by the increase in Grand Lodge dues for 1976 from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

Thirty-six applications for reinstatements were approved during the year.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

During the year I appointed three trial commissions.

A member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 in Grand Island, was found guilty as charged and expelled.

A member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 was found guilty as charged and expelled.

The Trial Commission appointed for a member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 has not completed its findings as of May 24, 1976, and the final report has not been received. I expect to report fully at the time of the 119th Communication.

I dissolved a Trial Commission appointed by M. W. Brother Don Swanson to hear testimony against a member of Oasis Lodge No. 271 at Morrill, since action taken at the 118th Annual Communication, charges no longer applied.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

I recommend the following to be Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions: W. Eugene Sibley, California; W. Donald Meinershagen, Belgium; W. Richard Scheef, Costa Rica; W. William Steen, Greece; W. Glen Sperry, Kansas; W. Wade Shepherd, Massachusetts; W. Kenneth Parke, New Hampshire; W. Sidney L. Bliton, Scotland; W. Robert L. Little, Utah; W. Edgar Bredermeier, South Australia; W. Henry Schemmel, West Australia. Commissions have been received and granted as received. Likewise, those Grand Representatives to be commissioned have been approved as recommendations received.

#### DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Following the recommendations of our Committee on Work and the specific recommendation on our Grand Custodian W. Ralph W. Gerry, I appointed four new Deputy Grand Custodians; W. Don L. McCoy of Co-

vert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha, W. . Ralph E. McNulty of Meridan No. 188 of Cozad, W. . Alfred V. Peltzer of Crystal Lodge No. 191 of Scotia and W. . Everett K. Dappen of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff.

Two Deputy Grand Custodians resigned their commissions this past year and we are most grateful for their services over the years in our behalf; W. . Wayne O. Thompson of Scottsbluff No. 201 and W. . Paul Jacobsen of Merna No. 171.

### DISPENSATIONS

Some twenty-six special dispensations were granted during the past year. These ranged from permission to confer degrees without regard to time, examine in proficiency, elect and install, move charters temporarily, move charters permanently etc. . . Permission for floats in parades were denied on three occasions. Permission to change regular meeting dates without a by-law change were also denied.

### DECISIONS

1. Masonic Temple Craft of North Platte wanted authority to sell their building, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 is a renter for their lodge facilities. I ruled this was not for us to say as to what they might wish to do.
2. Victory Lodge No. 310 in Valley asked permission for their renter, a grocery store, to allow the renter to seek an off-sale beer license. The permission was granted.
3. Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island sought permission for Robert W. Boon, General Chairman, to solicit neighboring lodges for the Food Truck for the Nebraska Masonic Home. It was granted.
4. A member of Relief Lodge No. 219 was issued a cease and desist order on soliciting a circular letter without the Grand Master's permission.
5. Fremont Lodge No. 15 asked for a dispensation to do courtesy work on a petition of Faith Lodge No. 181 on a brother who presently owns a bar. Since he did not own the same at the time of balloting on his petition, I ruled he should be allowed to receive his degrees and granted the dispensation.
6. In a controversy arising from the morning of a charter of Crusade Chapter Order of DeMolay from Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 to Miloma Lodge No. 328 I ordered equipment of the chapter be delivered to Grand Lodge office on or before January 30, 1976.
7. Permission granted to Walter Miller Executive Secretary Order of DeMolay to send circular letter to all lodge brothers for funds for the DeMolay Foundation.
8. Conrad Hahn, Executive Secretary of Masonic Service Association sought permission for funds for relief of Guatemala earthquake disaster. Since we do not recognize the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, this was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.
9. Siloam Lodge No. 147 in Stuart asked permission for other groups to use their facilities. I ruled that this was up to them, but they must not interrupt any lodge activities and the group and/or groups must abide by their by-laws and also those of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
10. On three separate requests, permission was asked to have a float in a parade while all were denied. A suggestion was made in each case to have a display window of interesting memorabilia, properly labeled and attractively done, set up in a location on main street.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I submit for approval the following recommendation of the Grand Lodge Office Committee: that Sec. 1-105 Mileage and Per Diem be amended to read, "12 cents per mile for each mile traveled going to Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route and ten dollars per day for each day's attendance."
2. At the present time our Grand Lodge Law has a provision referred to as perpetual jurisdiction over a petitioner. I would like to recommend that we amend this provision by limiting this jurisdiction to a period of two years, and that it be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law with a proper resolution to be presented to this Annual Communication for a vote thereon.

### BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Work of this committee has been most gratifying. We have more flags flying in front of our Masonic Temples in Nebraska than ever before (a large percentage 24 hours a day). I must commend the individual Masters who have recognized and taken an active part in these worthwhile activities. I find that there has been better Communication within the individual lodges simply because more brothers have been activated to help in these endeavors.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nebraska Masonic News was published quarterly. If your lodge wants to be represented you must get information to the Grand Secretary.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

This committee consisting of Wayne Pauley, Robert Bell and William Hurst are striving for further activities. I have enjoyed wonderful cooperation from many of these youth groups and their appreciation is overwhelming. Their greatest need is advisory help, how better could we serve our lodge's future.

### MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Our visitation program begun this last year has progressed most satisfactorily. W. F. Alan Wolcott is doing a tremendous job and I am going to refer you to his complete report to be presented later. I am pleased to announce that we are extending our efforts in this direction by inaugurating a program in Lincoln to cover the hospital area there. M. W. Herbert A. Ronin is to be commended for his help in establishing this worthwhile project and also for the support given by the Scottish Rite bodies. For your information, they are funding one half the cost of this function.

### THE MASONIC HOMES

The status of our Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children reports will be given by Brother William F. Patterson and W. Joe Lindquist in their detailed reports. I would like to report that The Nebraska Masonic Home was the recipient of a gift from a most gracious benefactor. It is presently being processed. It could mean that our Endowment Fund could be increased by as much as sixty-five percent. This will help tremendously toward the goal that the Board of Trustees has been working, to attempt to have the Endowment Fund, fund the expenses of the Home on a current basis. What a joy to know that we do care. May our light always shine in this our obligation to our fellow-man.



### ANNIVERSARIES

Five individual lodges celebrated their 100th anniversaries this year. On June 24th, York Lodge No. 56 under the leadership of W. O. L. Donohoe, entertained the Grand Lodge and their guests in a fine fashion. We traveled to Syracuse on June 28th when Mt. Moriah No. 57 celebrated theirs. I remember that day as being extremely warm as I excused all brothers in the afternoon from wearing their coats. About five of us traveled to a member's home where I presented a 50-year pin to Brother Emil Dahmke who was unable to attend.

On September 11, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 had a fine Centennial program highlighted by our own M. W. Brother Ronin giving his usual inspiring talk. On September 14, we journeyed to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 where a fine banquet was served in the Holiday Inn. There were five 50-year pins presented on this occasion.

On November 6, the Grand Lodge went to Orleans where a fine Centennial celebration was held. Melrose Lodge No. 60 had two speakers that evening and a lot of fun was had by all who attended.

On June 25, the Grand Lodge was grateful for a pleasant evening at Hastings as Midwest No. 317 held a 50th anniversary. These special activities are wonderful and the hospitality is always great. May each of these lodges continue their good work.

On February 21, the Grand Lodge assembled at North Platte to aid Worshipful Master Veon Seaton and his committee in burning the mortgage on the Masonic Temple.

### GRAND LODGE AREA MEETINGS

We held eleven area educational meetings throughout the state this past year. The Chairman M. W. Lou Sylvester did a remarkable job. I asked Grand Lodge officers to be present and each was given a particular job to do. We tried to segment the meeting into about 6-8 different areas stressing audience participation. I felt that real progress was made this year. I would hope we would have invitations next year from different lodges who would like to sponsor one of these meetings. They are fun, invigorating and gives the lodge a chance to be a part of this festivity. I can only say, "Try it . . . you might like it."

### VISITATIONS

I was privileged to attend the Grand Lodge sessions of Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky. I came down with the flu as I was about to leave for the Grand Lodge of Kansas. R. W. T. Leo Stines, W. Harold C. Wurdeman and their wives attended the Grand Lodge of Idaho. W. Warren D. Lichty and Margaret attended the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and I have asked our Grand Orator W. Bevin B. Bump to represent me at the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

I made other various visitations throughout the state some seventy five in number. I apologize for the one I missed. One out of seventy five is good for me. I went anywhere anyone asked me, subject to the date. On several occasions I had to regret as many dates sought were on the same night. The 50-year pins presentations always gave me a thrill. The youth presentations brought tears to my eyes. The eight installations in January were most gratifying. I enjoyed every visit I made and I certainly thank all for the many courtesies shown me and Virginia.

### STATE OF THE CRAFT

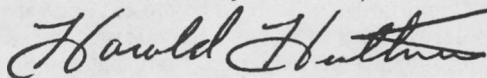
I can report that the ritual work being done in the state is excellent. I can also report that the active lodges, those who are pursuing their objectives are busy. We are still losing membership, but I feel we now recognize it. We must bring out our leaders, those in our ranks who are capable to push their talents farther. There is no part or field within Masonry that cannot be extended. We have a tremendous job to do yet, if we want our children's children to celebrate the Tri-Centennial of this great country. Masonry is a privilege, yours and mine to enjoy, but with it comes the responsibility to fulfill our obligations to ourselves, our country, and to God. May we all pull in harmony those ties which are so dear in each of our hearts.

### APPRECIATION

I know not how to show my appreciation for this wonderful opportunity that you have given me this past year. Cooperation with all has been most satisfying. I haven't asked anyone to do a job for me who hasn't tried. The Past Grand Masters, my own Grand Lodge Officers, the officers and brethren within the individual lodges, the youth groups, the other Masonic Bodies, each and everyone has been most helpful. I feel very confident that your Grand Lodge Officers are most capable of carrying on, and that we shall enjoy excellent leadership in the years to come. To this end, I pledge my continued support.

I must thank the individual lodges for all of their courtesies shown. From your ranks come the leaders of tomorrow. If I were to make a wish for you, each of you, it would be that you might have had the opportunity, the challenges that you have granted me. For all of these wonderful things, Virginia and I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,



Harold Hultman  
Grand Master

### REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Returns have been received from 242 Lodges and dues and fees for the year of 1975 have been paid.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

Beemer No. 253, voted to consolidate with Wisner No. 114. Wisner No. 114 voted to accept Beemer in consolidation. The date of consolidation was June 18, 1975.

Signet No. 193, Leigh, voted to consolidate with Northern Light No. 41, Stanton. Northern Light No. 41 voted to accept Signet No. 193 in consolidation. The date of consolidation was February 20, 1976.

#### GRIEVANCES

There were three trial commissions appointed this year. We have five petitions for restoration.

#### FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 274 Fifty Year Buttons presented this year. A special certificate which is suitable for framing is now awarded with each button.

#### 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 No. 54 is the holder of this Medal. He has been a Master Mason since April 2, 1902 and is the holder of a current proficiency card.

#### MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. .D. .

Memorial Lodge Of Omaha, U. .D. . is called upon many times during the year to conduct funeral services for a sojourning Brother. W. . Brother Stanley Burmeister, Worshipful Master of Memorial Lodge and the officers and members of the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha are to be commended for their efforts.

#### 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.

#### CHARTERED LODGES

Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma, Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta, and Sioux Lodge No. 277, Harrison, have not been represented at the last two annual communications and been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICES

The Grand Secretary is most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office force. M. .W. . Brother John F. Futcher, chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees deserves a special thanks for the many hours he spends working for the betterment of our Grand Lodge. All Masons are cordially invited to visit the Grand Lodge offices.

### GRAND CUSTODIAN

I work closely with the Grand Custodian, W. Brother Ralph W. Gerry and his fine group of Deputy Grand Custodians. These men are ready at all times to be of assistance. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

### FRATERNAL REVIEW

We do not have a Fraternal Review this year due to the death of M. W. William B. Wanner. We all miss his wonderful review.

### RETIREMENT FUND

The retirement fund is now being administered by Bankers Life of Nebraska. The assets of this fund have been purchased by The Nebraska Masonic Home and by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Fund Receipts

Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1975 .....	\$ 213,115.08
Per Capita Tax \$4.00 per member .....	148,002.00
Initiations - \$10.00 per member .....	7,020.00
Surety Bond Premiums .....	804.50
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	2,583.21
Supplies .....	5,232.55
Custodial Fees.....	765.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Ass'n.....	557.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments.....	58,891.72
Affiliations.....	40.00
Re-Instatements .....	740.00
	<u>\$ 437,751.06</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Liability Insurance Premium .....	\$ 3,221.00
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Ass'n. ....	544.00
Supply Account .....	10,388.57
The Masonic-O.E.S. Home for Children.....	3,435.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home - General Fund.....	74,166.00
1975-1976 General Budget .....	111,185.82
Bonds Purchased from Retirement Fund .....	44,738.86
Savings Acc't U.S. National Bank.....	75,000.00
Commercial Paper - U.S. Nat'l. Bank .....	100,020.00
Cash, U.S. National Bank, April 30, 1976 .....	15,051.81
	<u>\$ 437,751.06</u>

#### RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last year .....	244
Number of Lodges Chartered this year .....	0
Charters Consolidated .....	2
Number of Chartered Lodges .....	242

Number Initiated.....	704
Number Passed.....	570
Number Raised.....	553
Affiliations.....	149
Dual Members.....	59
Re-instated.....	189
Consolidated.....	113
Other Causes.....	9

Total Increase                      1,072

Number demitted.....	185
Deaths.....	944
Suspended.....	648
Expulsions.....	4
Other causes including consolidations.....	73

Total Loss                              1,854

Net loss for year ending  
December 31, 1975                      782

Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1974..... 37,080  
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1975..... 36,298

- 43 Lodges showed a gain during the past year
- 31 Lodges showed neither a gain of a loss
- 168 Lodges sustained a loss

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 Subordinate Lodges throughout the State

Fraternally submitted,

*Louis W. Lallman*  
Grand Secretary

### 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
Wayne Warden Loftis ...	Landmark No. 222.....	32 years
Bernard Besse Harris .....	Robert W. Furnas, No. 265	32 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
Howard R. James .....	Bladen No. 319 .....	25 years
Homer C. Davey.....	Midwest No. 317.....	25 years

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C.																MASTER MASONS																No. of Lodge
	NO.	1975					1974					GAIN					LOSS					On Rolls Dec. 31, 1975											
		Initiated		On Rolls Dec. 31, 1975		Passed		On Rolls Dec. 31, 1975		Membership Dec. 31, 1974		Raisings	Affiliations	Dual Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demittd	Deaths	Suspended		Expulsions	Other Causes	Total Loss								
Nebraska	1	6	7	3	0	853	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	862	7	29	17	0	0	53	809	1									
Western Star	2	2	2	1	0	246	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248	0	9	0	0	0	9	239	2									
Capitol	3	7	11	7	1	513	8	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	527	1	21	14	0	0	36	491	3									
Nemaha Valley	4	1	3	1	0	59	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	2	0	0	0	2	59	4									
Omadi	5	1	1	2	0	95	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	100	1	2	1	0	0	4	96	5									
Plattsmouth	6	4	4	4	1	308	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	315	1	9	11	0	0	21	294	6									
Falls City	9	0	4	0	1	190	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	0	12	0	0	0	12	181	9									
Solomon	10	2	4	1	0	102	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	3	0	0	0	3	101	10									
Covert	11	29	10	26	4	1374	27	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1402	6	35	53	0	0	94	1308	11									
Orient	13	1	0	1	1	48	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1	48	13									
Peru	14	5	4	2	2	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	1	0	0	0	1	83	14									
Fremont	15	24	10	18	9	599	14	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	622	2	15	12	0	0	29	593	15									
Tecumseh	17	0	7	0	0	171	2	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	205	13	5	24	0	0	42	163	17									
Lincoln	19	5	7	5	0	683	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	692	2	16	15	0	0	33	659	19									
Washington	21	5	4	4	0	143	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	4	7	0	0	11	139	21									
Pawnee	23	2	1	3	0	96	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	102	1	1	3	0	0	5	97	23									
St. Johns	25	10	6	7	0	699	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	709	3	26	7	0	0	36	673	25									
Beatrice	26	11	10	6	0	344	8	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	365	1	9	6	0	0	16	349	26									
Jordan	27	0	3	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	2	1	0	0	0	3	57	27									
Blue River	30	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	3	3	0	0	0	6	70	30									
Tekamah	31	3	4	4	0	183	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	189	1	3	3	0	0	7	182	31									
Platte Valley	32	10	20	6	3	496	8	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	510	2	13	5	0	0	20	490	32									
Ashlar	33	5	5	2	0	418	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	428	2	10	5	0	0	17	411	33									
Acacia	34	0	2	3	2	146	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	1	1	0	0	0	2	148	34									
Fairbury	35	3	1	2	0	207	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	2	5	11	0	0	18	191	35									
Lone Tree	36	0	0	3	0	169	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	1	5	3	0	0	9	166	36									
Crete	37	3	5	2	0	177	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	183	0	1	3	0	0	4	179	37									
Oliver	38	3	2	3	5	123	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	124	1	6	3	0	0	10	114	38									
Papillion	39	9	22	6	2	324	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	333	4	2	9	0	0	15	318	39									
Humboldt	40	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	4	2	0	0	6	78	40									
Northern Light	41	7	1	7	5	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	5	0	0	0	6	51	41									
Hebron	43	5	3	3	1	103	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	1	4	0	0	0	5	102	43									
Harvard	44	2	1	3	2	77	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	1	1	2	0	0	4	75	44									
Rob Morris	46	1	5	3	0	308	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	319	3	4	4	0	0	11	308	46									
Fairmont	48	0	0	1	1	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	48									
Evening Star	49	0	1	1	1	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	3	0	0	6	87	49									
Hastings	50	6	14	6	1	417	10	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	432	2	16	0	0	0	18	414	50									
Fidelity	51	2	5	1	0	119	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	1	5	2	1	0	9	111	51									
Hiram	52	1	2	0	0	74	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	52									
Charity	53	0	0	0	0	118	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	5	0	0	3	8	112	53									
Lancaster	54	33	18	33	4	818	32	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	863	3	22	11	0	0	36	827	54									
Mosaic	55	6	9	3	0	235	4	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	253	1	6	15	0	0	22	231	55									
York	56	10	1	11	2	218	9	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	232	2	5	3	0	0	10	222	56									
Mt Moriah	57	3	7	1	1	86	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	4	0	0	0	4	86	57									
Wahoo	59	0	1	0	0	240	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	245	1	5	2	0	0	8	237	59									
Melrose	60	0	0	1	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	3	0	0	0	3	58	60									
Thistle	61	0	6	1	5	217	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	221	6	6	7	0	0	19	202	61									
Keystone	62	1	1	1	1	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	2	0	0	4	46	62									
Blue Valley	64	1	2	0	1	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	1	3	0	0	0	4	88	64									
Osceola	65	1	4	3	1	78	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	3	2	0	0	0	5	79	65									



NAME OF LODGE	NO	E. A. A. F. C. C.														MASTER MASONS										On Rolls Dec. 31, 1975	No. of Lodge							
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		On	Rolls	Dec.	31,	1975	On	Rolls	Dec.	31,	1975	Membership	Dec.	31,	1974	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual	Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other	Causes	TOTAL	Demitted			Deaths	Suspended	Expulsions	Other	Causes	Total	Loss
Upright	137	0	1	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	137			
Rawalt	138	2	4	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	5	0	0	0	5	69	138			
Clay Centre	139	2	5	1	2	0	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	2	1	0	0	3	88	139			
Western	140	3	3	1	1	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	1	32	140			
Crescent	143	1	6	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	0	0	0	1	28	143			
Bancroft	145	3	2	1	1	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	145			
Jachin	146	0	2	1	0	0	0	162	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	0	6	0	0	0	6	157	146			
Siloam	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	2	0	0	0	2	25	147			
Custer	148	0	4	0	1	0	0	169	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	1	1	1	0	0	3	167	148			
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	3	5	0	0	0	8	79	150			
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	2	0	0	0	2	4	46	153			
Lily	154	1	1	1	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	3	1	0	0	4	52	154			
Hartington	155	2	1	2	1	0	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	155			
Samaritan	158	5	1	4	0	0	0	202	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208	0	4	3	0	0	7	201	158			
Ogalalla	159	2	4	5	2	0	0	148	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	0	6	0	0	0	6	147	159			
Zeredatha	160	0	2	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	1	0	0	2	32	160			
Mt. Zion	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	161			
Trestle Board	162	0	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	3	0	0	5	57	162			
Unity	163	1	4	1	1	0	0	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	1	0	0	2	67	163			
Atkinson	164	0	3	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	0	1	50	164			
Barneston	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	1	1	0	0	0	2	43	165			
Elwood	167	1	3	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	1	3	0	0	5	70	167			
Curtis	168	0	1	0	0	2	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	168			
Amity	169	2	3	2	0	0	0	72	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	1	8	0	0	10	65	169			
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	0	0	1	16	170			
Merna	171	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	0	0	0	2	45	171			
Robert Burns	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	3	1	5	0	0	9	71	173			
Culbertson	174	3	2	1	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	174			
Temple	175	0	0	1	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	32	32	0	175			
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	0	0	3	42	176			
Hay Springs	177	1	1	0	0	0	0	95	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	1	1	1	0	0	3	95	177			
Justice	180	2	1	1	0	0	0	122	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	4	3	0	0	7	118	180			
Faith	181	0	3	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	181			
Alliance	183	4	5	2	0	0	0	307	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	311	1	4	3	0	0	8	303	183			
Bee Hive	184	11	18	9	17	0	0	839	10	0	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	873	5	19	45	0	0	69	804	184			
Boaz	185	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	185			
Meridian	188	1	4	1	0	0	0	126	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	0	2	1	0	0	3	125	188			
Granite	189	1	3	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	2	0	0	3	64	189			
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	191			
Minnekadusa	192	2	5	1	2	0	0	148	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	2	2	0	0	4	146	192			
Signet	193	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	3	0	0	0	4	34	193			
Highland	194	2	0	1	1	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	194			
Arcana	195	1	4	1	3	0	0	116	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	1	2	2	0	0	5	113	195			
Purity	198	2	1	2	2	0	0	116	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	1	1	0	0	0	2	115	198			
Gavel	199	2	2	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	0	0	0	1	31	199			
Blazing Star	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	2	2	0	0	4	59	200			
Scotts Bluff	201	5	7	3	1	0	0	168	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	0	6	2	0	0	8	164	201			
Golden Sheaf	202	0	4	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	2	0	0	3	48	202			
Plainview	204	3	6	3	1	0	0	92	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	3	1	0	0	4	90	204			
Golden Fleece	205	5	2	5	4	0	0	145	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	2	1	0	0	3	143	205			



