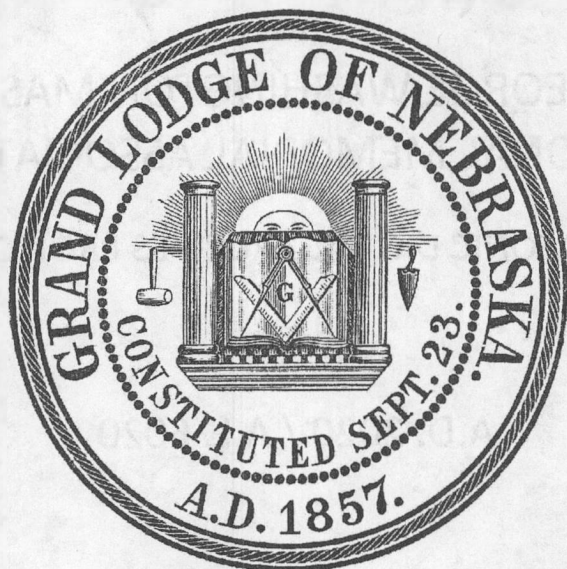


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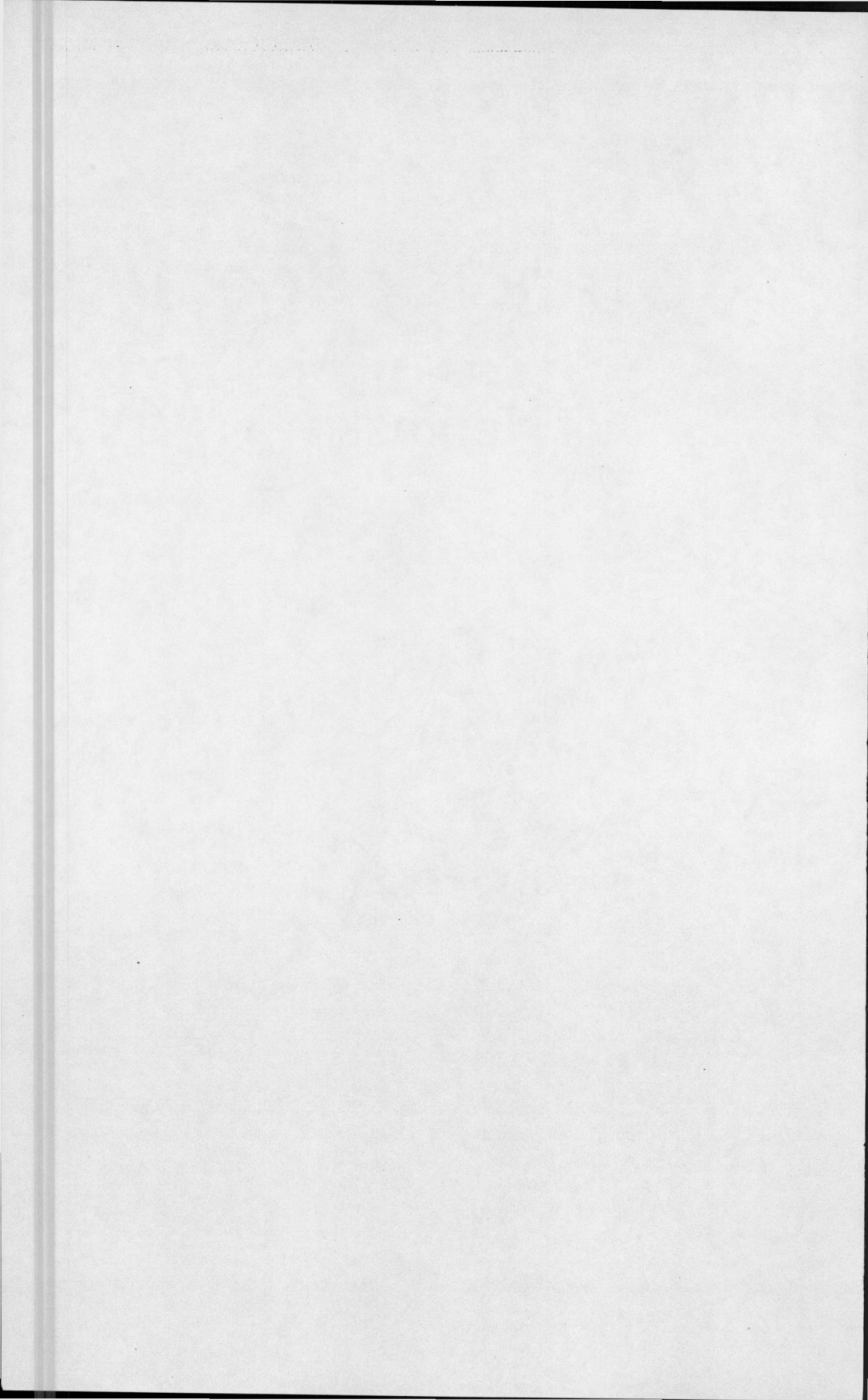
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Philip A. Lorenzen
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2001-2002

Masonic History of the 135th Grand Master

Philip A. Lorenzen

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on June 6, 1964, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on August 4, 1964, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 1, 1964 in Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Became a dual member in Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha, Nebraska on October 7, 1987. Appointed and elected to various offices and installed as Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge No. 10 in 1973. Certified as a Proficient Mason for eight years.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska – Served on various Grand Lodge Committees including chairman of the Finance Committee. Appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Appointed Grand Junior Steward in February 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon. Appointed Grand Orator in 1993 by M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman. Appointed Grand Orator in February 1994 by M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon. Appointed Grand Orator in February 1995 by M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1996 by M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1997 by M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 1998 under M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. Elected Grand Senior Warden in 1999 under M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master Elect in 2000 under M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Installed as the 135th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska on February 11, 2001.

York Rite – Made a Royal Arch Mason in Adoniram Chapter No. 13 at Blair, Nebraska; a Royal and Select Master in Triad Council No. 33 at Tekamah, Nebraska; and, became a Knight Templar in Jordan Commandry No. 15 Blair, Nebraska all at the one-day York Rite Festival held in 1971 in North Platte, Nebraska. Current membership is with Mackay Chapter No. 24, Tirad Council No. 33 and Jordan Commandry No. 15.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska in 1984. Elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1996. In 2000, became a 33° Honorary Elect, to be Coroneted in Charleston, South Carolina in October 2001. Elected and served as Venerable Master of Kadosh, Omaha Consistory 1998.

Shrine – Member in 1975 of Tangier Shrine Center, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Omaha, Nebraska. Club memberships include Vintage Iron, Past Masters, Square & Compass and Harley Escorts.

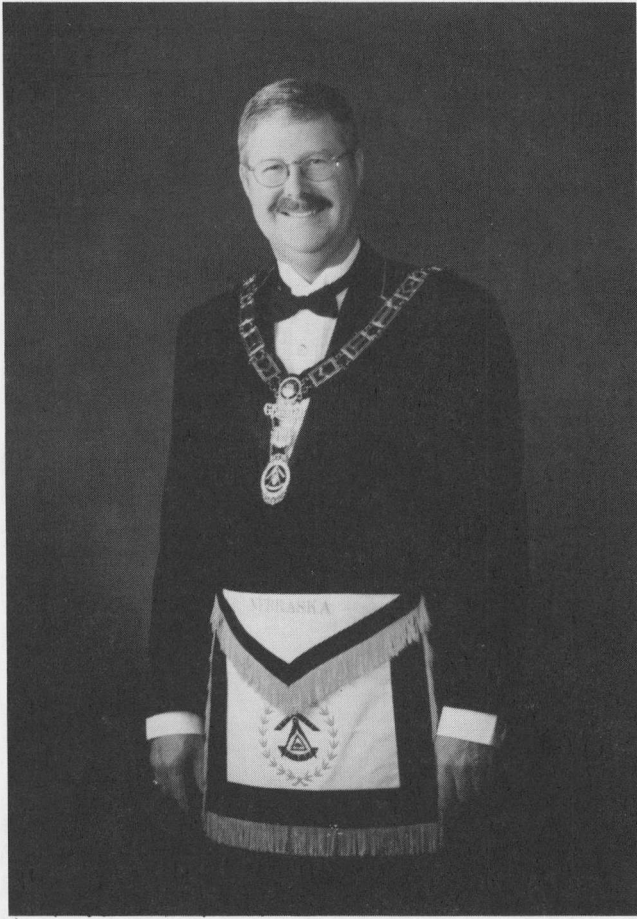
Order of the Eastern Star – Member of Naomi Chapter No. 121 Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska.

Job's Daughters – Served on the Bethel Council of Bethel No. 69, Omaha, Nebraska, 1988 and 1989.

Other Masonic Bodies or Masonic Related – Director and Past President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Member and Second Vice President of National Sojourners, Nebraska Chapter 19, 1997. Became a member of the Heroes of '76, 1999. Member from 1988, and currently "Leading Man," Court No. 19 Royal Order of Jesters, Omaha, Nebraska. Director, Member of the Executive Committee, past President and past Chairman of the Board of the Omaha Home for Boys.

Education, Professional, Public Service and Other – Received a BA Degree from Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, Major in Business and Minor in Economics, 1965. Serve on the Municipal Executive Committee of the PSA (Bond Dealers Trade Association), based in New York. Licensed Principal NASD and New York Stock Exchange Since 1972. Director, past President and current First Vice President Fort Atkinson Foundation. Member American Legion Post No. 348 since 1973. Member Optimist International. Elder, Presbyterian Church.

Military – United States Air Force/Nebraska Air National Guard, 1965 through 1971. Technical Sergeant. Photo interpreter and air intelligence.



Michael E. Jones
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2002-2003

Masonic History of the 136th Grand Master

Michael E. Jones

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on March 20, 1972, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on August 15, 1972, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 21, 1973 in Robert Burns Lodge No. 173, Stratton, Nebraska. Became a dual member in Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City, Nebraska on June 1, 1982. Served as Worshipful Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1997, and 1998.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska – Appointed Grand Chaplain in February 1988 by M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland; in February 1990 by M.:W.: John M. McHenry; in February 1991 by M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. Appointed Grand Marshal in February 1992 by M.:W.: James L. Eatmon; in February 1993 by M.:W.: Donald L. Pohlman; in February 1994 by M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon; in February 1995 by M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg; in February 1996 by M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in February 1997 by M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in February 1998 by M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. Elected Grand Junior Warden in February 1999 under M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Elected Grand Senior Warden in February 2000 under M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in February 2001 under M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen. Installed as the 136th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska on February 10, 2002.

Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Norway in 1988. Previously served as a member of the Masonic Memorial Service Committee and Insurance Review Committee. Chairman of Chaperones for the Masonic All-Star Marching Band 1996 through 2000. Member of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation Board.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska on May 3-4, 1984.

York Rite – Exalted a Royal Arch Mason, greeted a Cryptic Mason, and knighted a Knight Templar on May 3, 1997, becoming a member of Orient Chapter No. 18, Gebel Council No. 12, and Gethsemane Commandery No. 21, Columbus, Nebraska.

Shrine – Became a member of Tehama Shrine Center, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Hastings, Nebraska on April 15, 2000.

National Sojourners – Became a member of Omaha Chapter No. 19 on February 5, 1999.

Order of the Eastern Star – Member of Alma Chapter No. 20 in David City, Nebraska since November 28, 1984. Served as Worthy Patron 1988—1990, 1994—1996, and 1998—2001.

DeMolay – Elected to DeMolay Legion of Honor and invested on September 23, 2001.

Education, Professional, Public Service and Other – Earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1972 and Master's Degree in 1975 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Earned the professional designation of Certified Insurance Counselor in 1995. Past President of David City Chamber of Commerce, and David City Public Schools Booster Club. Serve on the Future Generations Health Care Foundation Board, Butler County Area Foundation Board, and Thorpe Opera House Foundation Board. Lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, current membership in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in David City, Nebraska, serving as lay leader. Belong to Rotary International as a member of the David City Club.