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Parian	207	0	0	1	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	1	0	0	1	40	207	
Canopy	209	2	7	0	0	76	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	77	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	74	209
East Lincoln	210	20	15	19	10	1002	19	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	1029	2	21	20	0	0	43	986	210	
Cement	211	4	1	4	0	59	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	64	211
Plumblin	214	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	25	214
Occidental	215	1	3	0	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	58	215
Palisade	216	4	3	1	0	96	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	92	216
Wauneta	217	0	1	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	44	217
Bloomfield	218	1	1	1	0	76	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	72	218
Relief	219	0	1	0	2	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	219
Magnolia	220	2	6	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39	220
Wood Lake	221	4	0	4	1	68	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	73	221
Landmark	222	4	6	1	0	91	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	90	222
Eminence	223	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	223
Silver Cord	224	11	12	4	6	122	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	120	224
Cable	225	0	2	0	0	99	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	97	225
North Star	227	7	12	1	1	390	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	393	1	12	8	0	0	0	21	372	227
Bartley	228	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	38	228
Comet	229	7	7	4	2	114	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	118	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	113	229
John S. Bowen	232	1	3	0	2	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	63	232
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	233
Zion	234	2	2	1	1	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	92	234
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	45	235
Golden Rule	236	0	0	1	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	236
Cubit	237	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	237
Friendship	239	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46	239
Pilot	240	1	2	0	1	102	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	240
George Armstrong	241	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	241
Hampton	245	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	245
Nehawka	246	1	5	0	1	97	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	94	246
Laurel	248	0	0	0	0	73	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	2	4	1	0	0	0	7	68	248
Gothenburg	249	1	2	0	0	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	140	249
George Washington	250	5	5	5	6	286	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	293	0	11	0	0	0	11	282	250	
Wausa	251	5	6	5	5	39	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	38	251
Beemer	253	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	34	34	0	253
Bassett	254	2	7	0	1	66	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	3	0	0	0	3	7	60	254
Hickman	256	9	9	11	0	93	11	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	106	256
Anselmo	258	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	73	258
Orman	261	2	2	4	0	53	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	57	261
Endeavor	262	0	2	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	73	262
Mitchell	263	3	3	1	0	144	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	140	263
Franklin	264	2	2	0	0	69	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	69	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	3	4	1	1	374	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	377	0	9	1	0	0	0	10	367	265
Silver	266	2	0	2	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	266
James A. Tulleys	267	0	3	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	81	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	11	0	10	0	232	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	245	0	7	2	0	0	0	9	236	268
Oasis	271	7	2	6	1	157	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	163	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	156	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	5	2	1	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	272
Crofton	273	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	25	273

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Olive Branch	274	8	5	3	3	93	0	0	1	0	48	0	142	2	2	0	0	0	4	138	274								
Antelope	276	0	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	1	0	0	0	2	39	276								
Sioux	277	0	0	0	0	39	0	2	1	0	0	0	42	0	2	0	0	0	2	40	277								
Litchfield	278	0	5	0	0	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	0	0	1	0	0	1	26	278								
Wallace	279	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	1	31	279								
Swastika	280	0	0	0	1	67	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	280								
Florence	281	11	1	14	0	708	14	0	0	4	0	0	726	1	16	9	0	0	26	700	281								
Mullen	282	1	5	2	1	54	2	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	3	0	0	0	3	54	282								
Seneca	284	1	2	3	2	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	2	0	0	2	46	284								
Camp Clarke	285	0	3	0	1	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	1	4	0	0	0	5	109	285								
Oshkosh	286	4	5	5	6	87	2	0	1	0	0	0	90	0	2	0	0	0	2	88	286								
Union	287	5	0	4	0	47	4	0	0	1	0	0	52	0	1	1	0	0	2	50	287								
Omaha	288	5	4	5	5	370	5	1	0	2	0	0	378	3	19	12	0	0	34	344	288								
Lotus	289	0	3	0	2	127	1	1	0	0	0	0	129	2	1	4	0	0	7	122	289								
John J. Mercer	290	25	20	21	2	1459	21	4	0	1	0	0	1485	5	26	24	0	0	55	1430	290								
Diamond	291	1	1	1	3	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	3	0	0	0	3	79	291								
Monument	293	0	2	0	2	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	2	52	293								
Kimball	294	3	8	2	2	156	2	2	0	0	0	0	160	1	0	3	0	0	4	156	294								
Minatare	295	1	1	1	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	5	0	0	5	67	295								
Cotner	297	3	4	3	1	270	3	2	1	11	0	0	287	1	4	6	0	0	11	276	297								
Chester	298	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51	298								
Sutherland	299	2	0	2	2	76	0	0	0	1	0	0	77	0	2	1	0	0	3	74	299								
Liberty	300	12	5	9	4	382	6	1	0	1	0	0	390	2	8	3	0	0	13	377	300								
Bayard	301	0	1	1	0	67	1	1	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	301								
Mizpah	302	13	18	12	0	907	12	3	0	8	0	2	932	8	32	26	0	0	66	866	302								
Right Angle	303	3	3	3	2	427	2	1	0	5	0	0	435	2	10	6	0	0	18	417	303								
Newman Grove	305	2	0	3	0	55	3	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	1	57	305								
Golden Rod	306	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	1	0	0	0	67	0	3	0	0	0	3	64	306								
Perkins	308	2	1	2	0	91	2	0	1	1	0	0	95	0	2	0	0	0	2	93	308								
Victory	310	8	2	6	2	167	5	0	1	2	0	0	175	0	3	1	0	0	4	171	310								
Polk	311	0	0	1	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	311								
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	312								
Potter	313	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	1	79	313								
Craftsmen	314	9	9	2	4	491	2	4	1	0	0	0	498	1	12	10	0	0	23	475	314								
Alpha	316	0	3	1	1	169	0	1	1	1	0	0	172	0	1	3	0	0	4	168	316								
Mid-West	317	15	11	11	3	594	10	2	1	1	0	0	608	4	12	9	0	0	25	583	317								
Grand Island	318	3	7	5	2	315	5	0	2	1	0	0	323	1	9	2	1	0	13	310	318								
Bladen	319	0	1	0	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	2	1	0	0	3	29	319								
College View	320	1	0	2	0	136	2	1	0	1	0	0	140	0	3	1	0	0	4	136	320								
Harmony	321	0	0	1	1	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	321								
Lebanon	323	5	11	2	2	205	5	0	0	0	0	0	210	0	4	0	0	0	4	206	323								
Cairo	324	1	7	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	324								
Bellevue	325	15	10	10	0	427	14	2	2	14	0	0	459	5	4	12	0	0	21	438	325								
Centennial	326	4	9	2	3	437	3	1	0	5	0	0	446	2	10	18	0	0	30	416	326								
Shiloh	327	6	3	7	2	95	6	2	1	0	0	0	104	0	0	1	0	0	1	103	327								
Miloma	328	20	20	18	8	50	13	5	3	0	0	0	71	0	0	2	0	0	2	69	328								

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**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**

We have finally found it necessary to conduct all central schools in evening sessions; thereby abandoning all day schools. This has improved attendance and we are now able to reach more of the brethren throughout this grand jurisdiction. Central schools were conducted this past year at: Humboldt, Tecumseh, Auburn, Falls City, Lincoln, Omaha, Palmyra, Syracuse, Weeping Water, Nebraska City, Potter, Lodgepole, Sidney, Gering, Hay Springs, Crawford, Chadron, DeWitt, Wymore, Fairbury, Beatrice, Bancroft, Lyons, Oakland, Tekamah, Wauneta, Stratton, McCook, Lexington, Overton, Kearney, Sutton, and Columbus.

**LODGE CERTIFICATION**

126 Lodges were recertified for 1975, showing a loss of 4 over 1974. Oliver No. 38 failed to certify after 21 years as a certified Lodge. Silver Cord No. 224, missed after 4 years. Osceola No. 65, missed after 4 years. Trowel No. 71, missed 1974 and 1975, after 18 years. Springfield No. 112, missed after 30 years. Olive Branch No. 274 has certified for the first time since 1968 and Lone Tree No. 36 certified the first time since 1971. Congratulations boys, keep it up. We sincerely hope the Masters of all Lodges for 1976 will see the value in certifying their Lodge. Certification is certainly within the grasp of each and every Lodge, if they will expend the effort.

**INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION**

We have an increase of 8 new certified men for the 1975-76 Grand Lodge year.

Bill Lee Moore	281	William R. Annett, Jr.	195
Virgil A. Meints	19	Leslie A. Evert	195
William H. Veith	281	Roy L. Smith	6
Stanley L. Burmeister	325	James R. Kimmel	3

Congratulations Brethren! Thank you for your concern for our ritual.

**CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

28 Certificates of Merit were issued this past year. Attesting to 20 years of certification for each of the following brethren.

Ivan N. Nord	229	George E. Johnson	288
Harold P. Loveless	288	Jerry E. Prokes	265
Elnor A. Olander	227	Stanley E. Brunton	222 DGC
Harold A. Tilton	71 DGC	Nelson W. Rittenburg	210 DGC
David O. Kipling	281	Norman O. Sorenson	184
Robert O. Ihnen	184	Gordon Sheets	77
Truman J. Berry	300	Asa J. Farnham	106
Marion J. Adkisson	33	Floyd L. Hale	240
Richard B. Hobson	54	I. Ralph Dingle	281
Charles M. Mead	6	Paul H. Hudson	19
Robert L. Zink	19	Arch Beatty	225
Harold R. Irvin	3	Walter Green	290
Coit W. Hunter	229	Sidney H. Bliton	263
Albert W. Watsek	40	Floyd J. Nelson	50

Let the records show 296 active Certificates of Merit - a loss of 4(Deceased)

**REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS  
NEW COMMISSIONS**

Ralph E. McNulty, Meridian No. 188, Cozad Commission No. 177  
Dated July 11, 1975 Serving District No. 24

Don L. McCoy, Covert No. 11, Omaha Commission No. 178  
Dated July 23, 1975 Serving District No. 2

Everett K. Dappen, Robert W. Furnas No. 265 Commission No. 179  
Dated September 19, 1975 Serving District No. 30

Alfred V. Peltzer, Custer No. 148, Broken Bow Commission No. 180  
Dated September 20, 1975 Serving District No. 21

2 Deputy Grand Custodians retired this past year:

Harold D. Weddel, Lexington, having served this Grand Lodge for 38 years as Deputy Custodian since 1937.

Alfred R. Kenoyer, Scotia, having served this Grand Lodge for 15 years since 1960.

Words cannot express the appreciation of your Grand Lodge, for the many hours sacrificed on behalf of the Ritual, by two such fine Masons. God bless you and keep you for many, many years.

With the retirement of W. . Hal Weddel, the proud title of "Dean of Custodians" passes to W. . Paul D. (Doc) Fleming, of Beaver City. We congratulate you, Doc, and shall all pay proper respect to that distinction which you now hold.

**CORRECTION OF RECORDS**

Our Grand Master M. .W. . Harold Hultman, has healed the record of certification for Joseph P. Kucera, 34, to March 25, 1960, making 16 consecutive years.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Glendon B. Roshon, 19, is awarded a special plaque for 50 years of service to this Grand Lodge as a certified member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. We all extend to him our hearty congratulations.

Austin F. Whitmire, 75, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, having served this Grand Lodge and District No. 31, as Assistant Custodian faithfully for many years. To these fine Brethren we offer our hearty congratulations. May the Lord Bless you both as you start your second 50 years.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Ernest E. James, Nebraska No. 1, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, served this Grand Lodge form 1948 - 1960, as Assistant Custodian.

Born - December 15, 1889 Departed this life - February 7, 1976

Ward L. McGlashan, Justice Lodge No. 180

Born - May 9, 1905 Passed Away - June 9, 1975

Served this Grand Lodge faithfully for 9 years as Deputy Grand Custodian, District No. 32.

Their wages were great, and they were faithful to the Craft. They are entitled to wear their aprons as Master Masons.

## STATE OF OUR RITUAL

The quality of our Ritual remains very high. Our Central Schools continue to be successful; but as usual, those who need instruction the most, are not present. The guest nights promoted by the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite Bodies, are accounting for numerous petitions, and as the work load increases, the interest in the Ritual likewise prospers.

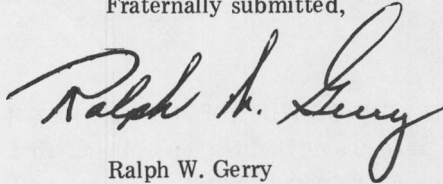
We find a very keen interest in the symbolism of the Three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, among those who would know, "From when we came and wither we are traveling." It is the duty of every Mason to sleep little and think much. "Ask and Ye shall receive, Seek and Ye shall find, Knock and it shall be opened unto You".

Most Worshipful Grand Master, we sincerely hope we have met with your approbation and that of the Craft, and return thanks for the honor of the appointments.

To Most Worshipful Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, my thanks for his assistance and cooperation.

To the Committee on Nebraska Work, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, CHM., M. W.'s Lewis R. Ricketts and Hugh W. Eisenhart, my everlasting gratitude for a fine working committee, for the good of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,



Ralph W. Gerry  
Grand Custodian

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS**

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the address of M. W. Harold Hultman, in part be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The section on Dispensations.

The section on Amendments to By-Laws.

The section on Decisions.

Recommendation No. 1

Recommendation No. 2 jointly with the Committee on Codification of the Law.

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 Grand Master has demonstrated his love for the Fraternity and devotion to his office throughout the year. The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein referred to the Committee 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 work of the Grand Secretary has been carried out in a manner that should please everyone. The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

**REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN**

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. Our ritual continues on a high level of proficiency, due to the fine work of the Grand Custodial and his Deputies.

Fraternally submitted;

W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman

W. Duane F. Mau, 49

W. Kenneth D. Beebe, 119

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11  
AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:45 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

I would like to present Howard L. Patterson, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Brother Patterson made the following report and it was accepted.

W. HOWARD L. PATTERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The Finance Committee met at the downtown Masonic Temple at 1:00 p.m. May 12, 1976 with the following members present: J. Ansel Toft, Fitzhugh L. Browne, LeRoy C. Sutton, and Howard L. Patterson.

According to usual accounting procedure we made the necessary spot checks with the help of our Grand Secretary, and found no exceptions worthy of note.

Our estimated income for the 1976-77 year is as follows:

Dues 36,298@ \$3.00 .....	\$ 108,894.00
Initiation Fees @ \$10.00 .....	7,200.00
Affiliations.....	40.00
Bond Premiums.....	800.00
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	2,540.86
Sale of Supplies .....	5,000.00
George Washington Memorial.....	600.00
Custodial Service.....	765.00
Re-Instatements .....	740.00
Income on Bonds, Commercial Papaer .....	54,000.00
Dividends on Stock.....	<u>6,750.00</u>

Estimated Total ..... \$ 187,329.86

We thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian for their assistance.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT  
OF THE  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

**W. WALTER E. TRUEX, CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

M. W. Grand Master and brethren all. Our Grand Lodge is made up of many committees and naturally we do have expenses. All requests for funds must be made in advance and approved by our Appropriations Committee. Naturally all these estimates are based on previous years experience. If you have any questions our Committee is here to explain the 1976-77 Budget for next year.

**ANNUAL COMMUNICATION:**

Payroll, 1976 Communication.....	\$ 11,000.00
Printed Proceedings.....	4,200.00
Grand Master's Banquet.....	1,200.00
Grand Lodge Dinner (Delegates).....	2,500.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests .....	800.00
Printing Secretary's Desk Book .....	800.00
Printing Programs & Incidentals .....	<u>800.00</u>
	\$ 21,300.00

**GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES:**

Masonic Education .....	\$ 5,000.00
Masonic Relief Committee .....	50.00
Trial Commissions.....	100.00
Grand Trustees (Including audit) .....	2,400.00
Appropriations .....	50.00
Grand Lodge Office Committee .....	50.00
Finance Committee .....	50.00
Nebraska Work Committee .....	50.00
Grand Historian .....	100.00
Relief Committee .....	1,000.00
Bi-Centennial Committee .....	200.00
Publicity Committee.....	3,000.00
Youth Committee .....	400.00
Constitution & By-law Committee .....	3,000.00
Masonic Eastern Star Student Fund.....	<u>1,100.00</u>
	\$ 16,550.00

**TRAVELING EXPENSE:**

Grand Master .....	\$ 4,500.00
Grand Secretary .....	1,500.00
Conference Dues and Expense .....	650.00
Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions	700.00
Grand Custodian Department .....	8,400.00
Grand Officers under direction of Grand Master.....	2,750.00
Deputy Grand Master - Conference Expense..	550.00
Masonic Service Association Hospital	
Visitations .....	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$ 21,550.00



**SALARIES**

Grand Secretary .....	\$ 13,875.00
Grand Custodian .....	11,730.00
Grand Lodge Clerical Staff .....	20,000.00
Social Security .....	2,800.00
Federal & State Unemployment Tax .....	<u>900.00</u>
	\$ 49,305.00

**FIXED EXPENSES:**

Rent .....	\$ 10,125.00
Museum & Library .....	100.00
Office Expense .....	7,000.00
Jewel, Apron, Grand Master .....	200.00
Grand Lodge Supplies.....	4,000.00
Retirement, CRG .....	4,646.40
Contribution to Pension Fund .....	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 29,071.40

**INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Workmen's Compensation.....	\$ 100.00
Masonic Relief Association Dues .....	325.00
Surety Bond - Grand Lodge Officers .....	190.25
Grand Master's and Employees Car Insurance	60.00
Comprehensive Liability (all lodges).....	3,300.00
Office Contents - Fire Insurance .....	197.00
Masonic Service Association Dues .....	1,234.59
George Washington Masonic Memorial Association .....	700.00
Hospitalization Insurance .....	1,750.00
Nebraska DeMolay .....	<u>750.00</u>
	\$ 8,606.84

**TOTAL GRAND LODGE OPERATION.....** \$ 146,383.24

Grand Lodge Responsibility, Masonic- Eastern Star Home .....	<u>3,435.00</u>
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**TOTAL BUDGET.....** \$ 149,818.24

**ESTIMATED INCOME — GRAND LODGE — 1976-1977**

Dues @ \$3.00 per member .....	\$ 108,894.00
Initiation Fees @ \$10.00 .....	7,200.00
Affiliations .....	40.00
Bond Premiums .....	800.00
Liability Insurance Premiums .....	2,540.86
Sale of Supplies .....	5,000.00
George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.....	600.00
Custodial Service .....	765.00
Reinstatements .....	740.00
Income of Bonds, Comm. paper .....	54,000.00
Dividends on Stock.....	<u>6,750.00</u>

**Estimated Income for 1976-1977** \$ 187,329.86

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

Your committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that the Grand Lodge of Venezuela is now recognized by this Grand Lodge and that representatives are being exchanged.

This has been a quiet year as far as requests for recognition are concerned.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala is not recognized by our Grand Lodge. They are recognized by 42 Grand Lodges in the United States and by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. I would recommend to this Grand Lodge that recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and that representatives be exchanged.

The Committee on Information for Recognition report each year at the Grand Master's Conference. They outline prerequisites by which a Grand Jurisdiction could be judged and define those standards as follows:

1. Legitimacy of Origin
2. Exclusive territorial jurisdiction
3. Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks - - specifically a belief in a Supreme Being
4. Volume of the sacred law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the Lodge.
5. Prohibition of politics and religion.

Of course, the role played by the commission is to advise the Members of the Conference that a particular Grand Jurisdiction has complied with these standards and that it has reached the point where it is eligible for recognition. It is also the duty of the Committee to consider the status of a Grand Jurisdiction which for some reason or other has lost its eligibility and now seeks to regain its former status. In either case, the role of this committee is advisory. It is then up to the particular Grand Jurisdiction to take its own independent action. Whether a Grand Jurisdiction affords recognition or not is strictly their own business.