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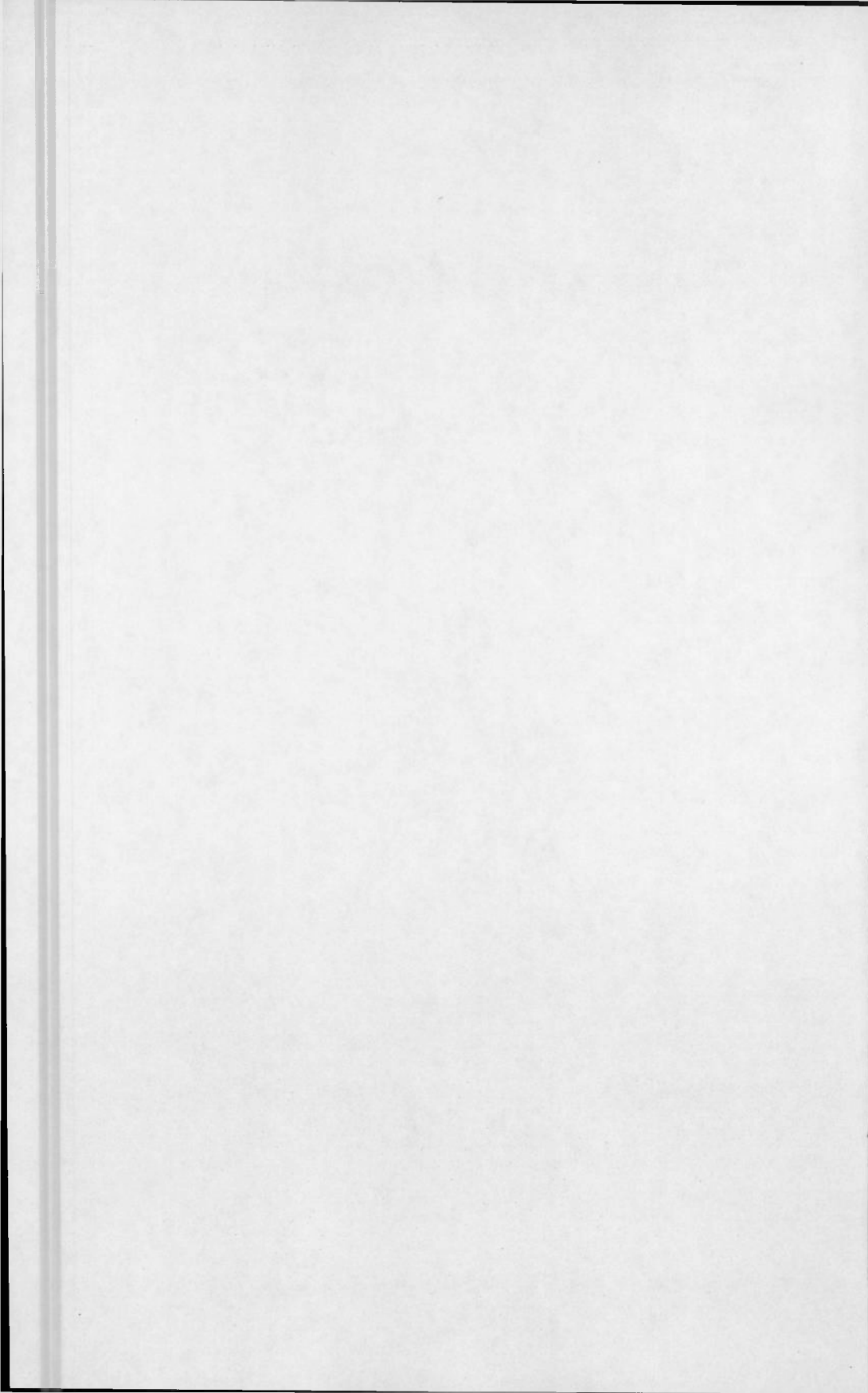
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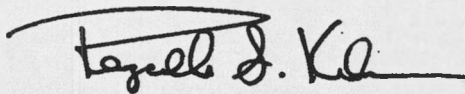


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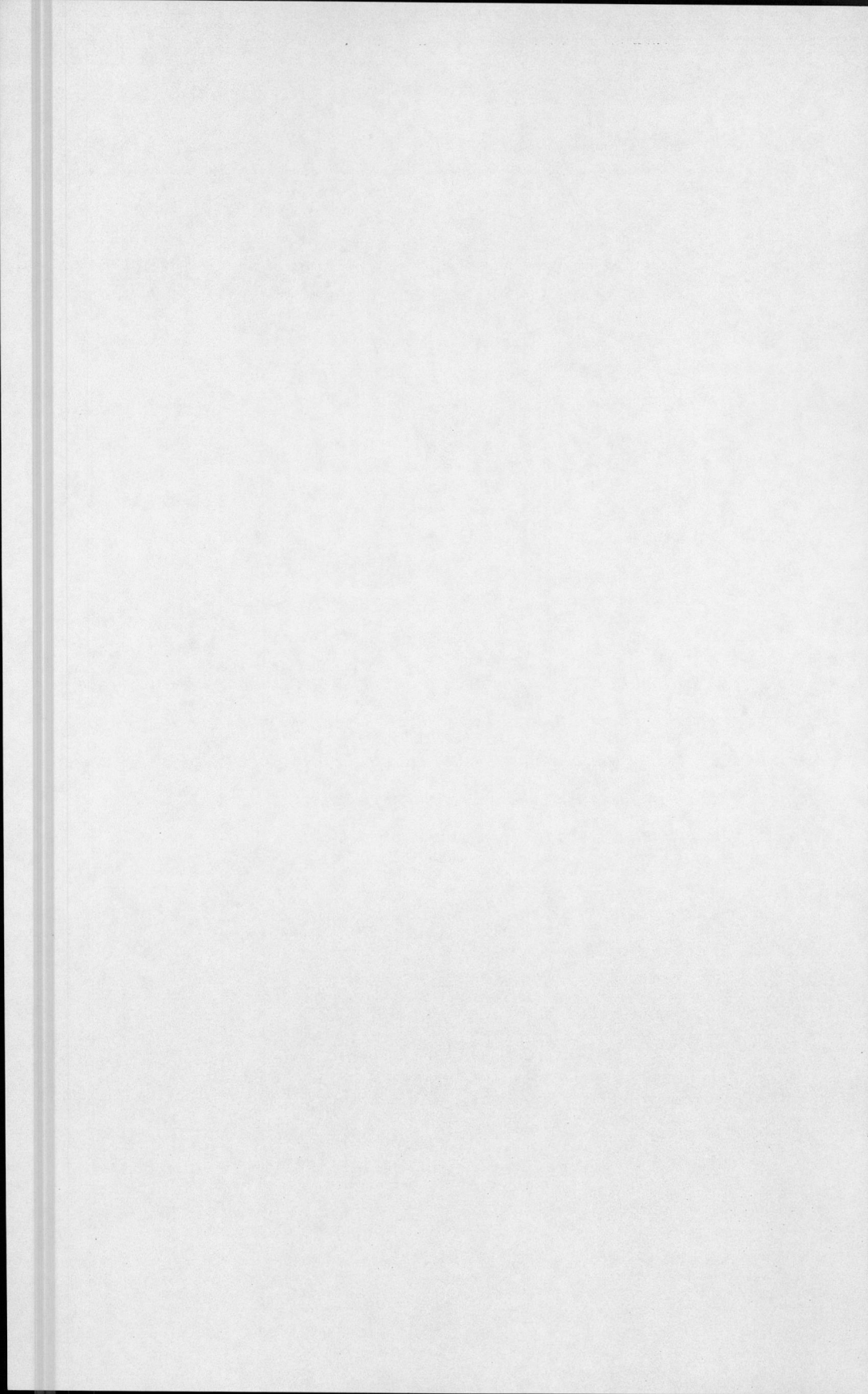
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W *itness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 15th day of November, 2002.*



Reginald S. Kuhn
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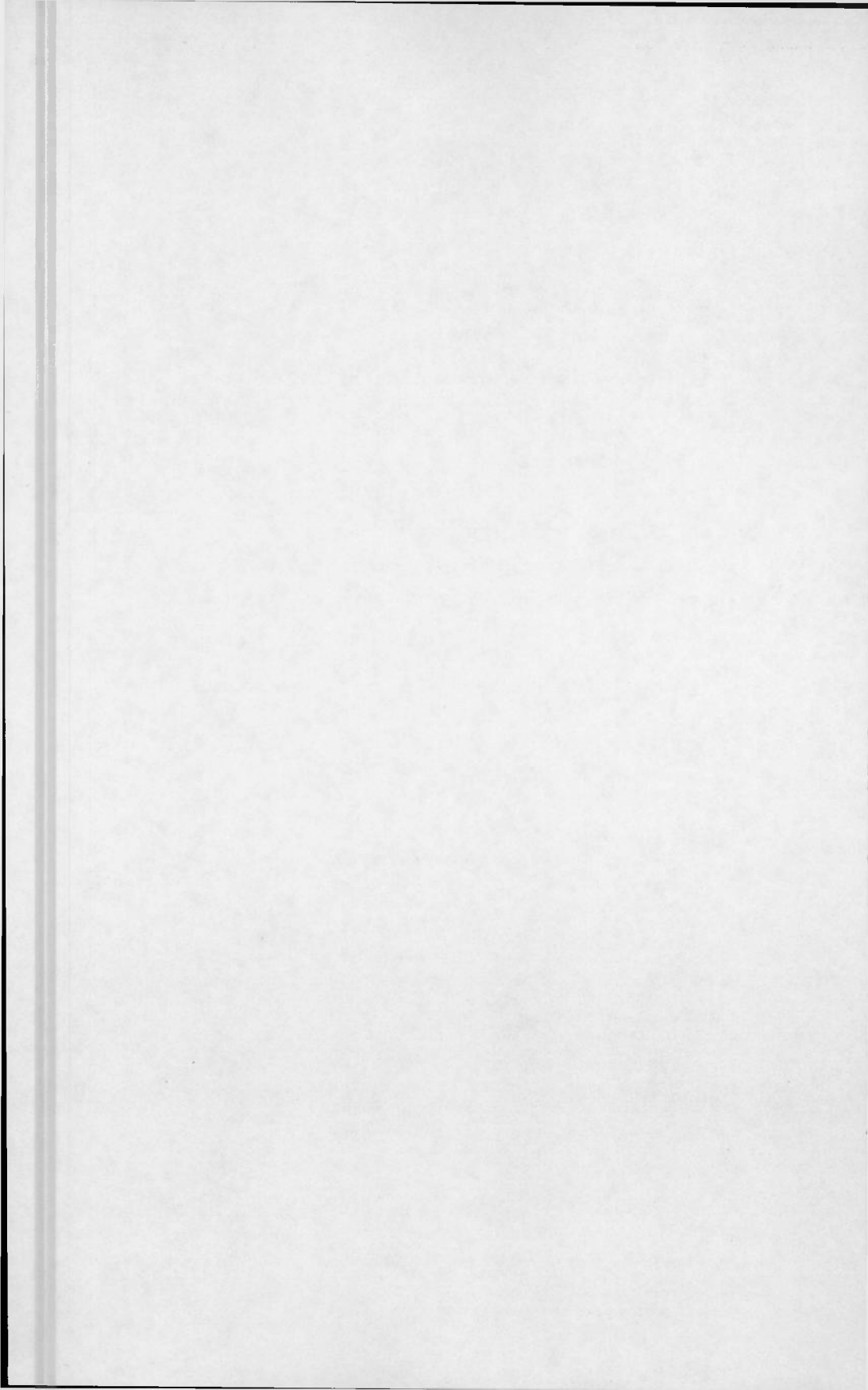


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Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 1 - 2, 2002

Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 1, 2002

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2002.

R.:W.: Michael E. Jones presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the Legion of Honor of Tangier Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Omaha, the M.:W.: Grand Master, Philip A. Lorenzen and his Lady, Marilyn, were presented and given Grand Honors.

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

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

- R.: W.: Edward Zorn..... Senior Grand Warden of Colorado
- M.: W.: Morley McKay..... Past Grand Master of Manitoba
- M.: W.: Roger Taylor..... Grand Master of Minnesota
- M.: W.: Johnny Cummings..... Grand Master, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- W.: Russell W. Hobson..... Grand Historian, Prince Hall of Nebraska
- W.: James Tresner..... Personal Representative of Charles Stuckey,
Grand Master of Oklahoma
- M.: W.: Charles Kaufman..... Grand Master of South Dakota
- R.: W.: Alvin Wahlert..... Deputy Grand Master of South Dakota
- R.: W.: Gary Griffith..... Senior Grand Warden of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Donald R. Salmon..... Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Gerald Johnson..... Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Robert L. Morrow..... Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher..... Past Grand Master of Vermont and
Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association
- R.: W.: Bill Harmon..... Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming

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

- Mrs. Dee Schuetz..... Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES
- Miss Erin Epley..... Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska
- Miss Honour Farrens..... Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Miss Emily Kunkee..... Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Mrs. Di Franson..... Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Gene Sibley..... Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters in Nebraska
- Brother Bruce Wood..... State Executive Officer
DeMolay Nebraska
- Brother Jeffrey Kittsmiller..... Director of Field Operations
DeMolay International
- Brother Jason Wood..... Past International Master Councilor
DeMolay Nebraska
- M.: E.: James A. Clark..... Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- R.: E.: Gordon Pinney..... Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska
- ILL.: B.: W. Glen Jorgenson..... Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Hastings
- ILL.: B.: Curtis M. Edic..... Secretary of Scottish Rite
Valley of Omaha
- ILL.: Sir Dale Sears..... Potentate of Tehama Shrine Center
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

- ILL.: Sir John O'Loughlin.....Potentate of Tangier Shrine Center
Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Marti Neely..... Queen, Sat-ra Temple No. 59
Daughters of the Nile
- W.: Gerald D. Verbeek..... Regional Representative
National Sojourners for Nebraska and Iowa
- W.: Charles A. Folsom..... Past National President of National
Sojourners, and Past National Commander of the Heroes of '76
- ILL.: Warren D. Lichy.....Sovereign Grand Inspector General
for the Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

Mrs. Margaret Fickes, widow of M.: W.: Russell L. Fickes	1971
M.: W.: Harold Hultman	1975
M.: W.: Warren D. Lichy	1979
Mrs. Helen Jenkins, widow of M.: W.: Byron C. Jenkins.....	1980
M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon	1986
M.: W.: Wayne G. Luenenborg.....	1987
M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland	1988
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M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey	1996
M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming.....	1997
M.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen	1998
M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith	1999
M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000



V.:W.: Fran Crowe, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Master Lorenzen welcomed everyone to this, the 145th Annual Communication.



Miss Erin Epley, Grand Worthy Advisor, was introduced by Grand Master Lorenzen, at which time Erin brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.