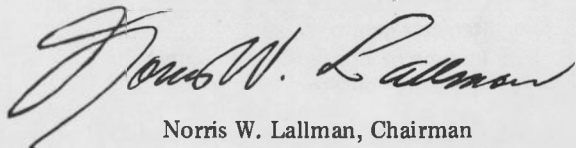
The Grand Lodge of Cuba is still laboring under difficult circumstances, however they do hold their Grand Lodge Communication in Havana.

Language barriers hinder communication with many of the overseas Grand Lodges, by the same token they sometimes have trouble with our requests.

During the past few years many new Grand Lodges have been instituted in Brazil. Many of these are recognized by Grand Lodges in the United States. I would recommend that these requests for recognition be studied very carefully and that we follow the guidelines set forth by the Grand Masters Conference Committee on recognition.

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

Fraternally submitted,



Norris W. Lallman, Chairman

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

Is there a second. All in favor signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting, down hands, opposed same sign. Carried.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

Is Robert Metcalf in the room? Would you care to give your report at this time?

W. . ROBERT A. METCALF, COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

M. .W. . Grand Master, the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund respectfully reports: We received two applications from young men at the Home in Fremont to continue their education.

Edward Swanson wants to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he will study psychology. He will start school in September, 1976.

Byron Holmstrom wants to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He will major in Business Administration. Because of military obligations, he will start school second semester.

Total amount needed for these two young men is \$2,200.00. The Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star has approved \$1,100.00 dollars of this amount.

M. .W. . Sir, I move this report be accepted.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

You have heard this report - what are your wishes? All those in favor, signify by the usual sign of Masons when voting, down hands, opposed same sign. Carried.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

We will now hear the report of the Youth Committee.

W. . WILLIAM HURST, MEMBER OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

M. .W. . Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and brethren. I was most interested in hearing the statistics given this morning by our Grand Master, with regard to the break down in ages of people in Mexico. I just happened to check a few days ago and according to the 1970 census of population in Nebraska, there were almost 140,000 young people in the State of Nebraska between the ages of 5 and 9. These young people would today, for the most part, except for religious reasons and to those at the tail end of that age group, be eligible for participation in our Youth groups in this state. At the same time, there were in excess of 208,000 men between the ages of 20 and 44. Again, except for religious reasons, most of these would be eligible for participation in Masonry. It is perhaps for this reason that your Grand Lodge is interested in supporting these youth. At least year's Annual Communication, we suggested a number of ways in which the communication problem between Masonic lodges and the Youth groups might be overcome. And it has been encouraging to know that there has been quite a bit done by the individual lodges and particularly by your Grand Lodge officers. I can state on the basis of personal observation that your Grand Master and others of the Grand Lodge have been participating in various Youth activities all over the state.

The Grand Lodge has devoted time in the area of Education Committee meetings to giving the Youth not only recognition at the meals afterward, but our Brother Duke Lichty, over here, has spent time explaining just what the Youth Organizations are about.

We have heard from one particular lodge, who took the time to write us, to inform us of their involvement with the Job's Daughters Bethel meeting in their Temple and it is most encouraging, and as a side note, the Past Master who wrote us the letter informed us that while his son is now dating one of the girls in that Bethel and has recently turned 19, the boy is putting in a petition to that lodge. He doesn't know whether or not it is attributed to the Fatherly influence or the influence of the young lady, and we don't follow that up. We, have however, just scratched the surface and as your Grand Master noted in his address, the two areas where these groups need assistance is in leadership and membership. With 36,000 Master Masons in the State of Nebraska, it is inconceivable to believe that we would have less than 10,000 young people participating in these organizations with all of the daughters, grand daughters and sons, nephews, neices, and neighbors, who must be available and yet it is less than 10,000 participating in the Youth groups.

We would suggest that your leadership is needed, more than just getting your name on the line as one who is on an advisory council or guardian. You make your participation active. These young people certainly appreciate any time that can be devoted to them. In conclusion, Sir, we would recommend the following, that the Grand Lodge establish a fund of \$300.00 beginning next year to be used in a scholarship fund, which is to be divided into \$100 for each of the three Youth groups in the state, and to be presented to the outstanding youth in each group at their respective Annual meetings. The guidelines in selection of the outstanding Youth in each of the Youth groups is to be made by the group and each year presented to the Grand Lodge for approval before the scholarship is issued. It is our opinion that a project such as this by the Grand Lodge recognizing our Youth, is one more way of showing our interest in them and increasing their knowledge of Masonry.

M. W. . Sir, I would move that this report be accepted. Carried.

M. W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER PRESENTED  
PLAQUE TO WORSHIPFUL BROTHER AUSTIN F.  
WHITMIRE

Being Grand Master, you get to do some real fine things during the course of your year. And once again it is my pleasure and privilege to present to you, Brother Austin F. Whitmire, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, a special plaque for 50 years of certification from the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. Brother Austin, I believe you are 81 years old, and it is certainly a pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to present this little token of appreciation to you at this time for your devoted services over the past 50 years. God Bless You, and may you live many, many more years and enjoy the fruits of Masonry.

W. . Brother Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Senior Deacon, are you ready with your report?

W. . BYRON C. JENKINS, GRAND SENIOR DEACON,  
CHAIRMAN OF BI-CENTENNIAL

M. W. . Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and brethren all. Before I begin this report, I would just like to make note of the fact that 200 years ago today, June 11, 1776, the first Constitutional Convention was called to order.

### REPORT OF THE BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

This is the third report of this committee to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The first, in June 1974, consisted of recommendations for the Bi-Centennial celebrations. The second, in June 1975, presented plans for implementing the previous recommendations.

Now that we are in the midst of these celebrations we are at last seeing the fruits of our labor. We have not accomplished all we set out to do. Some Lodges are carrying out little or no celebration. From observation at our Grand Lodge Area Education Meetings this past year, they are the same Lodges that are having problems in other areas.

Some Lodges have really entered into the spirit of the Bi-Centennial. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, had the privilege of installing the officers of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 at Brownville. The Brother installed as Master was in full colonial dress. The members and guests at a Bi-Centennial Celebration at Bellevue Lodge No. 325 were escorted to dinner by a member in the uniform and carrying a musket of the 1st Maryland Foot Regiment of 1776.

Many Lodges used the celebration theme in decorations and remarks at installation, as well as other meetings. Pilot Lodge No. 240 held a dinner that went far beyond their expectations, with over 180 in attendance, with many Brethren and friends from surrounding towns joining them.

At our last Grand Lodge session, a luncheon was held for all Senior Wardens or their proxies. This luncheon was held for the purpose of presenting more fully our program and presenting each with a kit of materials for their use in planning their Lodge celebration for this year. Included in this kit was a questionnaire to be filled out and returned to the committee by April 1st of this year. From the questionnaires returned we find 81% of our Lodges have erected flag poles and are displaying our American Flag. We would recommend that the incoming Grand Master continue to promote this project until all of our Temples are flying the Flag.

Eighty-four percent of our Lodges have definite plans for some type of observance. Ninety-seven percent have made improvements to their Temples in the "clean-up/fix-up" campaign. Fifty-eight percent have sought participation of all appendant bodies using their Temples. Fifty-four percent have presented books on Masonry to public libraries. Seventy-one percent are displaying or planning a display of historic memorabilia, and of course all Lodges are using the commemorative dues card.

The speakers bureau, though not overworked, has provided speakers for several of our Lodges.

This evening a program will be presented as a part of our Grand Lodge Celebration of this 200th year of life in our Nation. We hope you will enjoy it and gain some further light on Masonry.

Although our work will not be finished until the end of 1976, we wish to thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge, and all Lodges in the Jurisdiction. We sincerely hope we have carried out our assignment to the satisfaction of all concerned.

M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of this report. Motion carried.

M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

The hour has arrived for the election of Grand Officers and voting on the Resolutions that were proposed last year.

No. 1 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 sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one . . . "

Received the necessary two-thirds majority and was adopted.

No. 2 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 was amended by the Codification of Law Committee to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED - Section 3-102 MASONIC OFFENSES - ENUMERATED

Add a new paragraph (i) as follows:

The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official ceremony of any Masonic lodge or appendant body thereof, in any portion of a lodge building where Masonic activities are held.

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

#### 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 amendment would delete the words "ballot for and"

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

This amendment received the necessary vote and was adopted.

M. W. John F. Futch presented the following resolution, which was seconded by M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts at the Annual Stockholders meeting of The Nebraska Masonic Home. This resolution was passed at this meeting and is now presented to the Grand Lodge for final action.

RESOLVED: That the First Paragraph of Article III of the Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska Masonic Home be amended to read as follows:

The business of this Corporation shall be to aid, care for, and maintain needy, distressed, infirmed, unfortunate and elderly Freemasons, their wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and sisters, and female members of the Order of The Eastern Star, and for this purpose and to this end, it shall have authority. (this adds the words "infirmed, unfortunate and elderly Freemasons")

The resolution was voted on and was adopted.

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

W. Phil Lorenzen, 10, presented the report in the absence of M. W. Charles F. Adams, Chairman, which was adopted.

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Association was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Monday, February 16, 1976, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. This change of the place of the meeting was made this year in order to coordinate with the activities of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America which held its meetings in Philadelphia as a part of the Bicentennial observance. The Nebraskans in attendance included M. W. Harold Hultman, Grand Master, R. W. T. Leo Stines, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Past Grand Master, M. W. John H. Brown, Past Grand Master, M. W. Carl R. Greisen, Past Grand Master (Honorary) and your Chairman.

Because of the illness of the President of the Association, M. W. Raymond C. Ellis of New York, it became my duty, as First Vice President of the Association, to preside at the meeting, as well as at the joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors the preceding Sunday noon and at the ceremony of placing a wreath at the George Washington statue at Freedoms Foundation on the Monday morning prior to the business meeting of the Association. This last mentioned event took place at Valley Forge, some thirty miles west of Philadelphia. Busses took the delegates from the hotel, leaving at seven a.m. The wreath was placed at the foot of the heroic size statue of our Brother George Washington kneeling at prayer in the snow that terrible winter at the military encampment at Valley Forge. I was assisted by M. W. Marvin E. Fowler, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. I gave a short tribute to Brother Washington following which we were all guests of Freedoms Foundation for breakfast, returning to the hotel in time for the Annual Meeting which was opened at nine a.m.

Under the leadership of M. W. Brother Ellis, President of the Association, the Endowment Fund continues to grow and it is the hope of the officers and directors of the Association that it will soon be of sufficient size to provide the necessary income for the maintenance and operation of the Memorial building. As I mentioned in my report last year, special emphasis is being placed on Bicentennial Contributions of \$1,000.00 or more which will entitle the contributor, whether an individual or a Masonic organization, to be listed on the bronze plaque to be installed in the Memorial building. To be thus inscribed, the contribution must be made during the calendar year of 1976.

In conclusion, let me again remind you all that a visit to the Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, should be included in your activities whenever you are in the vicinity of our Nation's Capital. It will be a most rewarding experience.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE  
ON FRATERNAL DEAD

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

M. W. Grand Master, Masonic brethren: Since the beginning of this country, there have been deaths of Masonic brethren and also short memorial services as are being conducted this afternoon for them. It is then, M. W. Sir, that I submit the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. Making us all mindful, within this room, of the shortness of time and life itself.

Our Grand Lodge reports the death of 944 Brethren, during the 1975-1976 year, who have passed from our Lodges to their eternal abode, over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides. To these Masonic Brethren, we owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to their lodges and their Masonic brothers.

Your Committee reports the death of two Past Grand Masters and two Deputy Grand Custodians, one Emeritus and one regular of our own Jurisdiction during this past year. The Masonic record of these brethren is as follows:

M. W. Past Grand Master, William Ballou Wanner, was born September 23, 1892 at Falls City, Nebraska and died June 13, 1975. He was the 79th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, having been installed in 1943. He also served as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge in 1944.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master, was born November 21, 1897 at Lockwood, Nebraska and died October 12, 1975 at Omaha, Nebraska. He was the 90th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska having been installed in 1955. He was the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter (1970), the Grand Council (1948), the Grand Commandery (1961), of the York Rite Bodies of Nebraska. In 1953, he served as Potentate of Tangier Temple of the Shrine and from 1952 to 1955 he was President of the the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

W. Ernest E. James, 1, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, served this Grand Lodge from 1948 to 1960 as Assistant Custodian, born December 15, 1889, died February 7, 1976. W. Ward L. McGlashan, 180, served this Grand Lodge for 9 years as Deputy Grand Custodian.

We thank God, for the privilege of having known and worked with these Brethren. We owe the highest degree of gratitude for their service to our Grand Lodge, their local lodges and to their Masonic brethren. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

Our Grand Secretary has received Memorial cards during the past year, from 22 Jurisdictions listing the deaths of 25 Past Grand Masters and 2 Grand Tylers of the United States; four Past Grand Masters from Canada, 1 Grand Master of Peru, one Grand Master of Turkey, one Grand Master of Japan, one Grand Master of Puerto Rico and two Grand Masters of Mexico.

"In the name of God, we pause to pay tribute and honor to our Brethren who have passed into their 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."

M. W. Grand Master, I have asked W. Brother Edward H. Lockwood to play for us an organ solo entitled "Be Thou My Stay" and may we in reverence unto those who are passed from our lodges, now participate in



this manner, fully realizing the shortness of time of our own lives, and that these eulogies which we have now performed could well be ours in the days to come.

M. W. . Sir, I would remind us all that we forget not the opportunity that has been given us to do this thing in reverence for that which has been afforded to us. I would ask that at the conclusion of our report that V. . W. . J. Dallas Gibson, Grand Chaplain lead us in prayer.

V. . W. . J. DALLAS GIBSON, GRAND CHAPLAIN

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, you have created us in your image and breathed into mankind the breath of life. We rejoice in and thank you for creating us as individuals and for your redemptive power which enables us to know, love and serve your Holy Will. We thank you for these our brethren who are dear to our hearts, whose labor continues to inspire and strengthen us until we have completed our pilgrimage on earth. May we rejoice in the joys of their labors and service in Masonry. We know that if our tabernacle was dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. May Thy comforting peace and abiding strength sustain the families of these our Brethren, that when at last Thou dost call us unto Thyself, may we so live and labor here that we will hear Thee say to us, "well done good servant, enter now into the joy of Thy Lord." Accept of our gratitude and of our submission to Thy divine providence. for in the Master's name, we pray. Amen.

M. W. . Sir, I would thank Brothers Edward H. Lockwood and J. Dallas Gibson for being a part of this report and on behalf of the Committee, move its acceptance. Motion carried.

M. W. JOHN F. FUTCHER, PAST GRAND MASTER, CHAIRMAN OF GRAND TRUSTEES:

You will recall at the last Communication we promised that if you fully cooperated with us in matters to be discussed relative to our Retirement Plan we would give you a full report of what had been accomplished in our negotiations.

You passed three resolutions as follows:

First, you authorized the Grand Master to adopt for you a Pension Plan containing provisions in general similar to our Plan of 1965, but one which would meet requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the newly enacted Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This has been done and the Plan has been put into effect. The new or amended Plan does two things as now required by Law that the former Plan did not; that is the interest of the Employee becomes vested in the contributions made on his behalf after ten years of Employment and the employees have certain options such as a joint and survivor benefit.

Second, you also authorized the Grand Master to purchase on behalf of the Grand Lodge a Participating Deposit Administration Policy. This has been done in accordance with our representations to you and your directive. Such a Policy has been entered into with the Bankers Life of Nebraska. The Insurance Company has guaranteed us 8% return on our deposits for the first year. Thereafter the guaranteed rate is gradually reduced for future years.

Third, you further authorized, upon the aforementioned steps being taken, the Grand Trustees to liquidate the Assets of the Retirement Fund either at private or public sale and to deposit the proceeds of the sale and other cash in The Fund with the Insurance Company. The Board considered the sale of the Assets of the Retirement Fund at public sale, but upon investigation the best estimates indicated a sale in this manner would result in a loss over our Book Value and would necessitate an increase in the Deposit with the Insurance Company of \$7,000.00 to \$9,000.00 yearly to amortize the difference between the amount received at the sale and \$301,505.00. The latter sum is the amount used to compute an Annual Deposit of \$16,000.00 with the Insurance Company on the Policy. The Board therefore directed the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge to purchase from the Retirement Fund at Book Value their respective percentages previously deposited in the Retirement Fund. In accordance with the contributions made by the respective bodies, this would entail the purchase by the Grand Lodge of 15.5% and the Home of 84.5% of the Assets of the Fund. The Board further directed the Chairman after completion of the purchase to deposit \$301,505.00 with the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Nebraska to initiate a retirement Program in accordance with the Plan approved by the Grand Master. This meant that the Grand Lodge would have to purchase from the Retirement Fund \$46,700.00 of securities and the Home \$254,700.00. Funds were obtained to accomplish this from maturities, calls of securities and by accumulation of money over a period of time in anticipation of this necessity. As for the Home, a portion of the money was obtained because of the large amount of receipts from new guests entering the Home, thereby reducing the amount necessary to be transferred from the Endowment and Bequest Fund to the General Fund.

The next step was to allocate to each of the bodies their proportionate share of the securities in the Retirement Fund in as fair and equitable a manner as possible. This was done by computing the average weighted yield of each security. The allocation was accomplished within 6/100th's of a basis point and the securities were registered in the names of the respective purchasers.

We trust that all this meets with your approval.

**GRAND LODGE ACCOUNTS**

Our Certified Public Accountant's preliminary report of the Operations of the Grand Lodge reveals Revenues for the use of the General Fund of \$156,084.00 for fiscal year ended 1976 (1975 - \$150,984.00; 1974 - \$148,218.00), with expense of operation for 1976 of \$122,127.00 (1975 - \$121,096.00; 1974 - \$135,297.00).

Changes of income in 1976 over 1975 were a loss of dues receipts of \$2,000.00; an increase in initiation fees of \$800.00; a decrease of insurance premiums received of \$1,000.00; an increase in the sale of supplies of \$1,000.00; and an increase in investment income of \$5,600.00. Expenses of operation of the Grand Lodge in 1976 was \$1,000.00 more than in 1975, leaving a surplus of Revenues over expenditures in 1976 on a cash basis of \$23,957.00. As I explained last year, this size of a balance is accounted for by a reduction in our annual contribution to the operating expense of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. We may anticipate that our contributions will increase in future years. Assets of the Grand Lodge were in 1976-\$998,479.00 compared with \$962,685.00 in 1975 (an increase of \$35,794.00) and \$1,035,310.00 in 1974.

**Nebraska Masonic Home Accounts**

Assets of the General Fund (which is the operating fund) of the Home at year end amounted to \$181,756.00. This was comprised of Cash of \$87,141.00 and Investments of \$94,097.00. Investments were Savings Accounts, Certificates of Deposits, mortgages and real estate, all received from guests of the Home upon admission and will be disposed of at the earliest convenience and used to pay operating expenses of the Home.

Income of the General Fund of the Home in the year ended April 30, 1976 amounted to \$457,899.00. This income was received from the following sources:

Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax .....	\$ 74,166.00
Cash Received from Residents.....	269,633.00
Investments (non-cash) received from	
Residents .....	56,000.00
Donations to the General Fund.....	14,636.00
Investment Income.....	3,310.00
Seal Program.....	40,154.00

I would point out that of the income received to the General Fund during the year, 71% of the Total was received from the residents of the Home.

The Operating expense of the Home for the year was \$554,668.00 (1975 - \$479,077.00) making an operating deficit of \$86,769.00.

The Endowment and Bequest Fund of the Home is the one into which is Deposited all sums given to the Home, except those received from the Residents of the Home, the Per Capita Tax, and gifts specifically designated to the operation of the Home. The Total Assets of the Endowment and Bequest Fund at years end were \$5,111,628.00. This is an increase over 1975 of \$795,185.00.

Income to the Endowment and Bequest Fund last year comprised Investment Income and Endowments and Bequests as follows:

Investment Income.....	\$ 303,971.00
Endowment and Bequests received .....	525,132.00

Investment Income increased over 1975 by \$45,134.00. Bequests increased over 1975 by \$235,653.00.

The statements of comparative assets and liabilities and the analysis of surplus or fund balances fairly and accurately reflect the financial condition of both the Grand Lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Home. These statements have been prepared by our independent Auditor and will be printed in these proceedings.

May I say in closing that it has been a distinct honor to serve you as a member of the Grand Trustees and as Chairman. I express my thanks and appreciation to each and every member of the Trustees for their whole-hearted support and cooperation. Their advice and experience in all investment matters has been of inestimable value to this organization. I deeply, deeply appreciate their counsel and friendship. Our meetings are held in harmony and with a dedication of purpose to preserve our assets and to invest the funds of our fraternity as prudently and wisely as possible.

To this we continue to pledge our efforts.

M. W. . Grand Master, I move the acceptance of this report. Motion carried.

M. W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

M. W. . Brother John, I know from a practical standpoint all the effort that you as Chairman of the Committee put in on these financial portions of the funds that are to be taken care of, and I for one, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, want to express my sincere gratitude to you for all those efforts during the past year and in the years past. I doubt, if anyone in the room knows exactly all the things that John does to make this report as complete as it is. We sincerely thank you, John.

#### RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M. W. . Harold Hultman, Grand Master, announced that the tellers were ready to report the results of the election:

The following Grand Officers were elected:

T. Leo Stines, 36 .....	Grand Master
Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	Deputy Grand Master
Jack H. Hendrix, 174.....	Grand Senior Warden
Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314 .....	Grand Junior Warden
Norris W. Lallman, 72.....	Grand Secretary

R. W. . T. Leo Stines, Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments:

Robert A. Knudsen, 59 .....	Grand Chaplain
Bevin B. Bump, 158 .....	Grand Orator
J. Dallas Gibson, 54 .....	Grand Historian
Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....	Grand Custodian
Robert A. Metcalf, 210 .....	Grand Marshal
Byron C. Jenkins, 325 .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39 .....	Grand Tyler

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:00 p.m.

## GRAND ORATION

Friday evening June 11, 1976 — Grand Lodge Banquet

by

W. . Bevin B. Bump

The Grand Master has asked me to give a short address. About the shortest one that I know is my own, which is 342 Main St., Chadron, Nebraska. I am really pleased to be with you again. As you see I haven't lost too much weight since last year. I am wearing the same shirt I wore last year - same suit. I didn't wear my vest tonight because I wanted to be sure I could eat. I had corned beef and cabbage today and it was so good that I ate so much — I couldn't get my vest on.

My doctor told me the other day that rich foods are like destiny - they too, shape our end. Seriously, the other day I got on the scales and a little flag came up and said, "One person only!" I put my coin in the slot and out came my little fortune card. My wife, my beautiful wife, Maxine, picked up the card and started to read it to me. It said, "You are a leader with magnetic personality and strong character. You are most intelligent, witty and attractive to the opposite sex." She paused for a moment and said, "They got your weight wrong too!"

I must say it is a pleasure to see all the Past Grand Masters here this evening and as I look at them all there with those bright and shiny faces, it reminds me of a poem that I have to share with you. It goes like this:

Womens' faults are many  
Men but have only two  
Everything they say and  
Everything they do.

If that doesn't remind you of them, how about this:

It is easy enough to be pleasant  
When life flows 'round and 'round,  
But the man worth his while,  
Is a man who can smile,  
When his garter is coming down.

The other day I sent Joe Tye this poem, because I read it and I like it and I thought he might like it.

Say it with flowers;  
Say it with eats,  
Say it with kisses;  
Say it with sweets,  
Say it with jewelry and;  
Say it with drinks,  
But be mighty careful,  
What you say in ink.

Joe sent one back to me, (you know how Joe is) and it said:

Don't worry if your job is small,  
and your rewards are few,  
Remember that the mighty oak,  
was once a nut like you.

Somehow, John Brown got the message that I liked little poems. Joe must have told him, - anyway, I got one in the mail from John. It said this:

Ruth rode on my motorcycle  
- on the seat in back of me,  
I took a bump at 55  
and rode on ruthlessly.

I understand the other day that Tom Aron employed Joe Tye for a little legal matter - Joe gave him a bill. When he gave him the bill, he said, "Please pay down \$100.00 and \$25.00 a week for ten weeks." Tom said, "That sounds like buying a car." Joe said, "I am."

It just happened the other day: a stranger walked up here in Omaha and asked Lou Sylvester, "Pardon me, are you a resident here?" He said, "Yes I am. I have been here going on some fifty years now. What can I do for you?" The man said, "I am looking for a criminal lawyer. Do you know one?" Lou said, "I am pretty sure we have one but we haven't been able to prove it."

I understand that when Judge Herb Ronin first went on the bench, he had a case where they brought the defendant in and he said to this defendant, "You have been accused of stealing a chicken. Have you anything to say about it?" The defendant looked up to him and said, "I took it for a lark." Herb said, "Well, it is a poor resemblance - fifty days."

I understand that before Jack Hendrix went on the District Bench, he and Frank Mattoon had a rather important case in the western part of the state. We do have those now and then. This happened to be a case where Jack Hendrix was examining a witness who was a lovely, fetching blonde with blue eyes. Jack leaned forward in his chair and said, "Where were you on Monday night?" In a soft voice, she smiled and said, "Automobile riding." "Where were you on Tuesday night?" he asked. "Automobile riding" was her reply. Still he leaned closer and asked, "What will you be doing tomorrow night?" at which time Frank jumped up and said, "I object, your Honor." The Judge said, "Why would you object?" Frank said, "Because I asked her first."

I didn't know what to think tonight when this wonderful Grand Master of ours introduced me and said, "I don't know about this man's future." I don't know what he was talking about. But I told him I would get even and I would like to tell you a few things about him. I am sure you haven't heard before and probably never will again, but I understand that he and our Grand Marshal, Hank Wurdeman, were playing golf the other day. They both sliced their drives into the rough and they were both searching for the golf balls for quite some time. A very beautiful and charming little lady came up to them and said, "I hope I am not intruding, but would it really be cheating if I told you where they are?" They said, "No. Do you play golf?" She said, "No, I know very little about golf. I couldn't even tell you which end of the caddie is which." So they played the next hole and the Grand Master said to the Grand Marshal, "Well, how do you like my game?" Hank said, "Well, I suppose it is alright, but I still prefer golf."

I understand that the other day Virginia said to him, "You think so much of your old golf game that you don't even remember when we were married." He said, "Of course, I do, my dear - it was the day I sank that thirty foot putt."

You will recall the day at Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master introduced Wayne Campbell and he said something about him being a cowman. I want to tell you why he did that because at one time he said to Wayne, "How long should a cow be milked?" Wayne answered, "As long as a short one."

It is so nice having a friend in the crowd. I have to tell you a couple of short ones about Ralph Gerry because every year I have to tell you about some of the dinners we have had together. This last time we had dinner together, I complained to Ralph, "Look here, my soup has a dead fly in it." He said, "Yes, I know. It is the heat that kills them." Ralph Gerry was the one who taught me how to eat peas. He always eats peas with honey. It isn't because they taste good. They stick to his knife much better.

As your Grand Orator, I do have an opportunity to give you a message, and I will tonight. Also, as your Grand Orator, I am sure I always feel that this is the best part of the program. But I will try to be brief, and I do have some things and thoughts that I would like to review with you. As you will see, some of them are not my words, but I am sure that as they are said, you will remember them.

It was a few weeks ago that I attended a Rotary Meeting where I heard a speaker give a report on various dooms day predictions. You know the kind - the population explosion, the world running out of natural resources, lack of food to feed the world etc., etc. He read at length from a publication written by some East Coast economist that our capitalistic system was bad, that our form of government would not last and that people would go to the ways of the dinosaurs and vanish. I tell you, I was really upset. I was so upset that I went to the library and I checked out this publication and I read it. As I read it, I became angry and the more I read, the angrier I became. All at once, I realized that the author did not mention, did not consider or take into account, as he analyzed the various problems he presented, two most important things: our heritage and our faith in God. I feel if he had, I am sure the end result would have been different. The next week I returned to Rotary, ready to debate the Devil himself, but I did not have to. The speaker this time, was a gentleman of Spanish-American descent, who spoke on how fortunate he was to be an American. He told us that we should all take America in gratitude and not take it for granted. That it was much better to have an unequal distribution of wealth, rather than an equal distribution of misery. He hoped that we as a people did not encourage the welfare of the poor at the expense of wealth, so that the incentive to achieve eventually is destroyed. That in America, not only could you still dream, but you could still have the opportunity to live that dream because of our American heritage and that we must all keep our faith in God. For religion without faith in God means that life has not meaning or purpose. **HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND OUR FAITH IN GOD?**

The Sunday *World Herald* of June 6, 1976, its front page right hand column, carried a story by Bernie Bookbinder of *News Day*. The headlines, and I am sure you saw them read, "Happy People Hold Dim View For U.S.". This news item stated that as the Nation enters its third century and the Americans proceed, there are two different versions of the future: a bright one for themselves and a dim one for the country. I quote, "This sense of hesitancy and events, even pessimism, emerges from an extensive *News Day* inquiry into the hopes, fears and attitudes of Americans, about their lives, their country and the very survival of their present form of Government." Still quoting, "They do not believe that America is becoming a better place in which to live. They have serious doubts about the ability of the Democratic Capitalistic system to endure." If you read that article and you looked next to it in a box surrounded by black, you would see there were the important findings of the survey.

If you read that survey, it said that 54% of the people believe that America's form of government will survive to celebrate another 200 years, while only 32% think it will be overthrown. It would appear that the majority of those polls believe that the American form of government would survive rather than doubt as the article would lead you to believe. Let's go back in our history to 200 years ago during the birth of our country, and if you would obtain a similar poll at that time, I am sure that you would have found the following: One third of the population at that time were loyalists and sympathetic to England; one-third of the population at

that time were indifferent, and could care less. That doesn't have a new sound does it? One-third of the population at that time was involved and actually carried on the American Revolution that gave birth to this great country of ours. HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND OUR FAITH IN GOD? It was considered important 100 years later as the President of the United States gave his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, as he said, "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us, to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, his orphan and to do all which may achieve and cherish the just and lasting peace among us and with all Nations." Not long thereafter this great man met his untimely death at the hands of an assassin and, of course, you all know his name was Abraham Lincoln. The same Abraham Lincoln, who at the age of 19 stated, "I never behold the stars that I do not feel that I am looking in the face of God." I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the Heavens and say, "There is no God." HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD?

One hundred years later and now in our time, another President of the United States, who had also later met an untimely death through the hands of an assassin, considered it most important when he stated at his inaugural address, "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the roll of defending freedom in its hours of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility. I welcome it. The energy and faith and devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it and the glow from that fire can truly light the world, and so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." My fellow citizens of the world ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man. With good conscience, our only sure reward with history, our final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth, God's work must truly be our own.

HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD? Well, it is still important today, to our present President and I am thankful to say, President Ford, who when asked what American means to him said, "God and Man made America what it is, but America was also made of us, what we are."

Unlike most nations of history, we are a mixture of a multitude of races, nationalities, religions, and cultures. Who can identify us as Americans simply by how we look and how we act and how we worship or how we spell our names? Yet, we know who we are and we have been saying ever since Daniel Webster and before, "Thank God, I am an American." American society is still not perfect, but it is still the best there is.

We continue to move on in the course set by our constitution to secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves today and our posterity tomorrow. I am just as optimistic about America's future as I am of America's past. Some how we must, and I know we will find ways to make America a more perfect union forever, beautiful and free.



HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD? Let me share with you for a moment, the prayer of Thomas Jefferson, the same prayer that we are told he said each day during his Presidency and then until his death. As he knelt, he said, "Almighty God who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor, glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industries, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashions into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we intrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and through obedience of Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thoughtfulness, thankfulness and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail."

Last week at the invitation of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, I had the privilege of attending their Grand Communication. Maxine and I drove through the State of South Dakota. We passed by Mt. Rushmore and that is a great shrine of democracy. Who should look down upon me but George Washington, Brother Mason and Father of our Country, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, the old rough rider. I recall some of his words that went like this, "No matter how honest and decent we are in our private lives, if we do not have the right kind of law and administration, we cannot go forward as a Nation. We must have the right kind of character - character that makes a man, first of all, a good man at home, a good father and a good husband." This, then reminded me of something I once read, the author is unknown - it went like this: "The things that will destroy us are politics without principle, pleasure without conscience, wealth without work and knowledge without character, business without morality, science without humanity and worship without sacrifice. HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND HOW IMPORTANT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD?"

Well, I believe that to a Mason it is most important that we are duty bound by our obligations to meet, act and live by the principles of Masonry, thereby, continuing that Heritage for those who shall follow after us. And so to collect my thoughts that I have expressed to you this evening, let me deliver this short reading I have prepared to dedicate to you and all of us. For the following is dedicated to the most endangered species of all, ourselves.

Those who find laughter in everyday life  
and in everyday jobs they achieve in,  
Those we elect to keep our respect and  
stand up for what they believe in.

Doctors who still make housecalls in  
in spite of the malpractice,  
Teachers, who teach and create  
an interest in knowledge.

Lawyers and judges who  
you know you can trust,

Makers of autos that  
nothing can bust,

Guys who think work is an absolute must,  
They each are endangered species.

People who simply refuse to grow old,  
whatever the season or weather,  
People content when the family meant much more  
than just being together.

Folks who know children inherit the earth  
are their sons, daughters, nephews, and nieces,  
Kids, who have chances their folks never had,  
They are each an endangered species.

Big guys who look after little guys  
Husbands who aren't too demanding,  
Painters whose art comes from the heart  
and wives who are most understanding  
Lovers, who marry and marry for life,  
not just until the honeymoon ceases,

People who aren't  
just along for the drive  
And folks who do think show business  
ought to be live

And daughters home by 1:35  
They are all each an endangered species.

All the people who work with their hands,  
who bring us our music and laughter,  
Each of us through his own conscience is true,  
and all of the kings who will come after,  
All of the people whose courage and love  
can make this planet where peace is,  
The brown, yellow, the black and the white,  
from workers in the field to spacemen in flight,  
And Masons who teach more and further light,  
People who know that unless we unite  
We are all an endangered species.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12  
SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. . Donald R. White, 327, Chairman, gave the report which was accepted.

Since our Grand Lodge meeting a year ago, this Committee has received and acted favorably on 36 applications, which is again a few more than we had the year before.

This made for a busy year for our Committee but it is a very rewarding activity and we sincerely enjoy doing what we can to enable these worthy Brethren to once again become active Masons in their respective Blue Lodges. They are needed there, as you know.

At this time I would like to call to your attention to something of importance. This is a matter that should have the careful attention of the presiding Master of the Lodge and the Secretary.

These applications must be completed in their entirety. We find very frequently that this is not being done. It is then necessary that the Application for Reinstatement be returned to the Lodge and this causes undue delay in our making a decision on the matter of reinstatement.

I call to your attention the matter of the Investigating Committee of the Blue Lodge. We find quite often that this has not been done and there will be only the signature of the Master and the Secretary. An Investigating Committee must be appointed by the Master and this Committee must function properly. All this must be done before we, the Committee, can do our part.

We do ask your kind consideration in this respect since we do want to make it possible for every eligible Mason to again become active in his Blue Lodge just as soon as possible after the application has been submitted.

Once again we thank you for your support and cooperation.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE  
OFFICE COMMITTEE**

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Chairman, presented the report which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee met in the Grand Secretary's office on May 6th. A proposed budget for routine office and special items was prepared and has been submitted to the Appropriations Committee. The significant changes from last year are as follows:

- (1) Payroll for this Communication (ie., per diem and travel expense for delegates) was increased from \$7,000.00 to \$11,000.00. This is contingent upon approval of the Grand Master's recommendation to increase the mileage and per diem expense.
- (2) Grand Lodge Delegates Dinner increased from \$1,350.00 to \$2,500.00. This is the subsidy necessary because the amount charged the Delegate does not cover the cost of the dinner.
- (3) \$3,000.00 was included for printing new Code Books.
- (4) Grand Lodge Office Supplies account was reduced \$6,500.00 as this account was increased that amount last year to cover the cost of printing 5,000 new Monitors.
- (5) A cost of living increase of approximately 6.5% is recommended for the Grand Lodge office staff (Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian and clerical help). We believe this is in line with the cost of living index rise and it approximates the Social Security increase of 6.4% effective July 1st of this year.

We commend the Grand Lodge office staff for another year of dedicated and efficient service. Special recognition should be given the staff and Committee Chairmen for the fact that the total expended last year was \$15,435.38 under the Budget allowed.

**REPORT OF THE TEMPLE  
BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha, is looking for a suitable building to use for a Temple. Their efforts, to date, have not been successful. There has been no other activity reported to the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, Chairman presented the report which was adopted.

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

Your Committee is pleased to advise that no matters relating to the esoteric or monotorial work as adopted by this Grand Lodge, have been submitted to the Committee during the year. This leads us to the conclusion that the Grand Custodian and our Deputies are covering the work thoroughly and proficiently and their efforts are being well received by the Brethren, the result being that our work continues to remain at a high standard of excellence.

Agreeable to action of this Grand Lodge a year ago, 5,000 Monitors were reprinted during the year and are now available through the Grand Lodge office. These Monitors reflect the corrections of a few minor errors found in the old Monitor, and the addition of the adopted Memorial Service.

The annual report of the Grand Custodian has been submitted to us and continues to reflect the dedicated services rendered by him and the Deputies. This Grand Lodge, indeed owes continued thanks for their devotion.

All vouchers and expense items of the Grand Custodian were submitted to and approved by the Committee. For the first time in years the appropriation was exceeded by a very small amount, brought about by increased activity of the Grand Custodian and the office, but principally by the increased cost of travel. We have examined the proposed budget of the Grand Custodian and approve his request for an appropriation of \$9,100.00 an increase of \$500.00 over a year ago, made necessary as pointed out by the above comment, to the increase in travel expense.

The Grand Custodian was re-examined in both the Esoteric and Standard floor work and found to be most proficient in both.

After proper certification as to their proficiency, the committee approved and recommended to the Grand Master, the appointment of Worshipful Brothers Everett K. Dappen and Alfred V. Peltzer, as Deputy Custodians in districts 30 and 27, respectively. The appointment of these two brethren assures devoted continuity in these districts and we welcome them to the fellowship of the Deputy Grand Custodians. In addition we regretfully note the retirement of two of our most distinguished Deputies, Worshipful Harold D. Weddel of Lexington and Alfred R. Kenoyer of Scotia. Both of these brethren have served with distinction, Brother Wedell for 37 years and Brother Kenoyer for 15 years. Their retirement is a distinct loss to this Grand Lodge. Your Committee heartily endorsed the recommendation to the Grand Master that they be accorded emeritus status.

For the first time in several years no member of the Committee was present at the Annual Custodian school held in Grand Island. However, we are assured that the Deputies passed a very satisfactory examination in the three degrees and we can be certain that the high standard of perfection at which they have arrived will be maintained in this jurisdiction.

In general, the work throughout the State is being carried on in a most efficient manner and we owe to the Grand Custodian and his Deputies, a deep sense of gratitude for their devotion and loyalty.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON MASONIC EDUCATION**

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

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

Your Committee on Masonic Education has just completed, what the members feel, was one of the most successful and rewarding years of recent times.

Shortly after Grand Lodge a year ago, the Committee sat down with the Grand Master and several of his officers to discuss ways and means whereby a program of Masonic Education could be made meaningful and interesting to the lodges and brethren involved.

Out of this meeting came an entirely new format, one which involved each of the Grand Lodge officers, as well as the Committee members. The program was designed around audience participation with each grand Lodge officer making an assigned presentation on a particular subject. Subjects embraced Youth Activities, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Suspensions for non-payment of dues, Cornerstones and Dedications, Ritual and Law, Leadership and Bi-Centennial celebrations.

At the banquet in the evening, the program was designed to educate the local lodge leadership in how to present a program that might ultimately lead to petitions for the degrees. Each host lodge and as many others as was convenient to do so, were urged to bring non-masons and their wives to the banquet that the presentation might be as realistic as possible. Reports now being received indicate that this type of meeting does and will bear fruit. A total of eleven meetings were held, all located geographically so that every lodge in the State had the opportunity of being in attendance. Of our 242 lodges, 187 were represented during the afternoon sessions, with a total attendance of approximately 750. When viewed from the standpoint that these meetings are geared principally for the officers and Educational Committee members of each Lodge, these figures are most impressive and leads your Grand Lodge Committee to the conclusion that this type of program will be accepted by the Brethren.

Your Committee has been active in individual areas also, providing speakers for Lodge Guest night programs, furnishing Masonic Educational material and counseling with Lodge officers in their individual efforts to provide leadership and Education for their lodges.

The Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education, comprising twelve States, was held this year in LaCross, Wisconsin. In attendance from Nebraska were our Deputy Grand Master, T. Leo Stines, your Chairman and their wives, together with Committee members Wayne W. Reese and Alfred G. Wurst. These meetings are most worthwhile and afford those in attendance an opportunity to learn of the Educational programs being carried on by sister jurisdictions, new Educational material developed, all of which is made available for use by any member Grand Lodge.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation to M. W. Harold Hultman, Grand Master, and his Grand Lodge Officers, for their encouragement and help in presenting this year's Educational program. Plans are now going forward for what we hope, will be an even greater year in Masonic Education.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON RETURNS**

W. J. James R. Kimmel, 3, 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 243 Lodges for year 1975 and find that in general, these reports are satisfactorily prepared by Lodge Secretaries.

We wish to stress the importance of Lodge compiling their Monthly reports and Annual Returns in every detail as provided for without omissions in order to maintain proper and correct records in Lodges and Grand Secretary's Office.

The following omissions errors on reports can and should be avoided by strict compliance by Lodge Secretaries in compiling these reports in every detail as provided for without exceptions.

41 Lodges neglected to apply imprint of their Lodge Official Seal on Annual Returns.

9 Lodges failed to show name of their Bronze Jordan Medal Member or explanation of omission.

8 Lodges omitted Financial Statement as provided for on the report.

Several Lodges failed to show names of Officers for the year and to apply Master's and Secretary's Signature to reports.

The Committee finds it necessary to cite Lodge No. 291 for their failure to remit their Annual Return Fees or show cause why they are in violation and recommends the application of provisions of Section 2-601 be imposed.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that Lodge Secretaries continue use of Monthly Progress Form and be in balance with Monthly and Annual Reports before mailing to the Grand Secretary's Office.

We wish to highly 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.

This report was accepted.