At this time, Grand Master Lorenzen introduced and recognized the wives of the Grand Lodge Officers.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

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

Arthur S. Dye.....	District 18
Leslie A. Evert.....	District 29
Ronald D. Grass.....	District 5
Scott J. Kreiger, Sr.....	District 20
Delmar A. Jones.....	District 24
Halsey D. Phillips.....	District 3
Richard H. Cooper.....	District 30
Michael G. Birnstihl.....	District 11
Roger Deininger.....	District 17
Kenneth G. Fleming.....	District 31
Bruce A. Watkins.....	District 36
Jack D. Nichols.....	District 33
Harold C. Mueksch.....	District 34
Carl C. Plants.....	District 19
Eugene C. Sibley.....	Emeritus
Augustine "Gus" S. Scolaro.....	Emeritus

After introductions, the following Brothers were recognized: M.:W.:Kenneth G. Fleming received his 30-year proficiency card. The following brothers were unable to be in attendance, but have earned the following honors: James E. Cornish, 45-year proficiency; John C. Sierks, 35-year proficiency; and Albert A. Wise, 20-year proficiency.

Deputy Grand Custodian Harold Noble was recognized by Grand Master Lorenzen as having been featured in a Bellevue Leader newspaper article as a "Noble man" for the work he has done for others.

M.: W. : Phil Lorenzen presented Augustine "Gus" S. Scolaro with a certificate assigning him the status of Grand Custodian Emeritus.



Miss Honour Farrens, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Emily Kunkee, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, brought greetings from the International Order of Job's Daughters.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.: W. : Philip A. Lorenzen made the following remarks as he presented the 2001 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award recipients:

"He must first be a Master Mason for thirty years. Secondly, he must have been active in at least three of the following five community activities. He could have held a political office such as mayor, city council member, county board member, natural resource district board member, school board member, or such other political office as may be

available. He could have been active in his church either as an elder, a vestry member, Deacon, lay reader, or such other similar office. He could have been denoted as a Civic leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, or foundations. He could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the YMCA, United Way, or Scouting. He could have been involved in such service organizations as the Lions, Sertoma, Kiwanis or Rotary. Lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic fraternity.

Brother Byron Hust, Secretary of Purity Lodge No. 198 of Imperial, spoke on behalf of Loral C. Johnson, and R.:W.: Grand Senior Warden Kenneth Beebe spoke on behalf of John M. Dick., expressing each Brother's pleasure in receiving the Grand Master's Award. Grand Master Phil also read words from a letter written to him by Brother Loral after the presentation of his award.

GOLD PAN AWARD

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

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

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

Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen presented the award to members of Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 of Wilber.



Bruce Wood, Executive Director of DeMolay Nebraska was introduced by Grand Master Lorenzen, at which time Bruce brought greetings from DeMolay Nebraska.

Bruce Wood and August Storz, State Junior Councilor for DeMolay Nebraska, presented the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite.



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



At this time, Grand Master Lorenzen presented Dee Schuetz, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron Dee brought greetings from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Lorenzen described the Rock Maul Award as one that is presented to one lodge each year by the Grand Master. The lodge selected should represent the best all around lodge in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. The Rock Maul is a sixteen-pound rock maul that has been used in a rock quarry for its intended purpose. It was inscribed and presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in the year of M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins (1980), and has been awarded once a year since then to that lodge determined to have been the recipient by the selection process. The recipient of the Award is unknown until this announcement at Grand Lodge each year. The Grand Master presented the Rock Maul Award to Geneva Lodge No. 79 of Geneva.



Grand Master Lorenzen asked Bruce Wood, Executive Director of Nebraska DeMolay, to come forward once again to present the Mason of the Year Award to Ivan A. Vrtiska.



Bruce Wood and August Storz presented Jerry Rittenburg with his collar as an Honorable Member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council.



Grand Master Lorenzen took time out to thank those helping with the recording equipment, as well as the flag bearers for the Public Opening. Members of Solomon Lodge No. 10 of Ft. Calhoun were recognized for opening the Lodge earlier that morning.



Deputy Grand Master Michael E. Jones took a few minutes to address the youth groups present regarding his expectations of Masons for the next year.

GRAND ORATION

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

I'd like to tell you about a Golden Retriever puppy that our daughter received for Christmas. He came with a big red bow, big eyes, big ears. The only thing bigger were his paws. He brought a lot of energy into our life. The only problem we can see with him is that our daughter can't settle on a name. She's gone through Waldo, Oz, McGee. For some reason she chose the name Mr. Jones.

This trouble with a perfect name reminds me of our Craft. How do you put a simple name on Masonry? Is it Blue Lodge? Is it York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine Masonry, International Masonry? Is it Masonry in our lodge, your lodge? How do you get to the bottom of it? Is it always the same? Does this one simple name convey everything that Masonry does in the world and the communities? We experienced this when we attended

cornerstones this year. I had a wonderful year. We would like to thank the Lodges and the ladies that provided the lunches.

We went to Ainsworth and had a very nice reception. They surprised us with a building that was for city administration purposes, but the back half of the building was a large gym area to be used by the school's sports teams. At the Stromsburg Library cornerstone, they were congratulated for literally having a book brigade. You've heard of the old-fashioned fire bucket brigade, where you pass buckets hand to hand. Well apparently, if I understood things correctly, they literally passed the books from the old library structure to the new library structure hand by hand, hand over hand and that's wonderful. In Geneva at the Fillmore County Courthouse that the Grand Master mentioned, they surprised us with people in 1890's costumes on stage giving speeches, being recognized. We even had a Willard Fillmore impersonator and to top it off, we had the governor and his helicopter out behind the courthouse. In some of the research that I've done preparing for some of these remarks, we found in one book that apparently 40 of the first 50 governors of Nebraska belonged to our Craft, so we have a long and rich tradition in this state.

At the Wymore Library cornerstone, we had a unique meal. They have an interesting librarian in their town. She went out of her way to help raise funds for this new structure. They had a Peter Kewitt Grant which they matched, and also this lady challenged school children to raise funds. If they raised \$500 to \$1000, she would buy ice cream. If they raised \$1500, she would have her head shaved, a local school administrator would get a mohawk, some of the other school administrators would get a dye job. Interestingly enough, they raised \$1,600. I don't know what your beautician would say if you'd had your hair done a few days before and then you walked back in and asked if it could all be removed please.

The Omaha Home for Boys was something very special for our Grand Master. We learned that his family has had a lifelong commitment to this wonderful institution and I would encourage all of you to visit there. It is not one of our official charities, but it has a long, rich history tied to our Craft.

I'm leading into something that we as Masons term The Mystic Tie. We see this thread of Masonry throughout our lives. We saw it illustrated beautifully at a 50-year pin presentation and Ladies at the Table at a little lodge out in western Nebraska at Long Pine. Most Worshipful Brother Phil came out, presented a 50-year pin to Brother Vic Jensen. And I had learned in visiting that lodge a year or two before that Brother Vic had become a bit disillusioned when we changed our proficiency requirements. The Brothers did not let him drop away from the Lodge. They took their vows seriously. When he no longer felt like continuing, they helped him continue. I thought it was just a wonderful tribute to them to see this gentleman receive this special recognition.

We've had wonderful brotherhood with Prince Hall Masons this year. The Grand Master mentioned the Humanitarian Awards. At Imperial, Nebraska Loral Johnson was recognized. Person after person gave heartfelt statements of their thanks and their love, one of the most remarkable being his little grandson, who had thanked him for taking him fishing. He gave him a plaque of a fisherman with a huge fish on his back, and this young man about nine or so brought us all to tears by saying, "Thank you for being my granddad, thank you for taking me out all those times. Thank you for taking time." This

wonderful man, when all of these things had finished, when it was finally his turn to speak, he brushed it all aside gracefully by just saying, "I was just a catalyst." As if all of the things he had done were really not that important. I thought that was one of the most interesting things I've ever heard. "I was just a catalyst." That sounds like our Craft. I look out at you and see the things you've accomplished in Eastern Star, the Youth organizations, in our Craft, in the advanced degrees. It's just amazing how it shapes all of us.

Going into the Mystic Tie, we have a family in our town, the father's been a member of the Lodge for many years. We received a 50-year pin for him from Grand Lodge. We needed to present it. The problem was he was in Wyoming at the VA hospital. So Gordon Pinney and I were able to drive over to the VA, locate the facility, Gordon had previously been there. And we went in, asked for this gentleman's room, and it was kind of interesting, when we laid our apron cases up on the little desk to ask directions, this one security guard kind of looked us over and made us a bit nervous. And we kind of wondered what was coming. Well, he volunteered to lead us to this man's room, so we didn't know if that was good or bad. We found out on the long hike, he led us clear across the facility, found out he was a Brother from Chugwater, Wyoming. He wanted to make sure that we reached this man and could complete our mission.

When we finally found Brother Ken, he was just ready to have a meal, so we had to tell him we'd come back right after their meal time. He apparently was a little bit nervous. When we returned, he looked at us and was worried that because we were carrying cases perhaps we were insurance salesmen, and apparently being in VA, he didn't think he was a good risk. But we had to ask him about his military service. He'd been on a ship and he was on the Pacific. Their particular craft was torpedoed. It didn't sink, they were able to tow it into Guam for repairs. When they reached Guam, Ken, our member, found that his brother Bill was also stationed on Guam with the P-38 squadron. It was a photo reconnaissance group. So these two young guys from Nebraska had a reunion thousands of miles from home. I think they had a grand old time. It was interesting to note that both of these men made it home safely from their wartime service. Ken continues to be a member of our Lodge.

I can't let a mention of World War II get away without telling a little bit about some of our Masonic Brothers, such as Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. You probably know that many of the commanding generals, George C. Clark, Douglas McArthur, obviously President Truman, many prominent individuals were involved in the craft through their professional years. A little story I'd like to tell you about Brother Churchill. He was quite a character, as well as being quite a politician. When he was at one social function, he was near Lady Nancy Aster I believe it was, and she said "Mr. Churchill, if you were my husband, I should put poison in your cup." And this gentleman looked at her and said, "Lady Aster, if I was your husband, I would drink it."

We've been impressed with the Mystic Tie that binds our Craft together. We are not aware of the problems, the resolution that it takes to survive in some of the lands where Masonry perhaps has not had a long history. One of those lands is the country of Spain. In the 1950's, as you may have read in the American Mason publication, it was very tough for members of our Fraternity to meet. Obviously they were outlaws under General Franco's regime and unfortunately they came under pressure from the American military. They were asked not to meet on base and basically could face official censure if they

weren't very careful. With a lot of work, with help of a lot of people in Congress and with the, I think quite honestly, the Grand Architect of the Universe, they were able to change that situation, and now Masonry is allowed to meet openly in Spain.

When my wife & I were in that country visiting our daughter, we had a chance to visit the Grand Lodge in Barcelona. And unfortunately it was sort of a bad time, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master, and all of the Provincial Grand Masters were in Madrid for an International Conference of Grand Masters. We were fortunate because a Brother Josep Trenchs Masso came and spoke to us through an interpreter. There was a young secretary there who spoke excellent English. So he would try and visit with us. He spoke wonderful, clear, rapid fire Spanish, loudly and distinctly. Then he would look at us to see if we understood. Anderson is not a Spanish name! This young secretary was very good at turning English into Espanol and, through her, he told us a marvelous tale. During the days when Masonry was outlawed, they were having a meeting in the back room of a restaurant and I didn't understand whether it was for degree work or regular lodge meeting. The fun part was out in one of the rooms closer to the dining area the chefs were preparing chicken and one of the young cooks had a large knife. And at strategic times during our outlawed ceremony there was a distinct rap, rap, rap with his knife in perfect time with the ceremony in the back room.

Let me briefly share with you three acts of what I consider to be Masonic charity, going along with this theme of the Mystic Tie. We have a man named Bob who lives in our community. He's taken it upon himself to help people with disabilities, much like the gentleman mentioned in the paper. He helps with wheelchairs and repairs, but he also goes out of his way to make sure that they know that someone cares. He provides the use of a vehicle, he does counseling, he goes out of his way to help them do whatever needs to be done. He spent time at the Craig Rehabilitation Center in Denver, Colorado. And the staff asked him if he would take newly wheelchair bound people into the streets for their first outing. It was basically to show them that they could function outside the walls of the hospital. He said he had a marvelous time leading them down to a local store. He said it looked like a mother duck and all of her ducklings as they paraded these wheelchairs out. The interesting thing is that Bob is in a wheelchair himself. He's a high quadriplegic. And he manufactures, with the aid of friends, sporting equipment to get young men particularly, but anyone that likes outdoor sports back out into the field doing some of the things that they like to do that they felt perhaps they would never do again with an injury.

A second act of Masonic charity that I'd like to tell you about occurred when a local professor at our small college decided to help some young people at Christmas time. She had read about an orphanage in Bosnia that was underfunded. It wouldn't have sufficient Christmas gifts for the young people. So she began to collect toys. She planned to visit there in person, and as we all learned about this, we brought toys and some people donated a bit of money. Soon she had more than her flight would allow for her checked baggage, and she arranged for a freight company to take it. It was kind of interesting, she was quite upset when some of this didn't arrive on time, but it actually worked out to her benefit because when it arrived late, they allowed her to have half-priced airfare. And the kids loved it. She was able to go beyond what she originally set out to do. She arranged to bring a young person back to our community to attend college. Having been born in Argentina, she suffered under some of the persecution of some of the dictators there. She

made an interesting statement. She commented to us one time that America isn't perfect, but it's the best place that she has ever lived.