**REPORT OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE**

W. Earl W. Schultz, 75, presented the report in the absence of the Chairman Paul L. Toombs.

Your relief committee has had a reasonably routine year. We have had no requests from the constituent lodge for any help and have taken care of our routine payments to an amount of \$600.00 and while we expended a specific sum of \$100.00 for relief to one recipient after the tornado we received a contribution from Iowa City Lodge No. 4, Iowa City, Iowa in the amount of \$50.00 and the Masonic Service Club of Johnson County, Iowa in the amount of \$25.00 so our total expenditures were \$625.00 net. With a membership of somewhat over 36,000 members that amounts to less than \$.02 per member.

Our committee is ready and willing to advise with the lodges at any time they may have a relief problem. We commend them for the fact that no case has come to our attention this past year.

This report was accepted.

**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 for the past year.

It has been a good year with the usual amount of troubles and correspondingly, the pleasant side has had its innings as well.

Our Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers reported at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in January 1976 that our population was a little below 80. The average age of both men and women was 84. The average age at admittance was 77. You can see that on the average, even at a high age, we keep our residents an average of six years.

We had 10 admissions and 9 deaths. The average age at death was 85 years.

The per capita cost of maintaining a resident in the Home in 1975 was \$6,623.32 per year. This figure has constantly risen each year for a long time.

As always before, I wish to impress upon you that loving care is the golden thread that runs all through your Home. It is surprising what this does to many of our residents.

They come to us, many of them, ill and beset by the cares of life which, at their age, makes life very miserable. Once established in the Home, the anxieties of life are completely gone. Kind people and excellent diet does the rest to make very happy people out of our residents.

This sort of handling and care has been going on since Raymond's father, William Evers, was our Superintendent, so it comes naturally.

So much for our residents except to remind you that they like company. Each Lodge who has a resident in the Home would learn what happiness they can bestow if at some time in the year they visited their Brother or Sister. I urge you to do it. Many of our residents have outlived all their relatives. The remaining friends become most precious.



Our project of installing door closures is completed. This moved slowly but now these doors, activated by smoke, close as a safety measure.

Just as we were completing this, an anonymous giver asked the cost. When told, we received a check for the entire operation. We cannot give credit as we would like to do but we can say "thank you and God Bless you."

We have also been working a long time on a stand-by generator. This is just being completed. To those of you who might not understand what this is, it is an auxiliary system to provide power and light in case of a power failure in our area.

I am sure all hospitals have this installation and a number of the new Nursing Homes. We are some of both and after a couple of years of checking and discussion, we felt it was in no way an extravagance but very much a necessity.

We made the winter in good shape. I am sure I told you before we installed sometime before, reserve oil tanks. Our supplier urged it and it proved very useful.

Raymond Evers, our Superintendent, at a recent meeting, explained a problem we have at the Home. For church services and all other occasions when residents gather in the Chapel, we have not enough room in the balcony to accommodate all the wheel chairs. We have had this for some time but it is increasing.

Raymond had material showing a wheel chair lift to the main floor of the Chapel where there is plenty of room for a great number of wheel chairs.

The Board considered the estimated cost and adjourned without decision. This was talked around for a week or so until one day we received a phone call. It was our anonymous giver of the door closures. The conversation wasn't very long. We were told to go ahead and get the "lift" and it would be paid for.

The "lift" is in, serving its purpose beautifully and at no cost to the Home. It was paid for by our friend.

This was no small gift. Somebody who cared and loved his Brother Man enough to do this saw it through. We are deeply grateful. This sort of giving without thought of reward gives everybody a feeling that God is in his Heaven and this world isn't all bad.

We've had gifts before as I have reported to you but the intervals between them is pretty wide. We are always deeply grateful.

This thought brings thoughts of the Endowment Fund, a perfect place for gifts, large or small. Facing as we have the past several years, a declining population in Grand Lodge, Endowments become more and more important since our per-capita tax goes down each year the population drops.

With all this, we continue to encourage Endowments to make certain the life of your Home. This year has been one of pleasant surprises and the Fund has grown. We are grateful that we are being remembered. We can express our appreciation in the way this Fund is managed and that will always have our careful attention.

Just briefly I should mention what I am sure is obvious. Our costs continue to rise. With all our efforts, the budget again this year exceeds last year's. Unless and until inflation reverses, this will continue with us just as it is continuing to do with you and me in our private lives.

With our loss by death of M. .W. . William B. Wanner and M. .W. . Howard J. Hunter, we lost two good Trustees. M. .W. . Herbert T. White, Trustee Emeritus also passed away.

W. . Brother Earl H. Furman, one of our old and valued Trustees retired and he with Mrs. Furman is living at the Home now. W. . Brother Earl became Trustee Emeritus.

All this left the Board three vacancies. They have been filled by three eminent men. Brother Frank V. Lawson, Jr., Trust Officer of the First National Bank of Omaha and a member of the Grand Trustees was added. W. . Brother William A. Pettengill, Past Master of St. Johns Lodge, Omaha and owner of Johnson Hardware Company became our second addition. Finally elected Trustee was Brother Robert M. Spire, a fine attorney, active in Masonic matters. Brother Spire's father served this Grand Lodge long and faithfully. This new personnel fills out to 15 our proper number of Trustees.

The holiday season is always marked by the great big semis rolling in from outstate loaded with food.

Just before Thanksgiving they came. W. . Brother Bob Boon of Grand Island and his group as well as W. . Brother J.C. Peterson of Scottsbluff and his group arrived at the Home and the big semis were there as usual. These two leaders and all the Lodges in their areas really make Thanksgiving and put a big push to Christmas.

The residents look for them; so does the entire Home staff. It is cause for celebration. I sometimes wonder who gets more fun; the boys who come in the semis or our residents and staff.

This event means that Masons, countless ones all over these areas, have joined together to make this trip possible. It is a tremendous contribution to our food supply and in times like these, it becomes each year more priceless. We thank all associated in this endeavor and may God Bless you.

Christmas is over. The big tree and the trees on each floor all are down. With a mild winter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was dry and pleasant. Company came and somewhere in that company was two Santa Clauses.

Christmas Eve the Masters and Wardens had made possible a lot of presents for each resident. There was entertainment by our residents, good food and Santa.

The last present was to the Home. It came from Denney's Restaurant. Our name was picked to receive a gift from all their employees. It turned out to be an R.C.A. XL 100 Color T.V. Set. This we needed badly. We express here our gratitude to these nice people as well as our own Masters and Wardens wherever you are.

Time and space limit my thanks and we owe so much to so many. A few among the many we say "thanks" to: 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 indebted to Sister Virginia Jones, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Dr. Robert Bass, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star for their generous support this year. We thank you both.

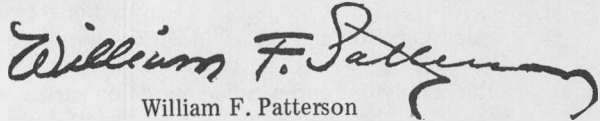
Our Grand Master, M. .W. . Harold Hultman is a great gentleman. He is a valued member of this Board of Trustees where his judgment and advice is treasured. We now express our appreciation for his ever faithful help as Grand Master.

Our Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers, is a talented Administrator. We are in his debt for his faithful efforts.

Our Secretary, M. W. Norris W. Lallman never tires and smoothly keeps things going for us. We love him.

To my Brother Trustees - they need no glory. No words I could say here could measure their faithful dedicated worth to our Home. I salute them.

As to my Brethren, I thank you. I thank you for reading this report, for thinking of your Home. Lastly, I thank you for the privilege of serving you in the Administration of this, Masonry's greatest charity - our Home.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Patterson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William F. Patterson  
President

REPORT OF THE  
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. .W. . Donald R. Swanson, Past Grand Master, presented the report in the absence of M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin. Report adopted.

It has been my privilege to serve as one of the Executive Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association for the past 13 years. This is a National Masonic Organization with 43 of our Grand Lodges including Nebraska comprising its constituent members. I represent the Central Division of 10 states.

The service of the M.S.A. is divided into two separate divisions, the Masonic Education and the Field Service with its agents in the various Veteran Hospitals in the U.S. As to the first division, there are the monthly short subject bulletins and various reports on surveys and Masonic Articles which are sent to the Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee of each of our lodges for the benefit of the membership.

While Nebraska has participated in the Educational division since 1960, it was not until February, 1975 that our Grand Lodge engaged in the Veteran Hospital visitation program by a trained M.S.A. Agent. This was a Masonic service that our Grand Lodge has long desired to perform, but refrained because of its expense. The Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation agreed to fund half of the expense of this service as a pilot program at the Omaha Veteran Hospital which was agreed to by our Grand Lodge. Our Grand Master and the M.S.A. appointed Brother Alan Wolcott of Omaha to be the Field Agent. His fine report is being made to this Grand Lodge at the session. The expense of this operation is \$3,750 each year which sum is shared by our Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Consideration has been given to the employment of another Masonic Field Agent for the Veteran Hospital at Lincoln. One of our fine disabled Masonic brothers, a member of Craftsman Lodge No. 314, has been an active volunteer worker there, and has offered to serve as the M.S.A. Field Agent without pay and on an expense reimbursement basis. It will be necessary that he be trained at the Des Moines, Iowa facility which will require some extra initial expense. It is estimated that this expense for the year would not exceed \$1,250. Our Grand Master has asked our Scottish Rite Foundation if we would pay for half of this expense, to which it has agreed, for the record year. This would make the Grand Lodge expense for the two Field Agents of the M.S.A. not to exceed the sum of \$2,500.00 for the next year.

Brethren, this program is Masonry in action, and at nominal expense. Both of these Brethren are willing to serve as Field Agents because they have the time and love to be of service to the needs of a brother in distress! This is a Grand Lodge program which we of the Scottish Rite consider a privilege to assist in its funding.

The Annual Meeting of the M.S.A. was held last February at Philadelphia at the time of the Grand Masters' Conference. Our new M.S.A. film, "Brotherhood of Man" was shown, and is a fine one! Our Grand Lodge has this film which is available for showing at our lodges. It relates the need for and the beginning of the Masonic Field Agent service in our hospitals. It won the silver award at the International Film Festival at New York. Our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Louis V. Sylvester, Carl R. Greisen; our Grand Secretary M. .W. . Norris W. Lallman, and myself were in attendance at this Annual Meeting. Our Grand Master served as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relief.

M. W. Grand Master, I move the acceptance of this report including the approval of the sum of \$2,500.00 as an appropriation for this expense. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Ronin  
Vice-Chairman, Masonic Service Association

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR  
HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

Joe Lindquist, President of The Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is ill and unable to be here and he asked that I give his report for him.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren:

I have an abiding belief that those who must give reports and those who must listen will both be better served if the message is conveyed without unnecessary verbiage. With this overriding thought in mind, I'll proceed.

It's my privilege to bring to you the traditional greetings from the children at the Home, and to extend to you the best wishes of the Board of Trustees.

I'm pleased and satisfied to report that good health and happiness prevail with the children at the Home. Like any large family, there have been some rough spots along the way, and now and then a minor crisis will arise; however, for the most part, it has been another successful year as far as the welfare of the children is concerned.

The Board of Trustees has approved a 1976-77 budget encompassing expenditures in the amount of \$163,780.00. The inescapable facts facing the Board when it works on a budget is that the cost of food, clothing, utilities and salaries continues to rise. Additionally, cottages are increasingly showing the ravages of old age, and repairs and replacements become more frequent. In the opinion of the Board, a budget reflecting an increase of less than 10% over the previous period represents conservative fiscal management.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the operation of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, its management is entrusted to a Board of Trustees consisting of 14 members with the Grand Master A. F. & A. M. and Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star serving as ex-officio members. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month, and any Mason wishing to do so may feel free to attend. Candidly speaking, the Board of Trustees is gravely concerned that more Masons do not take an active interest in the Home. It is a joint endeavor of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and in all sincerity, gentlemen, the efforts and accomplishments of the ladies on behalf of the children are far greater than ours. The roll of Masons in the operation of the Home should become one of energetic participation. There are many areas in which we Masons can take part, and thereby lend a helping hand to a beneficial purpose.

There have been several changes in the composition of the Board membership. The retiring members are E. Forrest Estes, Clyde Birch and Kay Palmer. Their fellow Board members wish to thank them for their efforts. The new members are James Bradley, Fred Moshier and Donald Swanson.

In August of each year, a day is customarily set aside for the purpose of acknowledging the efforts of the children in their 4-H work. This event is designated as Achievement Day. The affair is open to the public and it's a fun day for the children and for those who attend. If you would like to enhance your understanding of the Home's operation and establish a little rapport with some of the children, I urge you to be in attendance at next year's event. The cost of sending out advance notice is prohibitive; thus, if you're interested in attending, I suggest that you call or write for the date sometime early in July.

A serious problem at the Home has arisen with regard to the employment of house parents. It's been extremely difficult and sometimes impossible to find people who have the necessary qualifications and who are willing to accept employment. It may very well be that both salaries and working conditions at the Home are not as they should be in the context of today's labor market. Under any circumstances, a problem exists and the Trustees must find a solution without delay.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank all who have remembered the Home in any manner whatsoever. Throughout the year, there have been numerous gifts and bequests and each, irrespective of amount is significant and meaningful.

It is with regret that the Board of Trustees accepted Brother Fred Mulford's resignation as Superintendent, to become effective May 31, 1976. Fred faithfully attended to the needs of the children for approximately 8½ years. During the period of time I've known Fred, he has been energetic, competent, cooperative, loyal, conscientious, and above all, a dedicated servant. I assume he has not been without fault, but on the other hand, I'm confident that his overwhelming concern for the welfare of the children overshadows any minor imperfections he might have had. We'll deeply miss Fred, but there are those who will miss him more . . . the children who know and have known Fred will never forget him. We thank you, Fred.

To our new Superintendent, Mr. Herbert Hjortsvang, I forewarn that you have a tough act to follow, but your qualifications and past performance record indicates that you will rise to the occasion. We are looking forward to working with you.

For many months last past, I've had an inward feeling or a sort of subconscious awareness that the Board of Trustees is taking on a new dimension. There seems to be an ever-present desire on the part of the individual Board members to examine the scope of the Home's operation with a view to enlarging and upgrading its programs. More and more, the Board seems to be focusing its attention on what can be done to better enable the children to function in society, both while at the Home and after leaving. I personally find this to be a welcome shift in emphasis. By providing the children with necessities of life, such as food, clothing and shelter, we discharge only one facet of our obligation. If we are to make available to these children the benefits, responsibilities and consequences of a home life, in its literal context, then we must constantly strive to achieve meaningful and effective programs for their benefit. When used in connection with the operation of a children's

home, the term "Trustee" implies much more than mere fiscal responsibility. While prudent money management is of great importance, the decisions in this regard are miniscule when compared to the awesome responsibility of deciding what is best and proper to assure adequate physical, moral and mental development. The emerging philosophy of the Board appears to be one of "total involvement".

In conclusion, I once again invite all of you to visit the Home and see for yourself what can be accomplished with a lot of love and hard work.

M. W. Grand Master, I move the acceptance of the report of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Motion carried.

#### W. ALAN WOLCOTT, FIELD AGENT FOR THE VISITATION PROGRAM:

##### MSA - - HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

In accordance with your request of recent date, I am submitting herewith a resume of activities of the Masonic Service Association as pertains to the Omaha Veterans Hospital. The Masonic Service Association has recently completed one year (February 1975) of hospital visitation service along with various affiliated services such as readiness to aid other volunteer units insofar as compatible with the principal function of our service - i.e. visitation with patient personnel. The progress of this program in general, in my opinion, has enjoyed a high degree of success during this first year. As is true with any new project, its implementation required several months for myself as Field Agent to become familiar with not only the physical plant of a large hospital such as the Omaha Unit, but also to acquaint as many of the hospital as possible, especially the nursing and medical people on each floor of the purpose and reason for being of such an organization as The Masonic Service Association. For the most part, and with almost no exception, the personnel had no knowledge of our organization at the start of this program. Pamphlets, brochures and personal visits have, to a great extent, acquainted all the hospital personnel with our organization and its purpose and aims. With no exception, all those contacted in such a manner have heartily endorsed our program.

Prospects for the immediate future for the continued favorable acceptance of our program appear bright. The enthusiastic response and appreciative comments from the patients themselves, as well as the favorable reaction from all phases of the hospital personnel - management, nursing and medical, in my opinion bodes well for the future of our program.

During the past month it has been my good fortune to recruit a deputy representative to assist me - Brother Robert May - who for the past several years has been an enthusiastic and dedicated hospital volunteer. Brother May is a Scottish Rite Mason of many years standing, and is very well thought of among his co-workers at the hospital. With his help I feel sure that we can increase the present number of visitations from approximately 125 per month to a substantially greater number of contacts. Also with Brother May's assistance it will be possible to implement an occasional entertainment diversion for the enjoyment of the patients.

M. W. Grand Master, just a few remarks to my written report. I have been privileged serving as Field Agent at the Omaha Veterans' Hospital, as you know a more or less infant service pertaining to the Omaha Veterans' Hospital. I would simply like to say, that it is the most intangible service, but with great material rewards as far as I am concerned. My duties there have been for the past year, truly and simply a visitation program along with some exterior help of other volunteer units which has not interfered with the main purpose of the organization. If any of you brethren could see the light that shines in the faces of these Veterans, that are bedridden at our Omaha Hospital, I think you would agree with me that it is a service that is most rewarding and most gratifying. As far as I am personally concerned, it makes me almost get down on my knees and thank the good Lord every night that I am in such a position that I can still get around. It has been my good fortune, over the past year, of contacting or visiting perhaps an average of about 125 to 130 patients a month. During the past month, I have been fortunate enough to acquire the services of the Association Visitation personnel, a man who has been a volunteer there in the hospital for several years. I think with his help, we should be able to increase the service there at the hospital. I am particularly happy to hear and to know that this service is being inaugurated at the Lincoln Hospital. I like to feel that our success in Omaha, has been responsible partially for the interest of the Lincoln Veterans' Hospital.

M. W. Sir, I move the acceptance of this report. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Gladstone Lodge No. 176, A. F. & A. M., Ansley, Nebraska, and recommends 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 member was expelled from membership on April 18, 1939; that he petitioned for restoration in Gladstone Lodge No. 176, A. F. & A. M., Ansley, Nebraska prior to the 119th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska; 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 Gladstone Lodge No. 176, A. F. & A. M., Ansley, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." Motion carried.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and recommends 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 member was expelled from membership on December 15, 1969; that he petitioned for restoration in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Plattsmouth, Nebraska prior to the 119th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska; 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 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”  
Motion carried.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., Fremont, Nebraska, and recommends 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 member was expelled from membership on January 13, 1973; that he petitioned for restoration in Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., Fremont, Nebraska on October 15, 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 Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., Fremont, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.” Motion carried.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Charity Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Red Cloud, Nebraska, and recommends 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 member was expelled from membership on March 4, 1955; that he petitioned for restoration in Charity Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Red Cloud, Nebraska, on November 11, 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 Charity Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Red Cloud, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”  
Motion carried.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., Kearney, Nebraska, and recommends 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 member was expelled from membership on October 3, 1967; that he petitioned for restoration in Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., Kearney, Nebraska prior to February 4, 1976; 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 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., Kearney, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.” Motion carried.

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 relating to the penalty be reversed and that Wahoo Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., Wahoo, Nebraska be directed to dismiss the complaint.

Your Committee therefore 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 reversed and that Wahoo Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., Wahoo, Nebraska, be and hereby is directed to dismiss the complaint.” The motion did not carry.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

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

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully submits the following report for the consideration and approval of the 119th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The following Lodges were consolidated:

Beemer No. 253, Beemer with Wisner No. 114, Wisner on June 18, 1975.

Signet No. 193, of Leigh with Northern Light No. 41 at Stanton on February 20, 1976.

We concur with these consolidations.

The following Lodges failed to be represented at the 117th and 118th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge.

Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma

Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta

Sioux Lodge No. 277, Harrison

Harlan Lodge No. 116 was represented by M. .W. . Don Whitmark who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Wauneta Lodge No. 217 was represented by M. .W. . Clyde Hoff who gave a satisfactory explanation.

Sioux Lodge No. 277 was represented by S. .W. . Chris Homaker who gave a satisfactory explanation.

The following Lodges failed to be represented at the 118th and 119th Annual Grand Lodge Communications and should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the 120th Annual Communications to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with Section 2-514.

Shelton	No. 99	Shelton
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt
Cement	No. 211	Wood River
Antelope	No. 276	Elgin
Bayard	No. 301	Bayard

REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges were represented except the following: 17-23-30-34-35-53-77-78-87-88-99-100-101-111-137-138-140-154-160-162-171-180-193-205-207-211-214-218-225-237-245-249-254-258-264-276-284-285-286-289-294-301-312-319. Total number of lodges - 242, number not represented - 44. Lodges not represented for two years: Shelton No. 99, DeWitt No. 111, Cement No. 211, Antelope No. 276, Bayard No. 301.