I was going to tell you just briefly about our small Lodge's efforts to raise funds for a young lady. I shared some of these thoughts with the crowd at the Omaha Home for Boys cornerstone ceremonies. We had a young lady who was born in Omaha when her parents were here in Omaha visiting. She came prematurely, had some major medical problems, and they felt that if they wouldn't have been close to excellent facilities, she probably would not have lived. Our lodge decided to help by having a soup and pie supper. We got people from our church involved. And when that happened, our local minister came out to our house and said, "Just who are these Masons, what do they represent?" And I was somewhat ready for him. I had books from our library, I had copies of the American Mason, the York Rite, Scottish Rite magazines, and the large books that tell all about the Craft, the prominent individuals. We definitely overdid it. But he decided that we were okay and we have an excellent working relationship with our church. They've invited us to come back in the future if we ever need to do a fundraiser again.

We took a freewill offering. We had something like 39 pies, and we had gallons and gallons of soup and were worried that there would be food left over. So we had made provisions to sell the extra food at halftime of the football game which was going on that evening. It was all tied together. When the town people started to show up at 5 o'clock, we were worried would there be enough crowd. By the time we finished, we didn't have much of anything left to auction at the football game. Again, we were simply a catalyst. We worked with the church, the people of our community for the betterment of a young person.

In closing, I would like to ask rather than direct that you consider making a Masonic trip. You all know that there are small Lodges across the state that could use help that would like good and kindly advice from a Brother. One way you can do that is to schedule a visit to a Masonic Lodge. As you travel to South Dakota to see the Black Hills, as you travel to Colorado to see the mountains, visit friends in Denver, as you go east, west, north, adopt a lodge if you will, whether it be in the north or the south, west or east. Send them your newsletter. Let them know that you care. Let them know that if they need help, even though you're hundreds of miles away, you will come and participate in a degree. If you live in the east, arrange for them to come see you, visit the Fremont Home, the Plattsmouth Home, or the Omaha Home for Boys. Take them to the special Scottish Rite centers. I would just ask that you share the friendship and the fellowship of this great Fraternity. Thank you.



Grand Master Phil made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening, asking that everyone clear the room and all Brothers return for the Formal Session.

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Most Worshipful, Philip A. Lorenzen
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 1, 2002

M.:W.: Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen, requested that the Grand Secretary ascertain if there was a quorum present.

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Reginald S. Kuhn declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Fran Crowe invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 145th Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

At this time, Grand Master Lorenzen appointed M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 145th Annual Communication.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134

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

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

8. When the voting method is not prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws, it shall be by the usual sign of a Mason while voting. The Grand Master, or other officer presiding, may prescribe voting by secret ballot or other method at his discretion.
9. Questions of procedure not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand Master.

The motion was seconded and passed.



M.:W.: Phil Lorenzen announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Bruce Watkins as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.:W.:Grand Master Lorenzen directed that the delegates cast their ballots for the election of the offices of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary. All ballots were then collected by the Tellers.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that Steve Smith, Chairman of the Membership Committee, come forward to present the traveling trophies. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each lodge received a traveling trophy that they can display in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winner in the large lodge division is Beatrice Lodge No. 26 in Beatrice, with a net gain of 8.2%. The winner in the small lodge division is Parian Lodge No. 207 in Callaway, with a net gain of 7.4%.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 12 members who qualified. M.:W.: Grand Master Lorenzen read the names of the recipients and asked that they go to the Grand Lodge Office during the day to receive their medals.

Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Darrell Grassmeyer, Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus
Gale Carel, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice
Lavern Dissmeyer, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice
Gerald Sutton, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
Dale Lueders, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Roger Stutheit, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Dan Wellendorf, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield

Devin Rowland, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson
Gerald Yeck, Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore

First place went to Brother Paul Redwine, a member of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 of Beatrice. Brother Redwine was presented with a recognition badge; his picture and name will also be on a plaque that will hang in the Grand Lodge Office.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
John D. VerMaas, Chairman

Due to the absence of John D. VerMaas, Thomas Brazer, presented the report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2002 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.



While awaiting the results of the election of officers, M.: W.: Johnny Cummings, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, brought greetings.

REPORT OF BALLOT

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

Deputy Grand Master/ Grand Master-Elect.....	R.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Senior Warden	R.: W.: Lester R. Seiler
Grand Junior Warden.....	R.: W.: Michael G. Birnstihl
Grand Secretary	R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn

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



M.: W.: Lorenzen spoke about the Youth Pin program and encouraged all in attendance to contribute their per diem or other donation to the youth groups.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION
Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, President

The meeting was called to order by President Michael G. Birnstihl at 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2002. V.: W.: Fran Crowe, Grand Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The minutes of the February 1, 2001 meeting were approved as distributed.

President Birnstihl reported that the library, museum and office building owned by the Foundation were in good condition after last year's renovations and no work is anticipated for the coming year.

The Foundation's recent fund raising effort was less successful than expected. A response rate of about 8% was well below the average response of 15%, but the amount per donor was higher than expected. One \$1000 donation was received and acknowledged. A total of about \$38,000 came in and as we had contracted with Affinity Marketing at \$1.90 per member, per mailing, there may be some deficit that will need to be covered with future donations. The agreement with Affinity has now been terminated. Future fundraisers will be done on our own and the Foundation's mission and needs will be kept in front of the membership. Bequests and individual contributions will be encouraged. Handouts, table display and banner will be employed at the Grand Lodge next year.

Investment experience last year was lackluster due to poor stock market results. Overall, assets of the Foundation increased about \$4000.00.

It was noted that all activities of the Foundation are in keeping with its 501(c)-3 status. The library and museum have shown increased use by the public, but need better organization. President Birnstihl will be contacting UNL Masters Degree candidates in Library Science for help in cataloguing and organizing the Library. As more articles come in, we may need a storage unit for short-term housing of the items until they can be displayed. It was moved by James F. Brown, Jr. that the foundation develop a standard design for display cases so that Lodges or individuals could purchase such cases for the Museum. Cases should match the existing bookcases. The motion was seconded by Philip A. Lorenzen and was approved. Philip A. Lorenzen suggested that we work to keep the momentum going, to look ahead to a better building with an enhanced library with even more public usage and visibility.

It was noted that the house immediately east of the Foundation's building had been recently sold.

There was discussion about paying off the loan on the building. The Board of Directors was instructed to review investment returns versus interest costs and do what appears most advantageous.

Dale W. Anderson suggested that lists of duplicates received for the library should be sent to the Lodges, as some are looking for items for their own libraries.

Philip A. Lorenzen discussed the art and weapon collection of George W. Lininger which has become scattered and should be in the possession of or under control of the Grand Lodge. Records of the collection are sketchy and some items may be in personal collections. He will pursue this collection and will have the support of Michael E. Jones in locating the items and in creating an inventory.

Michael E. Jones has selected September 21, 2002, as the date for the Grand Master's Golf Tournament which will be held in two locations within the state. Proceeds will come into the Foundation for distribution to the Nebraska Masonic Home, the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation in equal amounts.

Jerry Rittenburg moved to approve all actions of the Foundation's officers and directors for the past year. The motion was seconded by Philip A. Lorenzen and carried. It was then moved by Les Seiler that the President and Vice President be reelected, with Ivan A. Vrtiska becoming the new Secretary/Treasurer. That motion was seconded by John T. Parsons and carried.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 2002-2003 year:

President	Michael D. Birnstihl
Vice President.....	Dwight E. Smith
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Ivan A. Vrtiska

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth D. Beebe, 119
Secretary/Treasurer



W.: Edward L. Zorn, Senior Grand Warden of Colorado, brought greetings.



M.:W.: Charles Kaufman, Grand Master of South Dakota, brought greetings.



M.:W.: Roger Taylor, Grand Master of Minnesota, brought greetings.



M.:W.: Lorenzen introduced M.:W.: Richard Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont, and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association, who then brought greetings. M.:W.: Brother Fletcher also presented Grand Master Phil with an award from the Masonic Service Association of North America.



Deputy Grand Master Michael E. Jones introduced and recognized the 2002-2003 Grand Lodge Officers, also announcing that the installation of the aforementioned officers will take place Sunday, February 10, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at the high school gym in David City, Nebraska. There will be a reception following.



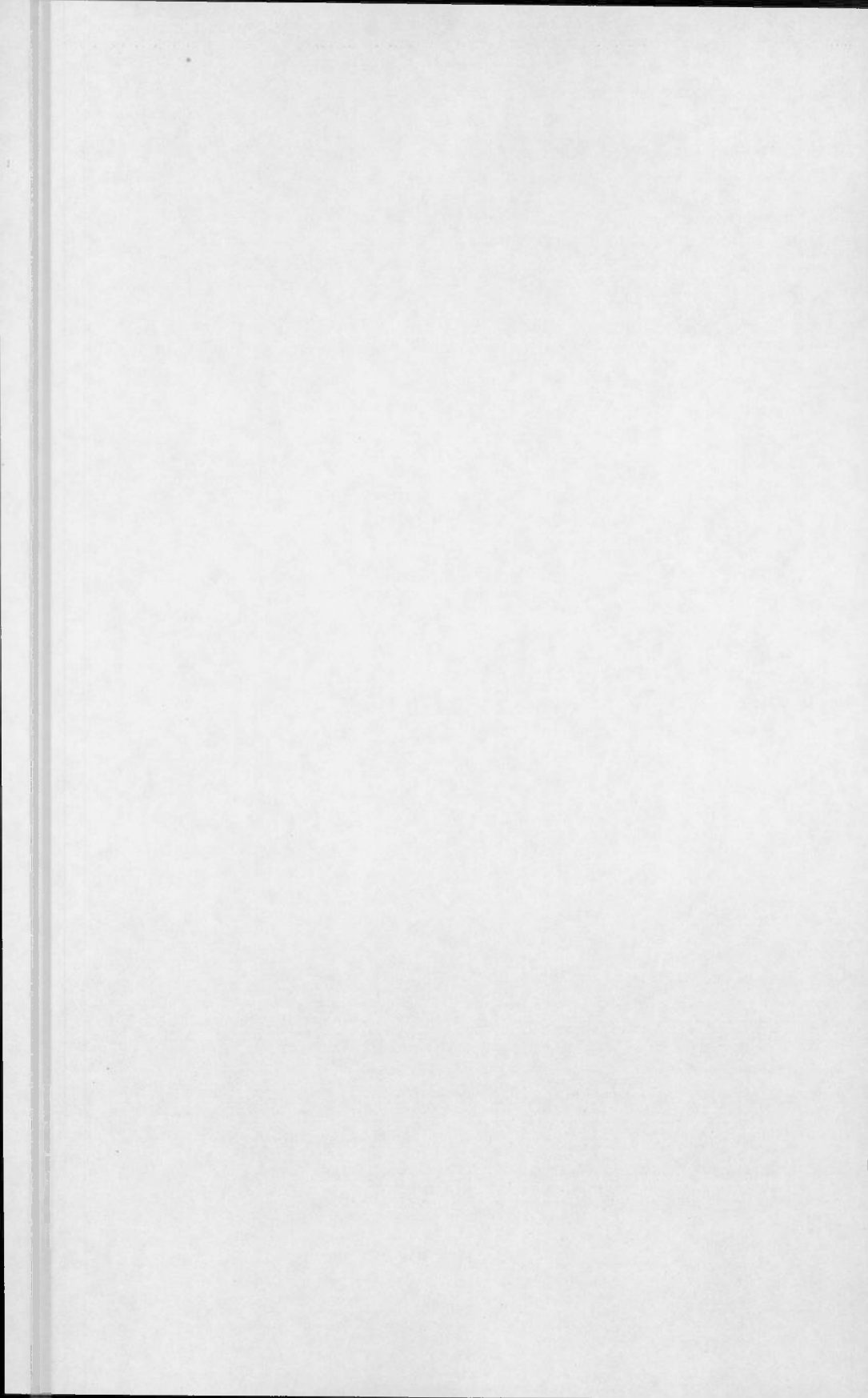
Grand Senior Warden Kenneth Beebe announced that the 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, February 5, 6, and 7, 2004.



Grand Junior Warden Les Seiler moved for approval to hold the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Hastings, Nebraska, at the Masonic Center on February 3, 4 and 5, 2005. Other activities will be held at the Auditorium directly across the street from the Masonic Center. The motion was seconded and carried.



After making various announcements, the R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the session from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m.



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Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 2, 2002

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 145th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2002.

V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Fran Crowe invoked the blessing of Deity.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

John D. VerMaas, Chairman

Due to the absence of John D. VerMaas, Thomas Brazer, presented the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 21, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. Committee members present were Chairman John D. VerMaas, Ken Friend, Tom Brazer, and Robert Metcalf. Also attending were Phil Lorenzen, Grand Master, Michael E. Jones, Deputy Grand Master, Ken Beebe, Grand Senior Warden, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

A motion to accept a balanced budget for 2002 was made by Ken Friend, seconded by Tom Brazer, and approved. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, Nebraska January 31, February 1 - 2, 2002.

With membership continuing to drop and expenses continuing to increase, it becomes exceedingly difficult to present a balanced budget. The Committee has cut the budget in as many ways as possible and still meet the fiscal responsibilities of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
 John D. VerMaas, 256, Chairman
 Robert A. Metcalf, 210
 J.L. Spray, 19
 Kenneth S. Friend, 314
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11

Account	2002 Budget
Lodge Income	
4104.000 Dues-Fremont Home	8,323
4105.000 Dues-Masonic Home	33,292
4106.000 Dues-Geo Washington	8,323
4109.00 Dues-Education Publication - To Light!	8,323
4100.000 Membership Dues	183,106
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - Perp	1,000
4200.000 Initiation Fees	3,000
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	4,000
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	12,900
4600.000 Reinstatement Fees	1,500
1600.00 Asset Account - Jim Brown Proceedings Carryover	6,000
Subtotal - Lodge Income	269,767
Sales Income	
4400.000 Supplies	10,000
4440.000 Seminar Registration	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	53,000
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	3,000
4620.400 Sale of Banquet Tickets (General Membership Banquet)	7,500
4620.60 Sale of Other Meal Tickets (Grand Master's Banquet)	6,875
4625.40 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	206
4625.50 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	1,031
4625.60 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	1,840
4632.40 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	1,438
4625.80 Sale of Archway Tour Tickets	600
4631.400 Sales of Men's Saturday Education Breakfast Tickets	1,000

4632.40 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	800
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	500
Subtotal-Sales Income	77,790
Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	10,000
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	12,500
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	12,000
Subtotal-Participatory Income	34,500
TOTAL REVENUE	382,057
Annual Communication	
5102.400 Mileage Expense	
5103.400 Per Diem	1,800
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	1,000
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	6,446
5111.400 Entertainment-Grand Master's Banquet	750
5120.400 Proceedings	12,000
5130.400 Grand Lodge Banquet	6,465
5131.400 Grand Lodge Banquet Entertainment (Tresner's Travel)	800
5140.400 Entertainment of Guests	-
5150.400 Ladies Program	750
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	6,000
5171.400 Other Meals	-
5172.400 Grand Lodge Annual Communication Officer Breakfast	144
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	1,125
4625.50 Secretaries Lunch	833
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	1,776
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	1,388
4625.80 Archway Tour Tickets	600
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	203
5175.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	775
5176.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	900
5440.400 Printing & Copying	1,250
Subtotal-Annual Communication	45,004
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	1,110
5220.425 Meals	3,027
5440.425 Printing & Copying	500
Subtotal-Installation	4,637

Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	500
5200.100 Travel-Grand Master	1,000
5200.150 Travel-Dep Gr Master	600
5200.200 Travel-Grand Secretary	400
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	400
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	1,300
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	500
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	300
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	1,000
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	700
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	4,000
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	100
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	1,500
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	400
5220.200 Meals-Gr Secretary	300
5220.250 Meals -Gr Custodian	200
5220.300 Meals-DGC's	100
5220.350 Meals-Other Officers	400
5230.000 Motels-GL Office Staff	500
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	2,500
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	1,000
5230.200 Meals-Grand Secretary	750
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	500
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	1,750
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	875
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	600
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	400
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	400
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	1,250
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	1,200
5260.300 School of Instruction	3,000
Subtotal-Travel & Related	28,425
Salaries & Related	
5310.250 Salary-Gr Custodian	6,000
5320.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	74,000
5330.000 Salary-Temp Staff	2,000
5340.000 FICA-Employer Share	5,814
5340.250 FICA-Employer Share-GC	459
5350.000 Unemploy Tax-Fed	200
5350.250 Unemploy Tax-Fed-GC	48

5360.000 Unemploy Tax-State	35
5360.250 Unemploy Tax-State-GC	10
5370.000 Employers Share Sep/IRA	1,200
5380.000 GL Office Staff-Training	250
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	90,016
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent	16,800
5410.000 Utilities	3,500
5412.000 Trash Removal	150
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	1,000
5414.000 Building Maintenance	4,200
5490.00 Corporate Fees - Sect'y of State	30
5415.000 Telephone	5,500
5415.100 Telephone-Gr Master	750
5415.150 Telephone-Dep Gr Master	-
5415.200 Telephone-Gr Secretary	500
5415.250 Telephone-Gr Custodian	100
5415.350 Telephone-Other Officers	-
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	3,500
5425.000 Equipment Rental	700
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	2,300
5435.000 Postage	8,000
5435.100 Postage-Gr Master	-
5435.150 Postage-Dep Gr Master	-
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	100
5440.000 Printing & Copying	3,000
5440.100 Printing & Copying-GM	-
5440.150 Printing & Copying-DGM	-
5440.200 Printing & Copying-G Sec	-
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	200
5445.000 Office Supplies	3,500
5445.100 Office Supplies-GM	-
5445.200 Office Supplies-GS	-
5445.250 Office Supplies-Gr Cust	-
5450.000 Office Maintenance	300
5455.000 Computer Supplies	2,200
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	2,800
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	3,500
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	500
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	28,000
5480.000 Bank Service Charge	75

5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	2,975
5490.000 Legal Fees	100
5500.000 Supplies-Printed (Lodge)	5,000
5505.000 Supplies-Other	6,000
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	200
5510.000 Supplies-Pins	1,750
5515.000 Secretary's Desk Book Exp (printing)	1,800
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	1,750
5555.000 Retirement-Alice Lallman	3,360
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	114,140
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	450
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	26,000
5610.000 Surety Bond	4,000
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	3,400
5625.000 Liability Insurance	12,900
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	1,300
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	1,500
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	49,550
Committees	
XXXX.100 Jurisprudence-Committee	-
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	1,600
5200.450 Travel	
5220.450 Meals	
5230.450 Motels	
5440.450 Printing & Copying	
5435.450 Postage	
5470.450 Dues	
XXXX.475 Appropriations Committee	-
5220.475 Meals	
XXXX.525 Committee On Work	-
5200.525 Travel	
XXXX.550 Relief Committee	500
5835.550 Masonic Relief	
XXXX.600 Trial Commissions	100
5200.600 Travel	
XXXX.625 Grievances	-

XXXX.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm	75
5220.650 Meals	
XXXX.675 Finance Committee	-
5220.675 Meals	
XXXX.700 Public Relations Committee	1,200
5220.700 Travel	
5440.700 Printing & Copying	
5650.700 Misc Exp	
XXXX.700 Grand Marshal Exp	1,000
XXXX.725 Band Clinic	56,000
5650.725 Expenses	
XXXX.750 Youth Committee	7,700
5220.750 Meals	
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	
5650.750 Other Administrative	
XXXX.800 Membership committee	1,000
5650.800 Admin/Misc Exp	500
5200.800 Travel	
5440.800 Printing & Copying	
5520.800 Awards & Rec	
XXXX.825 General Session/Social Comm	-
5220.825 Meals	
XXXX.900 Awards Committee	150
5520.900 Awards & Recognition	
XXXX.910 Freemasonry & Religion Comm	40
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	500
5210.950 Auto Allowance	
5230.950 Motel	
XXXX.995 Masonic Renewal Committee	-
5240.900 Conf & Conv Fees	
XXXX.960 George Washington Memorial Committee	1,400
XXXX.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Expense	500
Subtotal-Committees	72,265

Contributions	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	8,323
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	33,292
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	8,323
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues	1,100
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	1,850
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	1,850
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	1,850
5820.000 Masonic Svc Assoc Hosp	1,000
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	1,250
5835.000 Masonic Relief Association	350
Subtotal-Contributions	59,188
TOTAL EXPENSES	463,225
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-\$81,168
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$81,532
4800.000 Gain on Sale of Investments (Loss)	\$0
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$0
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$81,532
ADJUSTED BALANCE PLUS INVESTMENT INCOME	\$364

Brother Thomas Brazer moved for the adoption of the report of the Appropriations Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Charles W. Amidon, Chairman

The activities of the Committee during the year 2001 were relatively minimal. No major decisions were necessary.

Members of the Committee did, however, attend several area meetings, including the annual school for Deputy Custodians held in Grand Island during the month of September. At that meeting a portrayal of the floor work for classes of up to five candidates was demonstrated for the benefit of all Deputy Custodians.

One-Day classes are still gaining in popularity as evidenced by the following report of lodges throughout the jurisdiction, during the year 2001.

Date	Lodge	Location	Number of Candidates
February 24	Omaha No. 288	Omaha	21
March 17	Mid-West No. 317	Hastings	4
March 31	John J. Mercer No. 290	Omaha	7
April 28	Hickman No. 256	Lincoln	14
June 23	Covert No. 11	Omaha	7
September 22	Frank Welch No. 75	Sidney	5
September 22	Beatrice No. 26	Beatrice	18
October 13	Papillion No. 39	Papillion	13
November 17	Lebanon No. 323	Columbus	12
December 1	East Lincoln No. 210	Lincoln	<u>21</u>
Total			122

One-Day classes are apparently producing results, as a check of the year 2000 Book of Proceedings reveals that by the end of 1999, 66 candidates were gained. The year 2001 thus shows a 100% increase in One-Day results.

Although this is a positive aspect of One-Day sessions, the overall hoped for total membership is still lacking. The possibility of individual lodges losing their ability to confer degrees by abdicating their responsibility and substituting One-Day classes is of grave concern to the Committee. It is felt that conducting their own degree work is of prime importance. With the approved Five Candidate Classes Only Floor Work Manual now being available, it is possible to confer as many as five Master Mason degrees in one evening and still give the desired individual attention to each candidate. The Committee recommends that this procedure be given preference by all lodges when at all possible.

The above procedure follows the previous goal of the Committee printed in the 2000 Book of Proceedings where we stated that one of its goals was "Increase participation by subordinate lodge members in learning, as well as improving, ritualistic excellence."

Respectfully submitted,
 Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman
 Steven A. Green, 54
 Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317

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

**NECROLOGY
 AND
 REPORT OF THE MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**
Fran Crowe, Grand Chaplain

Once again, we pause for a time to acknowledge those of our great fraternity who have passed on and now have taken refuge in that Celestial Lodge above eternal in the heavens and reside with that Supreme Architect of the Universe. Let us pause for a moment of silent prayer to acknowledge those who have left us and our families this past year.

Our numbers have decreased by 537, a wonderful group of brethren that will be missed by us all.

The third lecture of the Master's degree should be a constant reminder to us of how man is decimated by time. I refer to the Hourglass, that emblem of human life. Behold! How swiftly the sands run and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close.

And the Scythe, that emblem of time, which cuts the brittle, thread of life and launches us into eternity. The all devouring Scythe of time has cut down our brothers and from there has gathered them into the land where our fathers have gone on before us.

And now the Sprig of Acacia marks their final resting place and reminds us that they are in that haven of rest, that silent abode, that peaceful home where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

But this is not the end of man and aspiring hope of faithful Masons. Thanks be to God for the Bible, that great light in Masonry reveals the way of eternal life.

Let us pray: Dear Father, Giver of all good gifts, Healer of broken hearts, we ask thy comforting love now, when we have come to pay a last tribute to our beloved brothers. Give us the consolation to know that death is not the end; but that after the spirit has discarded the garment used on earth, the glorified robes of eternity will be given to our beloved brothers and that we, too, shall wear such garments when we have laid down these mortal bodies. Give us a hope and an assurance that we, too, shall meet where there is no parting, no sickness, and no sorrow. Bless us; keep us and Thine be the Glory forever, Amen and Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances L. Crowe, 56, Chairman
Ted McNeese, 210
Rev. John F. Dale, 126

V.:W.: Fran Crowe moved for the adoption of the Necrology, along with the Report of the Masonic Memorial Service Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



At this time, Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen officially reappointed the Deputy Grand Custodians, under the leadership of W.:B.: Steven Green as Tellers, should they be needed.



REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE *Delmar A. Jones, Chairman*

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 14 Past Grand Masters, 17 Deputy Grand Custodians, and 25 non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report, there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered. There are 66 Worshipful Masters in person and 23 by proxy. There are 34 Senior Wardens in person and 18 by proxy. There are 32 Junior Wardens in person and 27 by proxy. There are 48 Secretaries in person and 27 by proxy.

There are no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered from the following lodges: 4, 5, 9, 21, 23, 34, 35, 36, 38, 49, 53, 73, 81, 95, 104, 108, 110, 111, 114, 126, 127, 128, 134, 159, 162, 167, 173, 184, 192, 201, 204, 209, 211, 221, 222, 236, 241, 248, 271, 284, 285, 291, 293, 311, 323.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from the following lodges: 23, 36, 53, 114, 134, 159, 192, 211, 222, 248, 271, 284, 285, 291, and 311; for three years from 23, 36, 271, and 285; and for four years from 271 & 285.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present representing the following jurisdictions: Colorado, Manitoba, Canada, Minnesota, Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

We also have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic Related Organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Tangier, Tehama, and Sesostris Shrine Centers, Daughters of the Nile and National Sojourners.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: there were 237 present at the Grand Master's Dinner Thursday evening; there were 335 at the Public Opening Friday morning and 325 at the Membership Dinner Friday night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for Most Worshipful Grand Master Phil Lorenzen, and I want to personally thank the other brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the Registration table to make this a Great Grand Lodge Communication. They are: Doyle Berg, Frank Dougherty, William Hurst, Norris Rusmisell, and Phil Edwards.

Also, a huge thank you to Michelle, Carol and Jean at the Grand Lodge office who work so hard to make the Grand Lodge session run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman
Doyle E. Berg, 281
Dean T. Dinklage, 114
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
William G. Hurst, 54
Norris L. Rusmissel, 46

W.:B.: Delmar Jones moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. After brief discussion regarding slightly lower attendance due to weather

constraints, and subject to any late registrations that may occur later in the day, the motion was seconded and carried favorably.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

My brethren, you have all been furnished with a copy of my Address as you registered with credentials, and the delegates all received a copy of my Recommendations, 45 days prior to this session.