There were 19 Past Grand Masters and all of the Grand Officers, present. 25 Deputy Grand Custodians and 138 Masters of lodges present.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Richard D. Wiese	Keith E. Winheim	Orin W. Wright
Western Star	2	Henry L. Schemmel*	Robert E. Farris	Earl L. Murphy
Capitol	3	Wesley W. Lindahl*	Michael J. McCall	John H. Gardner*
Nemaha Valley	4	Bruce E. Larson	Earl Stivers	John Sierks*
Omadi	5	Walter A. Beermann*	.....	George Paulsen*
Plattsmouth	6	Robert M. Painter, Jr.	Daniel J. Wehrbein	Keith Griffith*
Falls City	9	Harvey D. Hinz	J. Chris Horn*	Cecil Weddel*
Solomon	10	James P. Ryan	Carlos A. Dey	Philip Lorenzen*
Covert	11	James T. Lindsey	Henry L. Cummins	Richard Lozier*
Orient	13	Lloyd F. Bindle	Ralph M. Clark*	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.
Peru	14	.....	John B. Solic	.....
Fremont	15	Dale W. Ellison	Omar L. Gottula	David E. Menck*
Tecumseh	17	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	19	Virgil A. Meints	Charles J. Probasco	James D. Kontras
Washington	21	Nile K. Johnson*	Nile K. Johnson	Thomas H. Blanchard
Pawnee	23	.....	.....	.....
St. Johns	25	.....	.....	Vern S. Dirgo*
Beatrice	26	Harold O. Kelsey	Ronald L. Miller*	.....
Jordan	27	Bill C. Schroedter*	Bill C. Schroedter	Don Starr*
Blue River	30	.....	.....	.....
Tekamah	31	A. Dale French	Ray Lucky	A. Dale French*
Platte Valley	32	Veon E. Seaton	Kenneth R. Lemon	Bert C. Keith
Ashlar	33	Allen N. Miller	William E. Frasier	Adolph J. Schlaman
Acacia	34	.....	.....	.....
Fairbury	35	.....	.....	.....
Lone Tree	36	Gerald Gleason	L. Harold Parker*	Wayne C. Hedges
Crete	37	G. Everett Darrington	James A. Clark	Jerald J. Pomajzl*

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Oliver	38	Max K. Farney	Rollin S. Rolofson	Erwin J. Imig*
Papillion	39	Robert E. Simmons	Donald E. Christensen	Bergie B. Dyson
Humboldt	40	Galen Vaughn	Rudolf Mueller	Galen Vaughn*
Northern Light	41	George L. Benson, Sr.	Donald Pohlman*	.....
Hebron	43	Milton Johnson*	Milton Johnson*	Milton Johnson*
Harvard	44	Kenneth Keasling	Bruce W. Schwenk	.....
Rob Morris	46	Warren E. Stenback*	Clomer E. Warford	.....
Fairmont	48	Duaine L. Roper	Lewis B. Halsey	John McBride
Evening Star	49	Lyman Novy	John A. Bottorf*	Keith Henriksen
Hastings	50	Clifford Bierman*	L. Russell Staton*	L. Russell Staton
Fidelity	51	Charles H. Welker	Ivan E. Long	Frank Straka
Hiram	52	Billy R. Christensen*	Billy R. Christensen*	Billy R. Christensen*
Charity	53	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster	54	Darrell D. Christensen	William G. Hurst	Steven A. Green
Mosaic	55	Henry F. Lumdsen, Jr.	Henry F. Lumdsen, Jr.*	Henry F. Lumdsen Jr.*
York	56	Byron L. Covey	Owen L. Donohoe*	.....
Mt. Moriah	57	Gerald H. Goering	Vaughn L. Lawrence	Gerald H. Goering*
Wahoo	59	Stanley G. Lundgren	Lyle L. Hanson	Lloyd R. Druery
Melrose	60	Ernest A. Humes*	Charles Parks	.....
Thistle	61	John M. Wightman	Donald L. Coad	.....
Keystone	62	Donald P. Schuster	John R. Zavgren	Robert E. Mabon*
Blue Valley	64	Ervin Braaf*	.....	.....
Osceola	65	Joseph M. Roberts	.....	.....
Edgar	67	E.A. Good*	.....	.....
Aurora	68	James L. Hruza	Bob G. Clark	Roger L. Andersen*
Trowel	71	Harold A. Tilton*	Harold A. Tilton*	Harold A. Tilton*
Hooper	72	Jack E. Luther	Gerald Janssen	Marvin Marreel
Friend	73	Homer T. Bender	Amzi McBride	.....
Frank Welch	75	George S. Lyons	Billy D. Bucher	Austin F. Whitmire*
Nelson	77	.....	.....	.....
Albion	78	.....	.....	.....
Geneva	79	David A. Portwood	Ben D. Fussell*	.....
Composite	81	Read B. Otto*	M. Dean Ruth*	Leonard Davis*
St. Paul	82	Joseph L. Krepel	Joseph L. Krepel*	Joseph L. Krepel*
Corinthian	83	Thomas D. Anderson	Thomas D. Anderson*	Thomas D. Anderson*
Ionic	87	.....	.....	.....
Star	88	.....	.....	.....
Cedar River	89	Byran E. Lee	Kenneth E. Cunningham*	Dayle L. Rumsey

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Oakland	91	Norman E. Case	Erwin D. Friesen	Harry L. Scheffel*
Beaver City	93	Victor A. Graham	Paul D. Fleming*	Charles W. Harman
Bennett	94	Roy E. Slade	Barry G. Warwick	.....
Garfield	95	Larry L. Uehling*	Larry L. Uehling	Larry L. Uehling*
Utica	96	Arvon E. Engel	Arvon E. Engel*	Arvon E. Engel*
Euclid	97	Loyd L. Barkhurst	Loyd L. Barkhurst*	Loyd L. Barkhurst*
Republic	98	Tom F. Chandler*	Tom F. Chandler*	Tom F. Chandler*
Shelton	99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton	100	.....	.....	.....
Ponca	101	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo	102	Wayland G. Magee, Sr.	Harold D. Jones	.....
Ord	103	Charles P. Zangger*	Charles P. Zangger*	Charles P. Zangger
Wymore	104	Gail L. Mittan	Lacy L. Mittan*	Lacy L. Mittan*
Stella	105	Edgar A. Bredemeier	Gerald G. Gossman	Earl Hicks*
Porter	106	Austin S. Bacon*	Austin S. Bacon*	Austin S. Bacon*
Table Rock	108	.....	Lloyd Vrtiska*	.....
Pomegranate	110	Jerry L. Raikes	Jerry Minnick*	Jerry Raikes*
DeWitt	111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield	112	.....	Herman Schnack*	Harry N. Ahl*
Globe	113	Donald L. Dover	.....	.....
Wymore	114	R.J. Breithreutz	George C. Konopik	R.J. Breithreutz*
Harlan	116	Donald L. Whitmire	George R. Feese	.....
Hardy	117	Jack McCorkle	Jack McCorkle*	Jack McCorkle*
North Bend	119	Charles E. Nelson	James A. Arneal	Charles E. Nelson*
Wayne	120	Robert A. Merchant	O. George Macklin*	Kenneth N. Parke*
Superior	121	Richard E. Hawkins	Gerald M. Barnes	.....
Auburn	124	Charles D. Adams*	Claude Matthews*	Charles D. Adams*
Mt. Nebo	125	Robert L. Bass*	Robert L. Bass*	Robert L. Bass*
Stromsburg	126	Timm O. Waller	Timm O. Waller*	S. Phillip Waller*
Minden	127	Warren C. Newbold*	Warren C. Newbold*	Warren C. Newbold*
Guide Rock	128	Wendell W. Ord	Rodney P. Ely	James N. Shipman
Scribner	132	Omar C. Keller	Omar C. Keller*	Richard Swanson
Solar	134	Jack D. Burger*	.....	Jack D. Burger
McCook	135	Ronald D. Stuhmer	Richard W. Cole	Frederick R. Prell*
Long Pine	136	Norman D. Johnson*	Norman D. Johnson*	Norman D. Johnson*
Upright	137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt	138	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre	139	Eugene H. Peterson	Glenn F. Sperry*	Eugene H. Peterson*
Western	140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent	143	Kenneth Smiley	Alex Long	Waldron G. Heany
Bancroft	145	Gerald J. Havekost	.....	.....
Jachin	146	Wm. H. Greathouse	Harley Lofton*	.....
Siloam	147	Ora R. Yarges*	.....	.....
Custer	148	Harvey H. Kleeb*	Harvey H. Kleeb*	Harvey H. Kleeb*
Cambridge	150	Hugh W. Eisenhart*	Hugh W. Eisenhart*	Hugh W. Eisenhart*

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Evergreen	153	Hans G. Little	.....	.....
Lily	154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington	155	Vernon Nedrow*	.....	Wm. P. Bernhard
Samaritan	158	.....	Gerald V. Inslee*	Warren D. Lichty, Sr.*
Ogalalla	159	Paul G. Pascoe	Paul G. Pascoe*	Paul G. Pascoe*
Zeredatha	160	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	161	Howard G. Whitmore	Don Linton*	Howard G. Whitmore*
Trestle Board	162	.....	.....	.....
Unity	163	Larry A. Pershing	Harold Jewett*	Lawrence D. McGill
Atkinson	164	Murray D. Mellor	Donald H. DeGroff	Stanley Minor
Barneston	165	E. Howard Goin*	Ronald D. March*	Ronald D. March*
Elwood	167	Carlton E. Clark	.....	.....
Curtis	168	George R. Stewart*	George R. Stewart*	George R. Stewart*
Amity	169	Robert M. Higgs*	Robert M. Higgs*	Robert M. Higgs*
Mason City	170	R.S. Martin*	.....	.....
Merna	171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns	173	Roy M. League*	.....	Clyde H. Jones*
Culbertson	174	Marvin E. Goodenberger*	M.E. Goodenberger*	M.E. Goodenberger
Gladstone	176	Jay T. Evans*	Jay T. Evans*	Jay T. Evans*
Hay Springs	177	Phillip Warren	Phillip Warren*	Phillip Warren*
Justice	180	.....	.....	.....
Faith	181	David C. Kennedy*	David C. Kennedy	David C. Kennedy*
Alliance	183	Byron J. Mott	C. Dale Paulsen	.....
Bee Hive	184	Harold A. Beck*	Harold A. Beck	Harold A. Beck*
Boaz	185	Ramond A. Parker	Ramond A. Parker*	Ramond A. Parker*
Meridian	188	H. LeRoy Lahr	.....	.....
Granite	189	Alvin E. Trucano	Douglas C. Ferebee	.....
Crystal	191	Floyd Thompson	Floyd Thompson*	Floyd Thompson*
Minnekadusa	192	William H. Luther	William H. Luther*	William H. Luther*
Highland	194	Lamar W. Lueders	.....	.....
Arcana	195	Frank G. Capler	Gary Capler*	.....
Purity	198	Willard M. Rouze	Willard M. Rouze*	Willard M. Rouze*
Gavel	199	Milford K. Brinegar*	Milford K. Brinegar*	Milford K. Brinegar*
Blazing Star	200	Roy S. Cram	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff	201	Donald L. Zier	A. Mike Kauffold*	E.A. Good*
Golden Sheaf	202	Robert I. Jones	.....	.....
Plainview	204	Robert V. Craft	Hubert Kuhl*	Robert V. Craft*
Golden Fleece	205	.....	.....	.....
Parian	207	.....	.....	.....
Canopy	209	Raymond K. Althouse	Raymond K. Althouse*	Raymond K. Althouse*
East Linoeln	210	Darrell Idhe	Nelson Rittenburg*	Stanley D. Cohen
Cement	211	.....	.....	.....
Plumblinc	214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental	215	Darwin H. Peterson	Richard N. Nielsen*	Ricahrd H. Nielsen*

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SR. WARDEN	JR. WARDEN
Palisade	216	Viron E. Baxter*	Viron E. Baxter*	Ellis Sutton*
Wauneta	217	Clyde G. Hoff	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	.....	.....	.....
Relief	219	Ira D. Wilcox	Marvin Ropte*	Ira D. Wilcox*
Magnolia	220	Earl W. Carper	.....	.....
Wood Lake	221	Joe L. Mundorf*	Joe L. Mundorf*	Joe L. Mundorf
Landmark	222	Opal B. Golden	Stanley E. Brunton*	Wayne W. Loftis*
Eminence	223	Daryl Hunnicutt	James C. Bierbower*	.....
Silver Cord	224	Keevin G. Arent	Morton A. McBride	Michael E. Hitchcock*
Cable	225	.....	.....	.....
North Star	227	Roy C. Sperry	Michael L. Peterson	Robert J. Prenosil
Bartley	228	George Probasco	George Probasco*	George Probasco*
Comet	229	Amos E. Sklenar	.....	.....
John S. Bowen	232	Fred H. Gregerson	Lloyd Jacob*	Ronald E. Hinline*
Gilead	233	.....	Max O. Brown	.....
Zion	234	John L. Dubs	.....	.....
Fraternity	235	Gail Axen	.....	.....
Golden Rule	236	Howard S. Gillaspie*	Howard S. Gillaspie*	Howard S. Gillaspie*
Cubit	237	.....	.....	.....
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	.....	.....
Pilot	240	Gary C. Cram	William B. Brunton	Robert L. Little*
George Armstrong	241	Gerald B. Eriksen	Leonard Eriksen*	Donald C. Bonneau
Hampton	245	.....	.....	.....
Nehawka	246	William B. Mayfield	.....	Lee McGinnis
Laurel	248	David W. Curtiss	Everett Burns*	Roy Thomas*
Gothenburg George	249	.....	.....	.....
Washington	250	Ray E. Brown	William Keller	John C. Nelson*
Wausa	251	Irvin O. Englebrecht	Irvin O. Englebrecht*	Irvin O. Englebrecht*
Bassett	254	.....	.....	.....
Hickman	256	John P. Kramer	.....	.....
Anselmo	258	.....	.....	.....
Ornan	261	Louis Klasna*	Gayle Angus	.....
Endeavor	262	.....	Aulis Zink	.....
Mitchell	263	Charles Evans, Jr.	Steven K. Jones*	Steven K. Jones
Franklin	264	.....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas	265	Vaughn H. Augustin	Edward H. Lockwood*	E. Kenneth Dappen*
Silver	266	Robert L. Tooker	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys	267	Elwin L. Young	Elwin L. Young*	Elwin L. Young*



LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
George W. Lininger	268	James R. Erixon	John W. Pemberton	Joel B. Reynolds
Oasis	271	John R. Steen	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette	272	Raymond W. Roos	.....	.....
Crofton	273	Lender Eliasson*	.....	Lender Eliasson
Olive Branch	274	Bernard M. Vavra	Lyle Drum	Gary Washington
Antelope	276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux	277	Criss Hamaker*	Criss Hamaker	Criss Hamaker*
Litchfield	278	Leslie E. Kramer	Walter Leithoff*	.....
Wallace	279	Dwight C. Jameson*	Dwight C. Jameson*	Dwight C. Jameson*
Swastika	280	William W. Steen*	William W. Steen*	William W. Steen*
Florence	281	William H. Vieth	Theodore W. Dodge	Bill L. Moore*
Mullen	282	Cleve O. Kennedy*	Cleve O. Kennedy	Cleve O. Kennedy*
Seneca	284	.....	.....	.....
Camp Clarke	285	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh	286	.....	.....	.....
Union	287	Milton C. Leefers	Milton C. Leefers*	Robert Fey
Omaha	288	Ronald H. Echtenkamp	Lawrence L. Durden	William E. Dilks*
Lotus	289	.....	.....	.....
John J. Mercer	290	Clyde L. Jackson	William A. Blake*	Frank E. Swanson
Diamond	291	Hoyt D. Sirek	Gordon Johnson	Wendell K. Wilson
Monument	293	.....	Weldon M. D'Allemand	.....
Kimball	294	.....	.....	.....
Minatare	295	Elmer O. Owen	Elmer O. Owen*	Elmer O. Owen*
Cotner	297	.....	William J. Williams	John J. Quinn*
Chester	298	Mark A. Eickman	.....	Everett Roop*
Sutherland	299	.....	Connor White	.....
Liberty	300	Dale L. Strasburg	Roscoe Malick*	Bruce D. Wood
Bayard	301	.....	.....	.....
Mizpah	302	Roland E. McKinsey	Jack D. Wagaman	Roland E. McKinsey
Right Angle	303	Roger D. Schultz	Samuel P. Ross	Richard T. Allbright
Newman Grove	305	Henry G. Mierau	.....	.....
Golden Rod	306	Wayne L. Campbell*	Wayne L. Campbell	Ralph R. Carleton*
Perkins	308	Vern H. Woodmancy	.....	.....
Victory	310	Roy W. Hickerson	John L. Sullivan	Merlin R. Finlay
Polk	311	Verland D. Widga	.....	.....
Oak Leaf	312	.....	.....	.....
Potter	313	Roland Schilz*	.....	.....
Craftsmen	314	Dan W. Holmsted	Ralph L. Beach, Jr.	Lynn E. Buch
Alpha	316	Charles K. Bradley	Warren M. Andersen	Chris T. Knudsen
Mid-West	317	Ermal G. Cosman	John R. Kerr	Keith L. Haist
Grand Island	318	.....	Earl N. Hanel*	Albert B. Osborn*
Bladen	319	.....	.....	.....
College View	320	Galen L. Fritchie	.....	Forest B. Brown, Sr.
Harmony	321	Richard Ladine	.....	.....

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Lebanon	323	Gerald L. Overturf	Charles E. Franham	Robert E. Lund*
Cairo	324	Richard W. Moffett	Joseph H. Butler*	Raymond E. Johnson*
Bellevue	325	Bruce A. Fauchs	Herbert P. Taylor	Paul F. Stacoffe
Centennial	326	Douglas H. Hannah	Robert L. Schroeder	Stanley J. Byers
Shiloh	327	Stanley L. Hale	R.M. Leiderbrand	Kerwood M. Kelly
Miloma	328	Doyle A. Wineland	Lester R. Stenneche	Donald L. Miller

Brother Ralph W. Gerry: M. W. Grand Master, may I at this time present a motion that the published proceedings of the 118th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held in June, 1975 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge, published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approved.

#### REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M. W. Donald R. Swanson, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

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

#### DECISIONS

1. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 1.
2. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 2.
3. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 3.
4. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 4.
5. We recommend that Decision No. 5 be amended to read: "that Fremont Lodge No. 15 ask for a dispensation to do courtesy work on a petition of Faith Lodge No. 181, on an Entered Apprentice Mason, who presently owns a bar." We recommend that Decision as amended be approved.
6. The Committee wishes to amend Decision No. 6, inserting the words "assuming the equipment was owned by the DeMolay Chapter". We recommend approval of Decision No. 6 as amended.
7. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 7
8. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 8.
9. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 9.
10. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 10.

#### DISPENSATIONS

The next order of business was the approval of his dispensations which were referred to in a paragraph indicating there were 26. Those decisions were provided to us on a separate sheet. We have reviewed them and there were two of them to move their charter to new buildings. There were four of them to move their charter for one day for degrees, installation for this An-

nual Communication. There was one to solicit food, there were two to expedite the work with less time between degrees that is prescribed. There were two post and examine for proficiency brethren who had let the time expire. There was one asking for dual membership, there were three to hold a delayed election for an election of an officer, and there were seven to install officers after the original installation ceremony. The Committee recommends approval of these twenty-two dispensations. I so move.

R. W. T. LEO STINES, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, it has been moved and seconded that we accept the twenty-two special dispensations. All in favor, vote with the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. Carried.

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

Dispensations No. 7 and 9, I will read and then give our recommendations. Right Angle Lodge No. 303, permission to move their regular meeting one week because of New Years Day. Granted. Liberty No. 300, permission to move regular meeting because of holiday to fulfill joint installation on January 8, granted. The Committee recommended disapproval of these two dispensations. I so move.

R. W. T. LEO STINES, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren, you have heard the recommendation of the committee, disapproval of these two dispensations. All in favor signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. Carried.

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

Dispensations No. 20 and 21 - same subject. Right Angle No. 303 - permission to change regular meeting without by-law change - - denied. Liberty Lodge No. 300, permission to change regular meeting without by-law change - denied. The Committee recommends the approval of this action. I so move. Motion carried.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1 - I submit for approval the following recommendation of the Grand Lodge Office Committee: that Section 1-105 - MILEAGE AND PER DIEM - be amended to read, "12 cents per mile for each mile traveled going to Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route and ten dollars per day for each day's attendance". After checking with the Appropriation Committee and finding that raises the cost of an Annual Communication approximately \$4,000, the committee recommends approval of that recommendation. I so move. Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 2 - At the present time our Grand Lodge Law has a provision referred to as perpetual jurisdiction over a petitioner. I would like to recommend that we amend this provision by limiting this jurisdiction to a period of two years, and that it be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law with a proper resolution to be presented to this Annual Communication for a vote thereon. After much heated discussion, the Jurisprudence Committee recommends the amendment of the two year period, to read three year period and that upon balloting, a majority, not unanimous approve the recommendation. As Chairman of the Committee I so move the adoption of that recommendation. Motion carried.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

In the Advanced Proceedings, the Grand Master lists his approval to the amendment of the by-laws of fifty-four lodges. Many of whom were by-law

changes necessitated by the increase of the Grand Lodge dues in 1976 from \$2.00 to \$3.00. At the examination of the amendments, the Committee recommended approval of that action. I so move. Motion carried.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee, as a whole, was approved.

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

Further action of the Jurisprudence Committee adopted after it was duly moved and seconded, that the proposed revision of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska as submitted to the subordinate lodges and as further amended by the Jurisprudence Committee, be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, to be proposed as by-laws by said Committee at this communication, as permitted by Section 1-316 of the By-laws.