The printed address of the Grand Master is as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

Brethren:

It is my duty and my pleasure to present to you this written address for the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. This address is prepared and submitted in accordance with Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Previously hereto, I have submitted Recommendations of the Office of the Grand Master to the Jurisprudence Committee not less than 45 days prior to this Communication as required by Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, which recommendations were also presented and discussed at the fall area meetings and mailed to each subordinate lodge also as provided by said Section 1-304. Those recommendations are set out later in this address.

This address sets out and reports the official acts of the Grand Master during the year preceding this 145th Annual Communication, including dispensations granted, rulings of the Grand Master, approvals of bylaws of subordinate lodges, reinstatements of members, visitations and events attended, out of state travel in the name of Freemasonry, and other official acts of the Grand Master during the 2001/2002 term of service to all Masons in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. I will also summarize my view of the general condition of the Masonic Fraternity and of the craft in Nebraska. Reference has often been made to the crossroads we passed through as we entered the new millennium. We must continually remind ourselves as Freemasons that while the switch from the old to the new century was only a split second in the passage of time, our work and our collective responsibilities to the fraternity of Freemasonry is a long-term obligation. Each day marks a new beginning. We must rid ourselves of complacency and acceptance of shrinking involvement, shrinking commitment and shrinking membership. My wish is for my children's children and your children's children and generations beyond to learn the lessons of Masonry and to enjoy the genuine friendships, brotherly love and honest open caring and concern that result from involvement in our Masonic Fraternity.

With the thought of such friendships and fraternal relationships in mind, it is my first wish to convey thanks to the Past Grand Masters who have provided strong leadership and vision to Masonry, and under whose tenure I have been privileged to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer. They include Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, James N. DeMoss, the late James L. Eatmon, Donald L. Pohlman, Steven F. Mattoon, Jerry L.

Rittenburg, V. Kaye Ramsey (who appointed me to the advancing line) Kenneth G. Fleming, Don E. Rasmussen, Dwight E. Smith and James F. Brown, Jr. Their collective counsel has been timely and good. Additionally, I recognize and acknowledge that I have been afforded support and counsel, directly or indirectly, by all Past Grand Masters who served in advance of those listed immediately above. A special debt of gratitude is acknowledged to Past Grand Masters Charles W. Amidon, James N. DeMoss and V. Kaye Ramsey as my direct Masonic lineage for their always-ready attention and counsel. Further the work, sacrifices, vision, friendship and good humor of the elected and appointed officers who have served with me over the years is very sincerely appreciated. I would note here that the Grand Lodge Officers recognize and acknowledge that the ladies of the Grand Lodge Officers are among the best supporters of Masonry. Thank you ladies. Thank you also to my wife Marilyn for her dedication, help and patience. Thank you to my entire family for your help during my term of Grand Lodge service.

To each visiting dignitary, from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions and from the various appendant Masonic Bodies and organizations, we offer our most sincere welcome. Over the past several years it has been my and Marilyn's pleasure to enjoy the hospitality and communications of other grand jurisdictions. I especially wish to call attention to the time we have spent with our Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: brethren and their ladies in Nebraska.

To each Delegate and to every Mason attending this 145th Communication, we extend our heartiest welcome. We hope the serious side of the Communication with its legislation and other business conduct, as well as the social opportunities, will bring to you and your lady joy and a sense of happiness that you are a part of the Masonic Fraternity and Masonic Family. To the Officers and brethren of Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun, under which charter this Communication is held, I extend my humble thank you for all of your efforts and for the constant support you have afforded me over the years—the years since my raising in 1964 have created countless memories. To the Officers and brethren of my dual membership Lodge, Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha, my special thanks to you for your constancy and support. Each of you in Solomon Lodge and in Shiloh Lodge demonstrate genuine brotherhood and fraternity. Without great staff support, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers would accomplish little. Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt gave a large measure of extra effort and extra time this year—thank you. We are pleased to have in November added the skill and services of Michelle Fulmer as our Office Manager—thank you Michelle also for all you have done for the Officers and the Craft. To each Chairman and to each Grand Lodge Committee Member, thank you as well for your efforts on behalf of Masonry. I would remind every Mason in Nebraska that the Grand Lodge is not the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge Officers, each of you delegates constitute the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Officers and the Committees serve the fraternity for the benefit of each of your lodges and for every one of you. We are elected by you to help accomplish the work of Masonry.

It is my pleasure to inform the craft that while, in my view, the Masonic Fraternity in Nebraska, and in all jurisdictions for that matter, faces challenges, you can feel confident of the strength and commitment of the advancing line and of the appointed officers. They each have a love of Masonry and an untiring willingness to find ways to continue to advance our Craft.

NECROLOGY

Reports to the Grand Lodge by the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges in Nebraska find that 537 brother Masons in Nebraska have entered into that "House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." While each death of a brother Mason leaves a void for family and friends and for our fraternity, we constantly find comfort and optimism through our individual religious faith. May the loss of our brethren serve to remind us of the constant need to live fully and to live creditably and properly, "for we know not when the hour of our dissolution may come." I encourage each of us to let not a day pass without expending efforts to help others and remind those close to us of their importance in our lives. We are thankful that the link of our Past Grand Masters of Masons remained unbroken in 2001. We respectfully note the death of Past Grand Secretary Virgil L. Tubach. We also respectfully acknowledge the death of Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti Victor Hunt and Alfred V. Peltzer.

On May 28, 2001, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska together with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, conducted, at the invitation of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Trustees in Omaha, a tribute to the contributions made by the Masonic forefathers of the fraternity of both the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska to the founding, settlement and development of the Nebraska Territory, the State of Nebraska and many of Nebraska's communities. Because of the influence of Masons, many of us share an understanding that the quality of life and the successes of our State, its communities and its organizations are greater than they might otherwise have been. Tribute was paid at his burial site to the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska M.: W.: Robert C. Jordan. A walking tour sign was placed at the grave of W.: Richard Curry, the first master of a Prince Hall Affiliate Lodge in Nebraska and tribute paid to him for his role in Prince Hall Masonry. We thank W.: James R. Erixon, Past Master and Past General Secretary of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha, a Trustee of Prospect Hill for his encouragement and leadership in the event.

Under the leadership of its Chairman, Very Worshipful Fran Crowe, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge Masonic Memorial Service Committee will present its memorial service and provide proper tribute to our departed brethren as a part of this annual communication.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Seeing the enthusiasm which the leaders and members of the Masonic Youth Organizations display always provides me with reassurances for the future of our Masonic Fraternity—and for the future of the world as well. I remind each of us, however, that our youth cannot do it on their own. We as adults must continue to provide opportunity and must be sure to continue to provide gentle supportive leadership to help our youth find their direction and pursue their goals and their dreams. To the young persons providing leadership in the International Order of Job's Daughters, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the International Order of DeMolay, my sincere compliments for your work this year. The participation I have enjoyed this year plus the participation of other Grand Lodge Officers has brightened many days for us, it has brought me much laughter and yes, has allowed me to weep with joy as I understand how deeply you hold the important teachings of your orders in your hearts and how genuine is your love for God, for parents and for Country. Thank you for the honors you

have granted me during my term of office as Grand Master. Taking the risk of overlooking some individuals and asking in advance for forgiveness for any of you so overlooked, I want to call attention to these persons and extend my thanks to each of you. For Job's Daughters, Michaela Fredrickson, Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen; Laura Beth Herschlag, Past Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter; Honour Farrens, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Emily Kunkee, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter; adult leaders Diane Sheets, past Grand Guardian, and Craig Crawford, past Associate Grand Guardian; current Grand Guardian Di Franson and current Associate Grand Guardian Eugene Sibley and Thelma Lenhardt, Grand Secretary. For Rainbow, Jessica James, Past Worthy Grand Advisor; Erin Epley Grand Worthy Advisor; and Thelma Domingo, Supreme Deputy. For DeMolay, Sam Iovino, Past State Master Councilor, Mitch Kusek State Master Councilor; and, Bruce D. Wood, Executive Officer in Nebraska. The world is better because of your youth organizations and because of the efforts of each of you.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Through the combined efforts of Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star, in the name of the Masonic family, the lives of many youth have been benefited and their future is, as a direct result, brighter. On behalf of all Nebraska Masons, I wish to convey to the Board, to Ben Harvey and the entire staff our sincere thanks for all of the effort and dedication you expend. It is very much a calling to recognize and to serve the needs of the children. I assure you that those efforts are appreciated. It has been a great personal pleasure to have been able to serve with your Board during my tenure as Grand Master. You have been most courteous and have provided a setting that has enabled me first hand to witness the planning, management and legislative actions so constructively applied, always with the interest of the children in the care of the Home being the first priority.

MASONIC HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH

Serving with the Board of Directors in my capacity as Grand Master provided great insight into the professional manner in which our Plattsouth Home conducts its charge of caring for our Masonic Brothers and for all of those residing at the Home. My sincere thanks to Mary Stapp and all staff members and employees of the home. Thank you to each Board Member for your dedicated effort. While I certainly wish to not short anyone for all of the effort extended purely on a voluntary basis, I would be amiss to not in this printed public address thank Frank V. Lawson for dedicated service on the Board since 1975. Thank you also to Most Worshipful Judge Harry A. Spencer, Past Grand Master, now a resident of the Home for his always farsighted efforts on the Board.

MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND

The phrase "everybody loves a parade" is perhaps the best way to capture the spirit and enthusiasm of this year's Masonic All-Star Marching Band. Thank you to all of the Committee Members, for the time and efforts of the many volunteers and the outpouring of financial help in providing band scholarships for the participating youth. Thank you for each of the Band instructors and to the student leaders for the professional leadership and guidance. Thank you also to the Grand Lodge Office staff for all of the help and extra effort expended. Participation in 2001 by the band members demonstrated the quality of Nebraska youth, their musical ability and their adherence to standards of hard work, good behavior, respect for adults and pursuit of worthwhile goals. The Masonic

All-Star Band is a great enhancement to the Shrine Bowl. Further it enables the Blue Lodge and the Shrine to work cooperatively and serves to complement the entire Shrine Bowl week. Thank you to the Nobles of the Shrine in Tehamah, Tangier and Sesostris Shrine Centers for helping to enable the events to occur. Most importantly, thank you to every student who participated and to each parent who provided and encouraged the musicians and gave us their trust to enable the success of the All-Star Band.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Leadership of the directorate style describes the manner in which decisions occur and management of the Grand Lodge operates. While the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers serve as an executive committee, I will take just a few lines to thank the many committee members who serve on the committees of the Grand Lodge. It is the committees who are responsible for the successful programs and operations of Grand Lodge. I personally thank each of you for your time and service. I will note that with staff personnel changes this year, we found the Grand Lodge Office Committee saddled with a greater work load than normal, and do extend to them an added thank you.

CORNERSTONES AND DEDICATIONS

The time-honored tradition of setting cornerstones for qualifying buildings continues in Nebraska. For Masons, the lessons we learn in the Entered Apprentice Degree add special understanding to the Cornerstone setting ceremony. The Grand Lodge Officers were privileged to set several cornerstones or plaques in 2001. It is one of the goals in setting cornerstones to not simply showcase Freemasonry, which the ceremonies do well, but to call attention to (1) the dedication, planning and simply hard work that a community expends to achieve worthwhile projects; (2) acknowledge that while the setting of a cornerstone seeks to dedicate a building to its proper usage and wish for it a longstanding contribution to the life of a community, what we are more about is rededication of ourselves to the teachings of Freemasonry and asking those in attendance to rededicate themselves to what is good and true as well as to bring a sense of optimism and celebration to the community; and, (3) call attention to the role of the members of the local Masonic Lodge in the life and structure of the community. I am pleased to report that I believe we did just that in each cornerstone event.

Stromsburg Public Library. On March 25, 2001 a cornerstone was set for the community's spacious, bright new Public Library. Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 received the Grand Master and presented the Grand Lodge Officers. The work and dedication of the Officers and brethren of the Stromsburg Lodge is gratefully acknowledged. We were very well complimented by the large turnout of so many interested patrons and school and city government officials within the community

Ainsworth Community Building. On July 29, 2001, a cornerstone was set for the City/Community Building. This joint project combines in a single new building, functions of city government plus public school and community gatherings and events, and includes health and fitness activities. The Officers and brethren of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 in Ainsworth received the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers and expended great efforts to arrange for the day's events. For those efforts we are most grateful. The very warm mid-summer date allowed everyone to roll up their sleeves for

the event and brought out a large representation of the community for the cornerstone ceremony and the open house that followed.

Fillmore County Courthouse, Geneva, Nebraska. On September 29, 2001, the Grand Master was received and all Grand Lodge Officers were introduced at Geneva Lodge No. 79 on behalf of all Masons in Fillmore County. This beautiful fall afternoon witnessed a third involvement of Freemasons in dedication of the County Courthouse. In 1893, the original Courthouse saw the laying of a cornerstone by the Grand Lodge. In 1993, a resetting of the cornerstone and a dedication of a bronze plaque was conducted by the Grand Lodge. And on September 29th, a second plaque was dedicated by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As Grand Master, I have had the unique role of being the Grand Orator for the 1993 Ceremony and the Grand Master for the 2001 Ceremony. At this 2001 event, the podium was shared with local Masons, many County Officials, Governor and Mrs. Mike Johanns, Secretary of State John Gale, State Senator George Coordson, descendants of former county leaders who had been at the 1893 setting and a character depiction of President Millard Fillmore for whom the County was named.

Omaha Home for Boys. At the Inspiration Hill main campus, 52nd and Ames in Omaha, two cornerstones were symbolically set on October 13, 2001. The first cornerstone will be ultimately placed in the structure of the new Wurdeman Education Center & Training Institute and the second cornerstone in the South Energy Plant and Maintenance Building. On behalf of all Omaha area lodges, Shiloh Lodge No. 327 received the Grand Master and presented the Grand Lodge Officers. While the Omaha Home for Boys was founded as the Omaha Masonic Boys Orphanage, it is no longer directly affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity. However, each member of the Board of Trustees is a Mason. The Home's chief operating officer, John Furstenburg, President is a Mason as are other key executives. Ivan Vrtiska, Grand Junior Deacon and your Grand Master are both past Chairmen of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Home for Boys. It is additionally noted that your Grand Master is a third generation family member to sit on the Board of Directors.

Wymore Public Library. November 10, 2001 witnessed the last cornerstone setting ceremony in 2001. The community's Carnegie Library had a major addition constructed and a full upgrade and remodel of the original building thanks to a generous \$300,000 gift of an anonymous donor. The donor had three stipulations: (1) The project had to be a remodel and addition in order to preserve the original Carnegie Building. (2) The project had to be done promptly and put to use for the benefit of adults and children throughout the community. (3) The name of the donor must remain anonymous. The three stipulations were met and the Grand Lodge Officers were honored to help the community celebrate this great addition to the life of the Wymore community. The Officers and brethren of Wymore Lodge No. 104 received the Grand Master and presented all Grand Lodge Officers. Thank you to all of the brethren of Wymore Lodge for arranging the event and for being an integral part of the community.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Each year not more than two outstanding Masons in Nebraska may be selected and presented the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award. The award is an honor given to brothers who best practice and instill in their community the attributes of Masonry: duty,

honesty, fidelity, charity, truth, toleration, harmony and education. There were two recipients this past year. I again congratulate them and their families on their honor.

One of the Grand Master's Humanitarian Awards was presented at a recognition dinner on November 24, 2001 to Loral Johnson, a Past Master of Purity Lodge No. 198 in Imperial. Loral is the owner and publisher of the Imperial Republican Newspaper. His children are also now engaged in the newspaper and publishing business and the family owns and publishes several newspapers. He has a long-term and extensive list of community and public service. He was nominated by Purity Lodge for consideration for the award.

Fremont Lodge No. 15 was pleased to have one of its longtime active and supporting members receive one of the Grand Master's Humanitarian Awards. Past Master of Fremont Lodge, John M. Dick was presented the award at a dinner celebration in Fremont on December 18, 2001. John was a long time senior staff employee of Hormel in Fremont, served on the City Council, as Mayor and still serves on the Board of Public Works. He too has a long list of community and public service.

PRINCE HALL MASONRY

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.: continues to build and enjoy fraternal relations with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.:& A.:M.: through joint activities and social events. On May 28, 2001 a joint recognition of Masonry, both Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Prince Hall and Masonry's contribution in the development of the Nebraska Territory and the State of Nebraska was held as part of the annual Memorial Day celebration sponsored by the Trustees of Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha as described in this address under "NECROLOGY." On December 15, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge hosted a Masonic Ladies at the Table celebration in Omaha at the Double Tree Hotel. We attended one another's Grand Communications and installation of Grand Lodge Officers. Continued events are planned for the future and we continue to be supportive of the work of Prince Hall Masonry.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS

Nebraska, like all states which have been making a continued transformation from an agrarian nature to a more urban environment with an ongoing consolidation and upsizing of farm operations and a downsizing of population and communities suffer loss of lodges through consolidation. Your Grand Lodge Officers and Committees have taken and will continue a proactive role to avoid consolidations. Still it seems some consolidation was simply required in the past year. These consolidations occurred.

On May 7, 2001, James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267 in Overton, at its regular stated communication, with the presence of the Grand Master and M.:W.: Don Rasmussen, Past Grand Master, pursuant to mailed notice by the Grand Lodge, in the absence of a quorum conducted a required second and final vote on the matter of consolidation. All members of the Lodge in attendance voted in favor of consolidation and the Grand Master declared the question passed and consolidation approved. On June 12, 2001, Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, Nebraska voted in favor of said consolidation. The consolidation was signed by the Grand Master on June 26, 2001.

Perkins Lodge No. 308 pursuant to mailed notice, with the attendance of M.: W.: Ken Fleming, Past Grand Master as the personal representative of the Grand Master, voted unanimously on October 25, 2001 to consolidate with Ogalalla Lodge No. 159. Pursuant to mailed notice, Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 voted at its regular stated meeting on December 4, 2001 in favor of such consolidation. The consolidation was signed by the Grand Master on December 19, 2001.

On November 21, 2001, Republican Lodge No. 98, pursuant to notice, with the attendance of the Grand Master, with two members in attendance voted to consolidate with Franklin Lodge No. 264 in Franklin. Pursuant to further mailed notice by the Grand Lodge, on the date of the regular stated meeting of December 19, 2001, a second and final vote was conducted by the Grand Master and question of consolidation was by the Grand Master declared final and said consolidation approved. Franklin Lodge No. 264 in Franklin, pursuant to mailed notice, voted at its regular November meeting in favor of such consolidation. The consolidation was signed by the Grand Master on December 31, 2001.

On a very positive note, some lodges through the dedication and efforts of their members and officers have seriously considered but, as of now, have determined to not consolidate and to work to continue their charter. They include DeWitt Lodge No. 111 at DeWitt, Lotus Lodge No. 289 at Ravenna and Harvard Lodge No. 44 at Harvard. I applaud their commitment and assure the continued support of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee are creatively working to help lodges through difficult times. Past Grand Masters have committed to help as special advisors and several lodges in addition to those noted above are receiving help and encouragement through the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee and the volunteering Past Grand Masters.

NEW LODGE OF EDUCATION

On February 12, 2001, I re-issued a letter of dispensation, initially granted in December, 2000 by M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr., authorizing the establishment of a special purpose Lodge of Education, to be known as Saints John Lodge of Education U.: D.:.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On May 11, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wausa Lodge No. 251 to change their stated meeting from the first Thursday of each calendar month to the second Monday of each calendar month.

On May 11, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 to increase their annual dues.

On May 11, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cedar River Lodge No. 89 to change their stated meeting from the first Monday of each calendar month at 8:00 p.m. to the third Thursday of each calendar month at 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time and 7:30 p.m. during standard time, and to include a provision in the event of a long Tuesday.

On May 17, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Utica Lodge No. 96 to change the election of officers from December to November.

On May 17, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Utica Lodge No. 96 to increase their annual dues.

On June 4, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 to change the time of their stated meeting from 8:00 p.m. from May 1st to October 1st, and 7:30 p.m. from October 1st to May 1st, to 7:30 p.m. September through June.

On June 21, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Osceola Lodge No. 65 to increase their annual dues.

On June 21, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Scribner Lodge No. 132 to increase their annual dues.

On July 21, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 to change the time of their stated meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On August 1, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 to increase their annual dues.

On August 21, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Peru Lodge No. 14 to increase their annual dues.

On September 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wayne Lodge No. 120 to increase their annual dues.

On September 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Springfield Lodge No. 112 to clarify that special meetings of the lodge will only be called by the Master or his appointed representative.

On September 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Springfield Lodge No. 112 to add Masonic Education to the regular order of business of the Lodge.

On September 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Geneva Lodge No. 79 to increase their annual dues.

On October 5, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to add a provision that in the event of a national holiday or inclement weather the regular communication will be held the third Monday of the month.

On October 5, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to add to their list of officers Chaplain, Marshal and Organist (if desired).

On October 5, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to pay annually to the Secretary an amount equal to his annual dues and reimburse him for expenses incurred in the name of the Lodge, including mileage.

On October 5, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to give the Master the authority to designate additional standing committees.

On October 5, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to give the Committee on Relief the power to draw on the treasury up to \$100.

On October 12, 2001, I approved a complete revision of Article IV of the bylaws of Waterloo Lodge No. 102, a copy of which is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On October 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 to require that all members receive written notification of any proposed expenditure of \$1,000.00 or more, and when it will be voted upon, except in cases of emergency repairs.

On October 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 to add a provision stating that all members of the lodge reaching their fiftieth Masonic year will thereafter be exempt from payment of dues.

On October 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 to increase their annual dues.

On October 12, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to increase their annual dues.

On November 1, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 to increase their annual dues.

On November 8, 2001, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297, a copy of which is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On November 8, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Newman Grove Lodge No. 305 to increase their annual dues.

On November 10, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Palisade Lodge No. 216 to increase their annual dues.

On November 10, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 to increase their annual dues.

On November 14, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Osceola Lodge No. 65 to increase their annual dues.

On November 14, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 to increase their annual dues.

On November 14, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to increase their annual dues.

On December 8, 2001, I approved a fully updated revised set of bylaws of Porter Lodge No. 106, now on file in the Grand Lodge Office, which approval was made subject to my written requirement that certain minor inadvertent typographical errors be corrected and that the lodge propose further amendment to assure that Article V, Sections 3 and 4

comply with Grand Lodge Bylaws which Grand Lodge Bylaws supercede the bylaws of the lodge.

On December 14, 2001, I approved a fully updated revised set of bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 now on file in the Grand Lodge Office, which approval was made subject to my written requirement that certain minor inadvertent typographical errors be corrected and that the lodge propose further amendment to assure that Article V, Sections 2 and 3 comply with Grand Lodge Bylaws which Grand Lodge Bylaws supercede the bylaws of the lodge.

On December 19, 2001, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lotus Lodge No. 289 to change the day of their stated meeting.

On January 2, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to change Section 1, Article II to read Masonic Center.

On January 2, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to state that the Board of Trustees shall consist of the current Master and two resident junior Past Masters.

On January 2, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to change the hour of their stated meeting to 7:30 p.m. year round.

On January 2, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to change the date which relates to the filing requirements of the Lodge Treasurer's report and makes more clear, the processes to be followed by the Lodge Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the Office of said Treasurer.

On January 11, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to increase the fee charged for the degrees.

On January 28, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 to change their stated meeting from the first Monday of the month to the third Monday of the month.

On January 28, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha to increase their annual dues.

REINSTATEMENTS

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

- February 10, 2001 Robert S. Ferrell Stromsburg No. 126
- February 13, 2001 Loren G. Skrivanek..... Geneva No. 79
- February 23, 2001 Kevin L. PetersonSpringfield No. 112
- February 23, 2001 David G. McAnulty Papillion No. 39
- March 8, 2001 Richard K. Roedel Cotner No. 297
- March 8, 2001 Marvin L. Brookshier Ashlar No. 33
- March 23, 2001 Timothy A. SikoraSpringfield No. 112

March 29, 2001	Matthew C. Stryson	Oliver No. 38
April 14, 2001	Dean M. High	Liberty No. 300
April 24, 2001	Wayne B. Shaver	Alliance No. 183
May 11, 2001	David R. Bloomquist	Lancaster No. 54
May 11, 2001	Floyd D. Beans	Thistle No. 61
May 17, 2001	Rolland White.....	Custer No. 148
May 17, 2001	Gary A. Ferris.....	Osceola No. 65
July 21, 2001.....	Michael R. Chipps.....	Ashlar No. 33
July 3, 2001.....	Charles F. Capler	Arcana No. 195
August 30, 2001	Kirk Bahm	Acacia No. 34
September 5, 2001	Paul N. Cass.....	Hickman No. 256
September 12, 2001	Howard M. Teuscher	Nebraska No. 1
September 12, 2001	Craig Meierhenry.....	Mosaic No. 55
September 12, 2001	Craig A. Davis	Mosaic No. 55
September 18, 2001	Raymond Tucker, Jr.	Cotner No. 297
October 12, 2001	Rodney C. Nieman	Ashlar No. 33
November 19, 2001.....	James J. Conrad	Camp Clarke No. 285
December 31, 2001	Aaron A. Buettgenbach	East Lincoln No. 210
December 31, 2001	David B. Lederer	*
January 17, 2002.....	Larry L. Ward.....	Falls City No. 9

*Reinstated by the Grand Master as an unaffiliated Mason from extinct lodge, Evergreen No. 153

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were approved:

May 29, 2001 Steven W. Stubblefield to Savannah Lodge No. 71, Missouri

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

As Grand Master, I applaud the continuing strong efforts of the Grand Custodian and each Deputy Grand Custodian in overseeing the ritual and floor work in the subordinate lodges. While there are still several districts without a Deputy Grand Custodian assigned, work continues to fill those spots. The state of the ritual from my perspective is very good. I was pleased to attend the Deputy Custodians' school in Grand Island in September and appreciate the generosity shown me as you allowed my hands-on participation in the ritual work. Knowing how much I enjoy participation in the ritual, I believe I understand how difficult your role is in having to watch and correct the work rather than simply doing the work. I hope each of you sense the appreciation all of the Grand Lodge Officers have for the efforts and sacrifices you make.