Now, if you will turn to the copy that was mailed to you of the By-laws, which you were requested to bring with you, we would review with you the changes that are being changed in the Jurisprudence Committee, those that would have some subsidies changed. There were some other typographical that we would also have changed. Turning first to page 36 under Section 2-501 - MEETING PLACES - It makes reference in there that other Orders may be permitted to use the Lodge hall, and it says, "It may, however, be used by other secret orders if their principles are not unmasonic." The amendment would strike the word "secret" so that it would read: "only be used by other orders."

On page 37, under Section 2-504 - The second paragraph reads, "a lodge cannot be called off from one day or night to another day or night, except in cases of trials and funerals". Because of the change that was proposed last year in Section 2-504, in which you may open an emergent lodge and keep it open all year, the words "and funerals" was deleted from that Section. The next one is on page 38 under Section 2-508 - PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND SERVICES - No subordinate lodge shall participate in promiscuous parades or processions. That was amended to read "no subordinate lodge may, without the Grand Master's consent" participate in parades or processions. If you have the approval from the Grand Master, you may participate in a parade.

On page 73, under Section 3-911, in which we have several requests from Secretaries of lodges, to include in that section a clarification of what the lodge should ask for from an applicant who is asking for reinstatement after three years of suspension for non-payment of dues. In the contents of the Section where it states "Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and physical condition of the applicant", we wish to insert after the word "accompanied" the phrase "by the dues for the year for which suspended, the dues for the current year and" the physical statement. Those are the subsidies changes which would be proposed by the Jurisprudence Committee to the copy to be given to the Codification Committee.

With those changes, I would then move for the approval of this recommendation from the Jurisprudence Committee to the Codification Committee, the revision of our proposed by-laws. Motion carried.

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

Further action of the Jurisprudence Committee, it was duly moved and seconded and approved that a resolution be referred from the Jurisprudence Committee to the Committee on The Codification of the Law, to replace the resolution which was balloted upon yesterday and in which, in the opinion of the Parliamentarian of the Codification Committee, that it was improperly received because it did not have unanimous consent for the amendment made thereto. This resolution would be proposed that Section 3-102(d) amended to include a new resolution to be numbered (i) "the dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors including wine and beer except in an official ceremony of any Masonic Lodge or appendant bodies thereof, in any portion of the lodge building where Masonic activities are held". I would move the approval of this motion, that the resolution be referred from the Jurisprudence Committee to the Codification Committee and they in turn will present it to you for your approval as a By-law. Motion carried.

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

Having adopted the various sections of our report, I would not move that the report be adopted in total.

R. .W. . T. LEO STINES, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER :

It has been moved and seconded that the report be adopted in its entirety. All in favor vote with the usual sign of Masons when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. Carried.

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

If I might at this time, I have, as an individual, a motion for amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which I would present to the Grand Lodge. WHEREAS: your Committee on Revision of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, have also been instructed to study the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and has taken this task in hand and whereas the copy of the proposed Constitution as amended to realize by this Committee has been submitted for consideration to the subordinate lodges except for the further proposed amendment of deleting Section 1 sub-section (e) of Article X and renumbering this sub-paragraph. Such amended proposal is attached to this motion and made a part thereof by reference. Now, therefore, I undersigned Donald R. Swanson, as Chairman of the Committee for the Revision of the By-laws and member of this Grand Lodge, move the proposed Constitution and all Articles and Sections therein contained, and as attached heretofore be adopted including all the amendments thereto contained, and that the existing Constitution and the Articles and Sections thereof be repealed.

It has also been seconded by five or six members of this Grand Lodge. You would understand that this Constitution proposal change would lay over and be submitted to your subordinate lodges for balloting during the year.

M. .W. . NORRIS W. LALLMAN, GRAND SECRETARY :

I have several resolutions that have been presented before this Grand Lodge opened, to be presented at this Grand Lodge Communication. Either of these would require unanimous consent to be adopted at this Communication.

No. 1 BE IT RESOLVED: that Section 3-102 sub-section (M) THE POSSESSION OR USE OF ALL KEYS, CIPHERS or printed material relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry, be deleted from the by-laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an additional section be added to the by-laws in the proper place to read "The Grand Lodge will issue each subordinate lodge 6 copies of the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry".

This resolution will be acted upon at the 120th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in June, 1977.

The following resolution was presented:

BE IT RESOLVED - That section 2-605 - LODGE DUES - be amended as follows:

Lodge Dues - The dues assessed by all chartered lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent February 1st of the same year.

On or before thirty days before the last stated meeting of the lodge held before March 31 of each year, it shall be the duty of the secretary to notify each member in writing, who may be in arrears for dues for the current year, of such fact and request payment thereof before March 31 of that year; and if such member fails to pay his dues on or before March 31 of such year he shall stand automatically suspended for non-payment of dues on April 1st of the current year and entry thereof shall be made in the minutes at the first subsequent stated meeting of the lodge. It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify by written notification all members automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Provided when the post office address of the suspended member is unknown, notice shall be mailed to his last known post office address.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law has worked with the Committee for Revision of the By-Laws and the report of that Committee containing a complete revision of the By-Laws has been submitted by mail to the subordinate lodges to study. This report has also been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee which has approved the same, and by your action in approving the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, this report has been referred to the Codification Committee for codification. We have also taken into consideration the actions of this session of the Grand Lodge.

With the permission of the Grand Master, I will omit reading the entire report of these By-Laws, and I now request that permission. I will now go through the proposed By-Laws as submitted to the subordinate Lodges and point out the changes brought about by the actions of this session of the Grand Lodge, to correct some typing errors and to make some minor changes by the Revision Committee since this report was typed.

With me here is the Chairman of the Revision Committee, M. W. Donald R. Swanson and we, with those other committee members who may be present, will be pleased to attempt to answer any questions that you may have.

Your Committee on Codification of the Law now submits this report of the proposed revision of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge as changed by this presentation, and move the adoption of these proposed By-Laws, including all Sections and Paragraphs thereof in toto.

#### Section 1-105 - MILEAGE AND PER DIEM -

This was just passed here this morning. We have changed the mileage from 10¢ to 12¢ instead of stating "going to" Grand Lodge, we have inserted "one way" to Grand Lodge, and we have changed the \$5.00 per diem to \$10.00 per diem.

In order to codify and take care of the change regarding perpetual jurisdiction which was just made this morning by your acceptance of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee and the matter was referred to us and we have prepared, we feel sure, by making changes in a number of by-laws which would be affected by this action. The first one is Section 2-804 which was entitled Perpetual Jurisdiction. We are amending that to read as follows: Section 2-804 - JURISDICTION. If a petitioner has a lawful Masonic residence at the time his petition is received, the subordinate lodge retains jurisdiction of such petitioner for a period of three years from and after the date such petition has been formally accepted. A lodge does not lose jurisdiction, during said three year period of time, by a petitioner's removal, though permanent, previous to receiving the degrees, unless it waives such jurisdiction. It may waive such jurisdiction over a petitioner, Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, who has permanently removed from the jurisdiction. The only changes that we are making are just to take care of the three year jurisdiction.

Section 2-904, entitled Previous Rejections. To make that correlate with action this morning, we will amend Section 2-904 to read as follows:

Section 2-904 - PREVIOUS REJECTION - No subordinate lodge shall initiate into the mysteries of Freemasonry any person whomsoever, without first being satisfied that no petition has been formally accepted from said petitioner by some other lodge within the preceding three years. If it shall appear that any petitioner has made application to another lodge, which application has been formally accepted by that lodge within the preceding three years, except those mentioned in Section 2-806, such petition shall not be referred to the committee as provided by Section 2-905, until receipt of a waiver from such other lodge, which waiver shall be by unanimous ballot of the lodge wherein petitioner first made application for initiation. Provided, that where such petition recites a former application, which has been formally accepted within the preceding three years, to a lodge which is now extinct, a waiver shall be obtained from the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master when Grand Lodge is not in session.

If I can digress just momentarily, there is another change by action taken at this session.

#### Section 2-902 - QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES -

and by your vote yesterday, we have deleted section or paragraph 5 of these qualifications. This paragraph read: "that he be not engaged in the manufacturing or sale of a beverage of intoxicating liquor, including wine and beer. That paragraph 5 will be deleted from the printed material and we have re-numbered the paragraph 6 to read paragraph 5.

Going ahead now with the subject of the three year matter, we have amended Section 2-906 - NO WITHDRAWAL - After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a subordinate lodge, it cannot be withdrawn. Upon such formal acceptance the petitioner becomes, and thereafter remains for a period not to exceed three years, the material of the lodge un-

less a waiver is made by unanimous ballot. Provided, however, that when a petitioner is found to be ineligible by reason of physical defects as set forth in Section 2-902 (5) above, or when the petitioner is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge, such petition shall be withdrawn before ballot thereon and the fees accompanying such petition shall be returned to petitioner. An objection made prior to the ballot upon a petition shall not operate as a withdrawal of such petition.

The next one to be changed in conjunction with the three year jurisdiction is on page 50 Section 2-912 - REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONS. We have amended that to read: A petitioner against whom objections have been made may petition anew as soon as the objections are terminated as set forth in Section 2-1101 (f). Such new petition shall follow the same course as an original petition for initiation.

#### Section 2-1101 - OBJECTIONS Sub-paragraph (f).

This defines the termination of an objection. We have amended to read as follows: "An objection shall terminate three years after being made or shall be terminated earlier by the death of the objector, by being withdrawn by him, by his ceasing to be a Master Mason in good standing or upon his demitting from the lodge, unless renewed by him at that time. Also in keeping with this change, we are amending Section 2-1101 - OBJECTIONS BY DELETING PARAGRAPH (g) and paragraph (i) which had to do with terminations and have already been covered, then the other subsection following (g) will have to be re-lettered in order to conform.

In keeping with the action taken here this morning again as the result of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, having to do with Masonic Offenses and this is a part of Section 3-102 entitled ENUMERATED OFFENSES. We will add a sub-paragraph (i) to include the following newly enacted offense, which will read as follows: "The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official ceremony of any Masonic lodge or appendant body thereof, in any portion of a lodge building where Masonic activities are held."

With the permission of M. W. Grand Master, we will not read then, these 74 pages of proposed decisions. We have, I think covered the latest revisions that have been put in since this was printed and sent out to the subordinate lodges. Your Committee, then, on Codification of the Law, submits this report including the 74 pages or whatever of proposed revisions as amended here this morning. We move the adoption of these revisions including all its chapters, sections and paragraphs in toto and further move that the existing by-laws be repealed.

M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

You have a motion before the house to accept this report. What is your wish? All those in favor, signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. Carried.

W. BERNARD T. PIPHER:

One final brief motion, in order to get this revision into printed form, it will be necessary, of course, for some introductory material to be prepared and an index to be prepared, and your Committee would therefore, move that the revision committee and Codification Committee working with them and the office staff, be authorized to prepare this material for printing by indexing and working up some suitable introductory material.



M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

I am certain that they don't want you sending them out a varifax copy, so we have a motion before the floor. What are your wishes? All those in favor, signify by the usual sign of Masons when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. So ordered.

W. . BERNARD T. PIPHER:

This report, M. .W. . Sir, is respectfully submitted by your Committee, consisting of Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210; Joseph N. Lindquist, 1 and myself from No. 31. We sincerely appreciate all of the help and assistance of the Past Grand Masters who worked on this revision and especially M. .W. . Brother Donald Swanson, and I move the adoption of the report as a whole.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER

We have a motion before the house that this report in full be adopted. All those in favor, signify by the usual sign of Masons when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. Carried.

I would like to remind the Grand Lodge Communication that one of the toughest jobs that we have had this last year, has been the work that these brothers have gone through. I feel that there are definitely two committees in Grand Lodge which have worked way beyond the call of duty, and this is one. I wonder if we could give the Codification of the Law Committee, a standing vote of appreciation.

W. . BERNARD T. PIPHER:

Thank you, M. .W. . Grand Master, but I feel that should include M. .W. . Brother Swanson for his work.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER:

Last year at this time, as I was about to assume the duties of Grand Master, W. . Brother Don asked me what he could help me with the most this year, and I said, "M. .W. . Sir, are you volunteering to try and get us a new law Book? I will accept gratefully your volunteering to do this." M. .W. . Brother Don consented that this would be one thing that he would put all of his efforts in this year. I want to compliment you, Don, on an excellent job. Thank you.

At this time we will hear the final report of the Appropriation Committee by Brother Walter Truex.

W. . WALTER TRUEX:

M. .W. . Grand Master, brethren of the Grand Lodge. This is the final report of the Appropriations Committee for this year's budget. This includes the period of May 1, 1976 to April 30, 1977. Our final report is exactly the same as the Preliminary report which I presented to this Grand Lodge yesterday.

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

Grand Lodge Responsibilities . . . . .	\$ 146,383.24
Masonic Eastern Home for Children . . . . .	<u>3,435.00</u>
Amount Appropriated . . . . .	\$ 149,818.24
Anticipated Income . . . . .	187,329.86
Appropriated . . . . .	<u>149,818.24</u>
Balance . . . . .	\$ 37,511.62

M. .W. . Grand Master, I move the acceptance of this report.

**M. W. HAROLD HULTMAN, GRAND MASTER**

We have a motion on the floor to accept the final report of the Appropriations Committee, the preliminary which you were given yesterday. All those in favor, signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign, Carried.

I think that this morning through your cooperation, we have gone through every Committee report that had to be made except the Committee on Public Relations and I am advised that there was no report for that.

I want to thank this 119th Annual Communication for the expert cooperation that they have given to the Grand Lodge Officers, in being able to conduct the work that we have had to do here in the past few days. I think it has been a fine Communication. I think we have accomplished several things. I trust that as you go your various ways in your subordinate lodges, that may you have enjoyed many happy moments and success before we meet in another year. It has been an extreme pleasure for me to be your Representative in the Grand Lodge office this past year, and for this, I thank you very much.

At this time, we are going to open for the installation services and ask that all the public be invited in to attend the installation which will follow in about ten minutes.

**R. W. T. LEO STINES, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:**

I move that the 120th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held June 10 and 11, 1977 at Lincoln. All in favor, vote by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. Opposed same sign. Carried.

**OPEN INSTALLATION**

**RUSSELL L. FICKES, PAST GRAND MASTER, INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER:**

I believe now we are about ready for the installation. I would like to introduce the Installing Officers; Installing Secretary - M. W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart; Installing Chaplain - M. W. Louis V. Sylvester; Installing Marshal - M. W. Brother John A. Bottorf.

Brethren, of the Grand Lodge, we are now prepared to install your Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Brother Grand Secretary, you will call the names of the brethren who has been elected and appointed officers of this Grand Lodge.

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

M. W. T. LEO STINES  
NEW GRAND MASTER

I would like to thank the members of this Grand Lodge for electing me to this high office. I am sure that it will not be possible for me to do the work that our immediate Junior Past Grand Master has done in the preceding year. The man's propensity for work is amazing, absolutely indefatigable. How about that for a ninety-eight cent word? I don't plan on making any earth shattering changes. I would like to continue for one thing, the fine work that our Education Committee has done under the able direction of M. W. Brother Lou Sylvester. I think we have a lot of success with that part.

I would like at this time to thank the Installing Officers and the Installing musician. I appreciate that, Brother Ed. I want to give a special thanks to M. W. Brother Russell L. Fickes, who served as the Installing Grand Master. He appointed me in line about five years ago, as Grand Junior Deacon. That is why I am standing here today, the result of that appointment and I appreciate that. I also would like to thank M. W. John A. Bottorf, who served as Installing Grand Marshal. He appointed me as Grand Marshal in 1967, and without that appointment I probably would not have gotten to know Brother Russell Fickes very well - maybe just casually. He, being a Grand Lodge Officer, and my being a Deputy Grand Custodian. Incidentally, I served as a Deputy Grand Custodian twelve years. I have a lot of fine memories of those past years, by virtue of the fact that I served as Grand Marshal four years before being appointed in line. By the time I get through this year, I will have had 22 years in the Grand Lodge.

I see a lot of people out there whom I know and I would like to recognize them, and introduce them. First the members of my family - my wife, without whose able assistance, I absolutely could not be standing here today. She has just been wonderful. Would you please stand, Elfie? Our daughter, Marietta from Little Rock, Arkansas and her family - her husband Phil and and daughter Maria. They have come up here from Little Rock. He is a Professor in the University, but he is not one of those absent minded professors. He did remember to get here for what my daughter has facetiously called my Coronation. Now, you may give them a hand.

There are some more people at the table right behind them I would like to introduce at this time. My brother-in-law, Elwin Reeves and his wife, Freda, and their daughter Ruth with her husband Larry Williams. He is also a professor down at Manhattan, Kansas. I can't understand, with all this knowledge in the family, why some of it didn't rub off on me. Also, their son Brice and their daughter Alison and my sister-in-law, Catherine with her husband Hubert Demel. Now, you may give them applause. Incidentally, this is the first time for quite a long time that I have seen my daughter and her family. Certainly glad you are here.

Well, I guess, like my fellow Missourian says, the buck stops here. I would like to thank all the other people who have shown up. I have a lot of friends out there, and I appreciate them being here. I wonder if the members of my lodge at Central City and their wives would stand. John Brown, do you have something to do? Would you like to approach the East?

M. .W. . JOHN H. BROWN, PAST GRAND MASTER

M. .W. . Grand Master, I would like to introduce you to the Junior Past Grand Master of Nebraska. I was over here on the sideline a little bit ago before this installation started and I saw our Junior Past Grand Master uncerimoniously relieved of his apron and we have got to have a cover up job of some kind. I am here to do that. First, M. .W. . Junior Past Grand Master, I am going to decorate you with a beautiful Past Grand Master's jewel. Now, M. .W. . Sir, you are properly attired and with this beautiful Past Grand Master's jewel and Past Grand Master's apron with which I have just decorated you, I want to express something that I feel that is probably in your mind too. These are externals. The Past Grand Master's jewel and the Past Grand Master's apron are recognition from your Grand Lodge for the fine work you have done as a Grand Master. You have applied yourself diligently. You have given much of yourself and the Grand Lodge has benefited greatly from it. What is significant of this Grand Lodge Jewel and Apron is the high regard that the Masons throughout the Grand Jurisdiction hold for you in their hearts and minds. I know that in your own mind there will be certain points of significance that you will attach to these as I know I have.

M. .W. . Brother Harold, I congratulate you for a fine year, for a fine Grand Lodge Communciation and for all the fine work you have done for this jurisdiction.

M. .W. . HAROLD HULTMAN, PAST GRAND MASTER

Thank you, M. .W. . Brother John, for the fine presentation and all of those kind words. I have deeply appreciated the opportunity that has been afforded me this past year. Not only this past year but six years, to be able to serve the Nebraska Grand Lodge - it is a wonderful challenge and it is only a signal of this type that you can carry on and know by the cooperation of the people who you are working with, that you realize that Masonry is going to continue through the ages.

M. .W. . Brother Leo, I received last night, a token of appreciation from the Order of DeMolay. This is a traveling trophy awarded the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, so at this time, I would like to present it to you.

M. .W. . T. LEO STINES, GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, M. .W. . Sir, I will wear this with pride, being an Honorary Member of the Legion of Honor of DeMolay, and next year I will turn it over to Brother Saum. There is one little thing, really a big thing, that I should have taken care of and I forgot as usual. I would like to have each of the newly installed officers, starting with the Deputy Grand Master, get up and introduce his wife and will they all remain standing so we can see who they all are? Then we will give them applause.

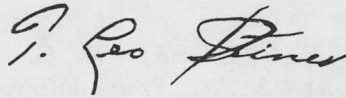
These are the wives of your Grand Officers and they deserve a round of applause. I am especially happy to see a very dear friend of mine from Primrose Lodge - Brother Tom McBride, and his lovely wife, and the Good Lord willing, next October I will present Brother Tom with his fifty year pin.

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

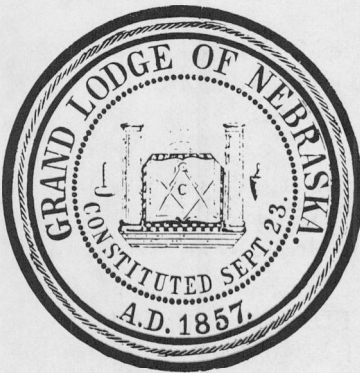
M. .W. . Grand Master, may I have the privilege of approaching the East? Brother Grand Senior Deacon, would you present to the East here at this podium, Elfie Stines.

Elfie, it has been a great pleasure to be at the laying of corner-stones, and the dedication of Temples for many, many years, and particularly during the past six years. On all of these occasions, it is necessary for us to have someone to provide the appropriate music and we have always counted on Elfie to do the job for us. Elfie, you have given of your devotion and your talent to this Grand Lodge all these many years. We want you to know how deeply appreciative we are of your services. I have the pleasure of presenting to you, this plaque which says, "Honorary Brother Elfie Stines, for service performed above and beyond the call of duty, as honorary Grand Organist, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska". It is a beautiful thing and Elfie, this is just a little appreciation for all the wonderful work that you have rendered to the Grand Lodge over the years.

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.



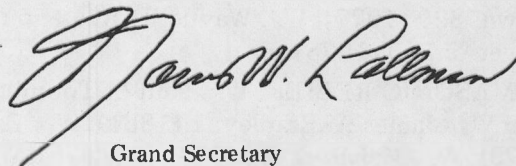
Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 11 and 12, and printed under my direction.

Witness, my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 9th day of July, 1976.



Grand Secretary

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 A. Tollander, 281 (1980); W. . Robert A. Carhart, 120 (1981); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1979).

FINANCE: W. . Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1981), Chairman; W. . LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1977); W. . J. Ansel Toft, 232 (1980); W. . Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1978); W. . Floyd A. Sterns, 10 (1979).

FRATERNAL DEAD: W. . Gail Axen, 235, Chairman; W. . P.W. Elliott, 323; W. . Frank Jefferson, 36.

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. Paines, Jr., 33; W. . James Hruza, 68.

GRAND LODGE OFFICES: M. .W. . Merle M. Hale, 54 (1980), Chairman; M. .W. . Thomas J. Aron, 37 (1981); M. .W. . John H. Brown, 1, (1978); W. . Harold C. Wurdeman, 323, (1977); W. . Thomas H. Blanchard, 21 (1979).

GRAND TRUSTEES: M. .W. . John F. Futcher, 302 (1981), Chairman; W. . Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1979); W. . Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1978); W. . Frank V. Lawson, Jr., (1977); W. . George T. Harris, 302 (1980).

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND: W. . Robert A. Metcalf, 210, Chairman; W. . Dale Page, 15; W. . Perley F. Bates, Jr., 26.

MASONIC EDUCATION: M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1977), Chairman; W. . Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1979); W. . James Brown, 320 (1977); W. . Wayne W. Reese, 54 (1978); W. . George A. Iverson, 15 (1978).

MASONIC RELIEF: W. . Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1977), Chairman; W. . James A. Bradley, 1 (1981); W. . Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1979); W. . Melvin E. Hatfield, 54 (1978); W. . Robert L. Little, 240 (1980).

NEBRASKA WORK: M. .W. . Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1978), Chairman; M. .W. . Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1979); M. .W. . Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150 (1977).

PUBLIC RELATIONS: W. . Gladwyn A. Youngs, 210 (1981), Chairman; W. . Lester Way, 54 (1977); M. .W. . John H. Brown, 1 (1978); W. . Gary L. Powell, 19 (1979); Bro. Jack Payne, 1, (1980).

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY: M. .W. . Russell L. Fickes, 33 (1979), Chairman; W. . Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1977); W. . Herman O. Hansen, 3 (1978).

LODGE ADVISORY: M. .W. . Harold Hultman, 39 (1979), Chairman; M. .W. . Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1978); M. .W. . Frank J. Mattoon, 75 (1978).

YOUTH COMMITTEE: W. . Wayne J. Pauley, 19, Chairman; W. . William G. Hurst, 54; W. . Kyle Lantz, 68.

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

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

Benjamin F. Eyre 54 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- 66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76
Carl R. Greisen 53 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- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76
Pearl C. Hillegass 41 years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73- 75
Merle M. Hale 39 years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-74-75-76
George A. Kurk 38 years	1930-32-33-34-35-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-65-66-67-68-69-70
Thomas J. Aron 37 years	1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-65-66-67- 68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76
Robert E. Lund 37 years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65- 66-67-68-69-70-72-73-74-75-76
Louis V. Sylvester 35 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- 69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76
Edward F. Carter 34 years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 48-49-50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61- 62-63-64-66-67-68
Otto Nelson 34 years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49- 50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62- 63-64-65-66-67-70
Edward M. Knight 34 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- 70-71-72-73-75-76
Norris W. Lallman 34 years	1939-41-44-46-47-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70- 71-72-73-74-75-76



Albert B. Osborn 33 years	1943-44-46-47-48-49-50-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71- 72-73-74-75-76
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
Clyde H. Jones 32 years	1944-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71- 72-73-74-76
Charles F. Adams 31 years	1946-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72- -73-74-75-76
E. Forrest Estes 30 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- 74-75-76
Ralph R. Carleton 29 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- -73-74-75-76
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
Paul D. Fleming 26 years	1950-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-73-74-75-76

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORY OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE  
PASSED BE YOND THE VEIL.

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 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
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th) 1955
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
- 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, Lincon 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
- HAROLD HULTMAN, 39 . . . . . (110th) . 1975  
260 Skyline Dr. Elkhorn 68022
- 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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Brazil, San Paulo	Joas Zimmerman Filho	Temple Masonico
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Napoleon Grispem	Rua Sao Joaquin 13801508
Brazil, Grand Lodge Parana	Angelo Palhares	Box 3, Paraiba
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Columbia Bogat	William Campbell	P.O. Box 250, Wallingford 06492
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Iran	Ahmad Aliabadi	Teheran P.O. Box 11-1777
Ireland	J.O. Harte	Freemasons' Hall, Dublin
Israel	J. Bar Nar	P.O. Box 2080, Tel Aviv
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Kansas	Albert O. Arnold, Jr.	320 W. 8th. Topeka 66601
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Manitoba	John L. Rankin	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, 13
Maryland	Stanley R. Uppercue	Masonic Temple, Baltimore 21201
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Michigan	Royce E. Curlis	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids 49502
Minnesota	Harvey R. Hansen	Masonic Center, 200 E. Plato Blvd. St. Paul 55107
Mississippi	T.K. Griffis	P.O. Box 1030, Meridian 39301
Missouri	Frank A. Arnold	3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 63108
Montana	Donald W. Schenck	Box 1158, Helena 59601
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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
Omadi	" 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.....	Merriek.....	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	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	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 6, 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	Neison.....	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	Bennet.....	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
Rawl	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Center	" 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
<b>Lily</b>	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
<b>Hartington</b>	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
<b>Samaritan</b>	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
<b>Ogallala</b>	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
<b>Zeredatha</b>	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
<b>Mount Zion</b>	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
<b>Trestle Board</b>	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
<b>Unity</b>	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
<b>Atkinson</b>	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
<b>Barneston</b>	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
<b>Elwood</b>	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
<b>Curtis</b>	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
<b>Amity</b>	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
<b>Mason City</b>	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
<b>Merna</b>	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
<b>Robert Burns</b>	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
<b>Culbertson</b>	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
<b>Gladstone</b>	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
<b>Hay Springs</b>	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
<b>Justice</b>	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
<b>Faith</b>	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
<b>Alliance</b>	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
<b>Bee Hive</b>	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89
<b>Boaz</b>	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
<b>Meridian</b>	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Granite	No. 189	Gibson	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
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. Tulleys	" 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	Orchard.....	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
Bayard	" 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	Lynch.....	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

### LOGGES 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.
- Compass & Square 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. 8, 1974.  
Temple No. 175 with Tecumseh No. 17, Mar. 26, 1975.  
Beemer No. 253 with Wisner No. 114, June 18, 1975.  
Signet No. 193, Leigh with Northern Star No. 41, Stanton, Febr. 20, 1976  
Plumblin No. 214, Adams with Beatrice No. 26, Beatrice, Oct. 1, 1976

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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

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Wade H. Brown .....	Edmonton .....	Apr. 13, 1976	Alabama .....	John W. McLane, 150 .....	Cambridge.....	Aug. 7, 1969
T.W. Smallwood .....	.....	.....	Alberta .....	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 Sils, Jr. ..	Prescott .....	Apr. 13, 1949	Arizona .....	Robert E. Kyes, 36 .....	Central City .....	Sept. 3, 1976
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
Rene Desgain .....	.....	Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium .....	Donald D. Meinershagen, 11 .....	Omaha.....	July 7, 1976
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val do Salvador.....	Sept. 19, 1936	Bolivia .....	Harold A. Tilton, 71 .....	Neligh .....	Dec. 1, 1963
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara.....	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Bahia .....	Frank I. Vlasak, 119 .....	North Bend .....	July 6, 1972
Jose Cesario Horta .....	Minas Gerais .....	Sept. 21, 1949	Brasilia .....	Alfred G. Bates, 1 .....	Omaha .....	June 4, 1971
D.M. DeVaseconcelos Lobo	.....	June 26, 1974	Brazil, Ceara .....	Stanley E. Brunton, 222 .....	Herman .....	July 7, 1976
Francisco Bezrea Frota ..	.....	Oct. 25, 1973	Brazil, Matto Grasso .....	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258 .....	Brewster .....	July 7, 1976
Oscar de Paula Assis. ....	Rio de Janeiro .....	Aug. 1, 1969	Brazil, Minas Gerais .....	Harry L. Scheffel, 91 .....	Oakland .....	July, 1, 1974
Ewald Helmuth Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul ..	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Maranhao .....	Earl N. Hanel, 318 .....	Grand Island.....	July 6, 1972
Jose Agular E. Silvia .....	Para.....	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Guanabaro .....	Wm. H. Beckenhauer, 19 .....	Lincoln .....	July 1, 1974
Joao Bento .....	Paraiba .....	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul .....	Gerald A. Moller, 15 .....	Fremont.....	Dec. 10, 1968
Habib-Chehade Jeha .....	Parana.....	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Para .....	Benjamin F. Eyre, L .....	Omaha .....	Jan 3, 1936
Jose Aguiar E. Silva .....	Pernambuco .....	Oct. 22, 1968	Brazil, Paraiba .....	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Mar. 7, 1968
Lirio Burigo Bez .....	.....	Sept. 22, 1976	Brazil, Pernambuco .....	Mannie O. Hansen, 1 .....	Omaha .....	June 12, 1974
Walter Pinto.....	Sao Paulo.....	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Santa Catarina .....	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65 .....	Osceola .....	July 1, 1974
A.G. Mitchell.....	.....	Apr. 13, 1965	Brazil, Sao Paulo .....	Thomas J. Aron, 37 .....	Crete.....	July 10, 1947
Harold Loewenthal .....	Eureka .....	Apr. 23, 1969	British Columbia .....	Eugene C. Sibley, 54 .....	Lincoln.....	June 11, 1976
F.W. Nance Kivell .....	.....	Dec. 16, 1965	California .....	Edward F. Carter, 201 .....	Lincoln.....	June 22, 1937
Ghertzen Gango .....	.....	Apr. 20, 1976	Canada .....	David O. Kipling, 281 .....	Omaha .....	June 4, 1971
TzeTsing Tuan .....	Taiwan .....	Sept. 14, 1962	Chile.....	Earl H. Furman, 290 .....	Omaha .....	Apr. 13, 1960
Jose Maria Serna .....	Barranquilla.....	July 31, 1951	China.....	Henry E. Olsen, 54 .....	Lincoln .....	July 6, 1972
Thomas H. Cox .....	Olathe .....	Feb. 20, 1932	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge .....	Carl R. Greisen, 32 .....	Boone .....	June 23, 1943
Vincent Vernon .....	Collinsville .....	Mar. 18, 1969	Colorado.....	Arnold F. Mains, 15 .....	Fremont.....	Dec. 13, 1968
Carlos Miranda .....	.....	Oct. 22, 1968	Connecticut .....	Richard H. Scheef, 288 .....	Omaha .....	July 7, 1976
V.H.F.E. Gracia.....	.....	Nov. 5, 1952	Costa Rica .....	Joseph C. Tye, 46 .....	Kearney .....	June 25, 1954
Paul E. Ellis.....	.....	Jan 28, 1971	Cuba in Exile .....	T. Leo Stines, 36 .....	Central City .....	Dec. 2, 1967
Knwd V. Raude.....	.....	Sept. 23, 1971	Delaware.....	Alton S. Mote, 183 .....	Alliance .....	Feb. 8, 1968
Godfrey L. Munter.....	.....	May 6, 1969	Denmark.....	Herbert A. Ronin, 210 .....	Lincoln.....	May 13, 1954
F.G. Araya .....	Guayaquil .....	June 17, 1953	Dist. of Columbia .....	Clarence M. Pierson, 19 .....	Lincoln .....	Sept. 14, 1962
Sir Knox Cunningham .....	.....	Dec. 29, 1970	Ecuador .....	Charles F. Adams, 68 .....	Aurora .....	Dec. 2, 1968
Kalle Putkisto.....	Helsinki .....	Dec. 15, 1969	England .....	Sibert A. Stover, 281 .....	Omaha .....	Feb. 9, 1968
Wm. C. Mitchell.....	.....	June 23, 1970	Finland.....	Bryon C. Jenkins, 325 .....	Bellevue .....	Aug. 8, 1966
Edward Jeanmonod.....	Paris .....	Sept. 14, 1954	Florida.....	J. Dallas Gibson, 54.....	Lincoln .....	July 1, 1974
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John M. McClurd.....	.....	May 13, 1969	Georgia .....	Raymond F. Evers, 6 .....	Plattsmouth ....	Aug. 3, 1960
Wolfgang Durst.....	Aschoffenburg ..	Sept. 24, 1975	Germany.....	Alfred G. Wurst, 59 .....	Lincoln .....	July 6, 1972
Geo. Sakelloriou .....	Athens.....	Apr. 10, 1954	Greece.....	William W. Steen, 280 .....	Sargent.....	June 11, 1976
Angel G. Guzman .....	.....	Aug. 13, 1963	Honduras.....	Gordon Chard, 240 .....	Lyons.....	Nov. 3, 1962
Bjarne Bjarnason .....	Helgafell .....	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland .....	John C. Nelson, 250.....	Lincoln.....	June 11, 1976
Eugene Taylor.....	Kendrich .....	Nov. 9, 1966	Idaho.....	James M. Paxson, 302 .....	Omaha.....	Aug. 11, 1960
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
.....	.....	.....	Iran .....	Joel N. Lindquist, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 4, 1971
James E. Weir .....	Dublin.....	June 19, 1970	Ireland.....	Richard L. Ely, 128 .....	GuideRock.....	June 17, 1958
Isreal Levin .....	Tel Aviv .....	Sept 14, 1965	Isreal, State of .....	William Grodinsky, 11 .....	Omaha .....	July 26, 1954
Gilberto Olivieri .....	Rome.....	Sept. 22, 1976	Italy .....	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 .....	Lincoln .....	Sept. 14, 1962
Yasuhiko Ide.....	.....	.....	Japan .....	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 .....	Lincoln .....	July 31, 1958
Richard K. Hart.....	Topeka.....	Jan 6, 1964	Kansas .....	Glenn F. Sperry, 139.....	Clay Center .....	June 11, 1976
C. James Hyde.....	Louisville.....	Sept. 18, 1962	Kentucky .....	Harold C. Wurdeman, 323.....	Columbus .....	July 1, 1974
Philip O. McLaughlin ..	.....	Jan. 23, 1961	Louisiana .....	John A. Bortorf, 49 .....	Sutton.....	Feb. 23, 1958
.....	.....	.....	Luxemborg.....	Stuart A. Johnson, 169 .....	Rushville.....	Mar. 21, 1968
Royce G. Wheeler .....	Bangor .....	Aug. 30, 1976	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
C. Gene Higdon .....	.....	Sept. 21, 1974	Maryland.....	Henry L. Rood, 59 .....	Wahoo .....	July 6, 1972
Karl O. Lepisto.....	.....	Dec. 4, 1974	Massachusetts.....	Wade E. Sheppard, 303.....	Omaha.....	June 11, 1976
George Sanfor.....	Mexico City .....	Aug. 8, 1969	Mexico York .....	Russell L. Fickes, 33 .....	Grand Island ...	Apr. 13, 1968
.....	.....	.....	Grand Lodge	.....	.....	.....
Willard Sauer.....	Sparta .....	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan .....	John H. Brown, 1 .....	Omaha .....	Nov. 1, 1965
Wm. W. Widstrand .....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 9, 1972	Minnesota .....	Merle M. Hale, 54 .....	Lincoln .....	Feb. 14, 1952
Herbert S. Ramberg .....	Ada.....	Jan. 16, 1953	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. 12, 1965
J.F.A. Gravenberch .....	.....	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 .....	Kenneth N. Parke, 120 .....	Wayne .....	June 11, 1976
Robert W. Emery.....	Old Bridge .....	Sept. 15, 1972	New Jersey .....	John F. Fitcher, 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 .....	Fairlight .....	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. Fairman.....	Mangaweka .....	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand .....	Donald R. Swanson, 54 .....	Lincoln .....	June 14, 1973
.....	.....	.....	Nicaragua .....	Paul D. Fleming, 93 .....	Beaver City .....	Dec. 9, 1941
Nathaniel C. Dean .....	.....	July 26, 1965	North Carolina .....	Levi B. Williams, 1.....	Omaha .....	Sept. 17, 1962
Calvin E. Rustad.....	Grand Forks.....	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota .....	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....	Cambridge .....	Apr. 28, 1965
Ivar Moi .....	Sandefjord.....	Apr. 24, 1975	Norway .....	S.E. Torgeson, 294 .....	Kimball .....	June 14, 1973
C. Fraser Lorimer.....	Stellarton.....	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia .....	Curtis J. Griess, 49.....	Grand Island....	Dec. 2, 1968

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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, 1968
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 I. Mauch, 254 .....	Basett .....	June 4, 1971
Aurelio B. Aquino .....	Manila .....	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines .....	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210 .....	Lincoln .....	Aug. 7, 1969
Allan C. Jenkins .....	Summerside .....	April 8, 1971	Prince Edward Is. .....	Donald C. Smith, 1 .....	Omaha .....	Jan. 17, 1945
A.D. Lightbourn .....	Fajards .....	Aug. 3, 1966	Puerto Rico .....	Herman O. Hansen, 3 .....	Omaha .....	June 4, 1971
T.H. Whitman .....	.....	Aug. 3, 1966	Quebec .....	E. Forrest Estes, 19 .....	Lincoln .....	July 6, 1972
W.R. Gailey .....	.....	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
William Sloss .....	Edinburgh .....	Aug. 30, 1963	Scotland .....	Sidney H. Bliton, 263 .....	Minatare .....	June 11, 1976
George C. Hobson .....	.....	Dec. 3, 1968	Southern Africa ...	Gerald V. Inslee, 148 .....	Chadron .....	Dec. 2, 1968
Pafael F. Moreno .....	Bogota .....	.....	South America .....	Jack H. Hendrix, 174 .....	Trenton .....	Aug. 7, 1969
M.D.J.C. Navarro .....	.....	Aug. 25, 1969	Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	South America .....	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191 .....	Scotia .....	Aug. 7, 1969
.....	.....	.....	Dominicana .....	.....	.....	.....
Cyril W.C. Peaks .....	.....	Sept. 9, 1959	South Australia ....	Edgar Bredemeier, 105 .....	Stella .....	June 11, 1976
Rhoden D. Batson .....	Greenville .....	July 6, 1971	South Carolina .....	Mark Mitchell, 138 .....	Oxford .....	Jan 1, 1962
Lawrence J. Larson .....	Sioux Falls .....	June 17, 1971	South Dakota .....	U. Wesley Fox, 192 .....	Kilgore .....	July 6, 1972
Hj. August Lind .....	Linkoping .....	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden .....	Lillard S. Jensen, 232 .....	Omaha .....	Nov. 17, 1965
Eric C. Monk .....	Zurich .....	Feb. 24, 1967	Switzerland .....	Wayne W. Reese, 54 .....	Lincoln .....	July 1, 1974
German Barrera .....	Victoria .....	Aug. 27, 1970	Tamlaupias .....	Homer C. Davey, 317 .....	Hastings .....	Aug. 3, 1960
S.V. Tilley .....	Hohart .....	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania .....	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 .....	Ashland .....	Sept. 8, 1960
J. Turner Williams .....	Nashville .....	Oct. 28, 1968	Tennessee .....	William C. Schaper, 148 .....	Broken Bow .....	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman .....	Dallas .....	July 28, 1952	Texas .....	Donald A. Keys, 300 .....	Lincoln .....	Dec. 20, 1961
Attila Atli .....	Istanbul .....	Dec. 29, 1971	Turkey .....	Melvin E. Johnson, 112 .....	Oakdale .....	Aug. 27, 1963
John J. Greiner .....	Ogden .....	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah .....	Robert L. Little, 240 .....	Lyons .....	June 11, 1976
Wendell H. Chaffee .....	Burlington .....	May 16, 1962	Venezuela .....	Wayne W. Lueneborg, 39 .....	North Platte .....	Sept. 22, 1975
.....	.....	.....	Vermont .....	Carl E. Diers, 106 .....	Loup City .....	July 6, 1972
Farrin Webb .....	Melbourne .....	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria .....	Mathias E. Mauel, 173 .....	Stratton .....	Aug. 2, 1960
P.O. Shepherd, Jr. ....	S. Arlington .....	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia .....	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249 .....	Gothenburg .....	Jan 28, 1952
Malcolm L. Wilkinson .....	Tacoma .....	April 14, 1971	Washington .....	Edward M. Knight, 183 .....	Alliance .....	June 27, 1941
F.G. Hatcher .....	.....	Dec. 17, 1960	West Australia .....	Henry E. Schemmel, 2 .....	Nebr. City .....	June 11, 1976
J.K. Ferguson .....	.....	Sept. 28, 1961	West Virginia .....	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 .....	Falls City .....	Mar. 15, 1960
George J. Schreiber .....	Milwaukee .....	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin .....	Harold Hultman .....	Elkhorn .....	June 12, 1974

**THE ROLL OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS  
AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT**

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

In 1870 the "Committee on Work" recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren, these together with the Grand Lecturer 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. Enriken, 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. Flickinger, 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
- Ben. D. Fussell, 79 . . . . . 1976

## 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: 1976 and 4,000 — 5976

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1976 and 530 — 2505.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1975 and 1,000 — 2976.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1976 — 857.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1976 — 3888.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1976 and 3,760 — 5936.

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