GRAND CUSTODIAN EMERITUS

On January 11, 2002, I designated as Grand Custodian Emeritus, W.: Augustine S. "Gus" Scolaro, former Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, who served in that office from 1990 through 2000 and who now serves as a Deputy Grand Custodian.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I was pleased to commission the following individuals to be Grand Representatives of the several listed Grand Jurisdiction near Nebraska:

- Dale W. Anderson..... Spain
- Paul Befort.....France
- Scott BrendelBrazil, Rio de Janerio
- Russell G. Christensen..... Austrailia, Queensland
- Sydney Clausen..... Brazil, Acre
- Gary D. Finn Alabama
- Thomas W. Moore Costa Rica
- Cullen PilkerMinnesota
- Richard Roberts Burkina Faso
- Robert Whipple..... Brazil, Bahia
- Lawrence J. Zwart.....Russia

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, a trial commission in the matter of criminal offense by a member of Euclid Lodge No. 97 of Weeping Water is pending.

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-301 of the Bylaws, a trial commission in the matter of a criminal offense by a member of Plainview Lodge No. 204 of Plainview is pending.

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on September 11, 2001, I appointed a replacement member to the trial commission originally appointed by M.:W.: Dwight Smith in 1999 for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial in a matter involving Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 and a member of that lodge. On September 15, 2001, the accused was found guilty and was expelled from the Masonic Fraternity.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Phoenix, Arizona February 17 through February 20, 2001. Attending and representing Nebraska were Philip A. Lorenzen, Grand Master; Michael Jones, Deputy Grand Master; Kenneth Beebe, Grand Senior Warden; and, Reg Kuhn, Grand Secretary. Additionally Past Grand Master, Warren D. Lichty, who is a senior member of the Board of the George Washington Memorial Association was in attendance. Also past Grand Secretary Virgil Tubach and Norma attended part of the event. Sixty-eight jurisdictions were represented from Canada, Mexico and the United States plus some European lodges. The forum affords an opportunity to meet and discuss ideas, common problems, and to build networks with other grand jurisdictions.

Nebraska presented a program on two Nebraska successes. One was a discussion of Nebraska's "directorship style" of Grand Lodge leadership. In a nutshell, what that style of leadership consists of is similar to a corporate board of directors or an executive committee in which the Grand Lodge Officers work as a team in creating and

implementing programs. The second part of Nebraska's presentation centered on the success we have enjoyed in the area of Masonic Education. There is a great thirst for Masonic knowledge. Nebraska through the great efforts of our Grand Lodge Education Committee has established the whole subject of Masonic Education as a major focus and Nebraska Masons are rapidly becoming more and more knowledgeable. The Conference recognized our successes and we were pleased to share our programs and emphasis with the attendees from all of the North American Jurisdictions.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES

Rochester, Minnesota was the location for the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges on August 17, 18 and 19, 2001. An interesting format parallel to Nebraska's directorate style of leadership is this conference being a conference not of grand masters, but rather of grand lodge officers. The format was one of discussion of critical issues of the state of the Masonic Fraternity in each of our Midwestern jurisdictions, which include Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Presentations were made to stimulate thought and then a format of a facilitator drawing out concepts and ideas was employed. The primary concept was to try to gain an understanding of the current state of Masonry, a projection of our profile of members in the future and a snapshot of what our lodges would look like, where they might be located, who our members would be, what our programs would be and what our financial posture might be. Trying to gaze into the future helps identify our current circumstances and helps to provide direction as to the courses we might best follow to assure the future of Masonry.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL EVENT

On June 9, 2001, M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty, Past Grand Master and First Vice President of the George Washington Memorial, as a member of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Memorial, and as the personal representative of the Grand Master, attended a dedication event and brought greetings to the assembly on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. M.:W.: Lichty continues to serve the Memorial Board and is an outstanding representative of Nebraska in that capacity. The Grand Lodge extends its thanks and gratitude to M.:W.: Lichty for his leadership and support.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning February 1, 2001 to the beginning of the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 2001

- 1 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 10 Grand Lodge Officers' Meeting in Omaha
- 10 Grand Master's Installation Dinner, UNO
Thompson Alumni Center
- 11 Grand Lodge Officers' Installation, Omaha Scottish Rite Center

- 15 Conference of Grand Masters, Phoenix, AZ
- 16 Conference of Grand Masters, Phoenix, AZ
- 17 Conference of Grand Masters, Phoenix, AZ
- 21 Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Elkhorn
- 26 Tangier Masonic Unity Meeting
- 26 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Past Masters' banquet
- 27 Grand Trustees meeting at Grand Lodge office
- 28 Grand Master received at Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha

MARCH 2001

- 6 Grand Master received at Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun
- 7 Grand Master received at Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 10 Dodge County Masonic Association Banquet at Scribner
- 13 Omaha Home for Boys Board Meeting
- 13 Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont
- 15 EA School of Instruction, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- 15 Kansas Grand Lodge
- 16 Kansas Grand Lodge
- 17 Kansas Grand Lodge
- 17 Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Tangier Shrine Center
- 18 SAT-RA Temple, Nile Installation
- 19 Scottish Rite Foundation meeting, Omaha
- 20 FC School of Instruction, West Omaha Temple, Miloma Lodge No. 328
- 24 Long Range Planning at Omaha Home for Boys
- 25 Set Cornerstone at new Stromsburg Public Library
- 26 MM 1st Section, Florence Lodge No. 281, School of Instruction
- 28 MM 2nd Section Mizpah Lodge No. 302, School of Instruction
- 31 Potentate's Ball, Tangier Shrine Center, Omaha

APRIL 2001

- 1 Potentate's Breakfast, Tangier
- 3 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 Table Lodge
- 4 Royal Order of Jesters Planning meeting, Omaha
- 5 Grand York Rite, Columbus
- 6 Grand York Rite, Columbus
- 7 Grand York Rite, Columbus
- 8 Palm Sunday Breakfast, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland
- 10 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting
- 11 Royal Order of Jesters Lunch, Omaha
- 13 Official Visit, Naomi Chapter No. 121, OES, Fort Calhoun
- 14 All Grand Lodge Committee Meetings and Strategic Planning, Lincoln
- 18 Tangier Shrine Circus
- 21 Potentate's Ball, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 22 Year Pin presentations at Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
- 25 Tekamah area Masonic Scholarship Banquet, Grand Master as guest speaker
- 25 Royal Order of Jesters National Court, Kansas City, MO

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- 27 Scottish Rite Reunion, Omaha
- 28 Scottish Rite Reunion, Omaha
- 30 Masonic Unity Meeting, Tangier

MAY 2001

- 1 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun
- 2 Royal Order of Jesters Planning Meeting, Omaha
- 5 Pin Presentation, Fremont Lodge No. 15
- 6 Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation
- 7 Royal Order of Jesters Tri-Court Golf Outing
- 7 Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Lincoln
- 8 Omaha Home for Boys Board Meeting
- 8 Grand Chapter OES, Lincoln
- 9 Grand Chapter OES, Lincoln
- 9 Covert Lodge No. 11, Pin Presentations and Dinner
- 11 Royal Order of Jesters Lunch, Omaha
- 14 50 Year Pin Presentation and Dinner at Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair
- 16 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting
- 17 Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington, Master's Degree
- 23 Omaha Scottish Rite Outing, Papillion Gun Club
- 24 Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, Dinner and Year Pin presentations
- 26 Scottish Rite Membership Workshop, Omaha
- 26 Year Pin Presentation at Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse
- 27 Bethel No. 33 Reception of Laura Beth Herschlag, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
- 28 Cookout at Lorenzen's in relation to 28th function at Prospect Hill
- 28 Joint Memorial Service with Prince Hall at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha
- 29 Fremont Shrine Club, DeMolay Guests, Rusty Nail Degree
- 31 Individual Proficiency Exam at Shi-Oma Masonic Temple, Omaha

JUNE 2001

- 2 Grand Lodge Advisory Committee Meeting, Kearney
- 2 Pin Presentations at Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville and Humboldt Lodge No. 40
- 8 Grand Lodge Social Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 8 Rainbow Grand Assembly, Crete
- 9 Rainbow Grand Assembly, Crete
- 9 George Washington Memorial Celebration, Washington DC
- 14 South Dakota Grand Lodge
- 15 South Dakota Grand Lodge
- 16 South Dakota Grand Lodge
- 18 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun and Naomi Chapter No. 121, OES, Joint Dinner & Year Pin Presentations, Blair Marina
- 22 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Omaha

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- 29 Tangier Shrine Potentate Golf Outing

JULY 2001

- 1 Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips, 125th anniversary, Aurora
- 8 Imperial Shrine Session, Las Vegas, NV
- 9 Imperial Shrine Session, Las Vegas, NV
- 10 Imperial Shrine Session, Las Vegas, NV
- 11 Imperial Shrine Session, Las Vegas, NV
- 12 Imperial Shrine Session, Las Vegas, NV
- 13 Imperial Shrine Session, Las Vegas, NV
- 14 Oregon Trail Days Parade , Scottsbluff
- 15 Scottsbluff Masonic Picnic
- 16 Omaha Home for Boys Annual Golf Outing
- 17 Masonic All-Star Band Camp
- 18 Masonic All-Star Band Camp
- 19 Masonic All-Star Band Camp
- 20 Masonic All-Star Band Camp
- 21 Masonic All-Star Band Camp
- 18 Trip to St. Louis Shrine Hospital
- 19 Omaha Scottish Rite Honors Dinner
- 26 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Table Lodge
- 28 Sporting Clays, David City
- 29 Cornerstone at Ainsworth—Municipal Building
- 30 Unity Meeting at Tangier Shrine
- 31 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun

AUGUST 2001

- 2 Golf at David City, Hosted by Mike Jones
- 2 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Lincoln
- 3 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Lincoln
- 4 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Lincoln
- 4 Masonic All-Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 9 Tangier dinner and regular meeting, Omaha
- 11 Royal Order of Jesters, Omaha
- 12 Prince Hall Grand Lodge Installation
- 12 Annual York Rite Picnic, Grand Island
- 12 Wyoming Grand Lodge
- 13 Wyoming Grand Lodge
- 13 Omaha Home for Boys
- 16 Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton
- 17 Supreme Queen at Naphis Temple, Lincoln
- 17 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Rochester, MN
- 18 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Rochester, MN
- 19 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Rochester, MN
- 19 4-H Achievement Day, Fremont
- 19 SAT-RA Temple, Omaha, visit of Supreme Queen
- 26 Paul Eveland, PGM, Jordan Medal presentation, North Bend
- 27 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun

28 Green Fez Dinner at Champions Country Club, Omaha

SEPTEMBER 2001

- 5 Royal Order of Jesters Planning Meeting, Omaha
- 5 Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Year-pin presentation
- 7 Grand Master's Omaha Area Breakfast Meeting at Omaha Home for Boys Hosted by Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 9 Open house at Omaha Home for Boys
- 11 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting
- 11 Fremont Lodge No. 15, Year-pin presentation
- 14 Caring Club, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 16 Grand Lodge Line Officers, planning for Annual Communication, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island
- 16 Papillion Lodge No. 39 Open House
- 16 Brainstorming Meeting, Line Officers, David City
- 18 Past Masters' Night, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Elkhorn
- 19 Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Outing, Papillion Gun Club
- 21 Grand Custodian's Workshop, Grand Island
- 22 Grand Custodian's Workshop, Grand Island
- 22 Grand York Rite Leadership Dinner, Columbus
- 23 Missouri Grand Lodge, Columbia, MO
- 24 Missouri Grand Lodge, Columbia, MO
- 25 Missouri Grand Lodge, Columbia, MO
- 26 Conferred Masters Degree for Sam Iovino at Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 29 Fillmore County Courthouse Cornerstone, Geneva
- 30 Scottish Rite Bicentennial Event, Charleston, SC

OCTOBER 2001

- 1 Scottish Rite Bicentennial Event, Charleston, SC
- 2 Scottish Rite Bicentennial Event, Charleston, SC
- 3 Scottish Rite Bicentennial Event, Charleston, SC
- 9 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting
- 10 Fremont Home Board Meeting
- 13 Cornerstones, Omaha Home for Boys
- 17 Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington
- 21 Royal Order of Jesters and Ladies Brunch, Omaha Court 19
- 29 Masonic Unity Meeting, Sesostris, Lincoln
- 29 Education Symposium, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- 30 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun
- 31 Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha

NOVEMBER 2001

- 1 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Past Masters' Night
- 7 Royal Order of Jesters Planning, Omaha
- 8 Tangier Shrine Regular Meeting
- 9 Visit Lodge at Ark Lodge, Oakland, IA
- 9 Wymore Lodge No. 104 Cornerstone, Community Library
- 16 Royal Order of Jesters Lunch Omaha
- 16 Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Reunion

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- 17 Potentate's Ball, Tehamah, Hastings
- 18 Potentate's Breakfast, Tehamah, Hastings
- 20 McCook Lodge No. 135
- 24 Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, One Day Degree
- 24 Humanitarian Award, Loral Johnson, Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial

DECEMBER 2001

- 1 One Day Area Masonic Lodge Festival, Lincoln, Grand Lodge Sponsored
- 1 Ladies at Table and Holiday Celebration, Long Pine No. 136
- 5 Royal Order of Jesters Planning
- 8 Tangier Shrine Ceremonial
- 11 Omaha Home for Boys
- 12 Christmas Luncheon, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
- 12 Christmas Dinner, Shiloh No. 327, Omaha
- 14 Royal Order of Jesters, Christmas Luncheon
- 15 Prince Hall Ladies at Table & Holiday Dinner
- 18 Humanitarian Award and Dinner, John M. Dick, Fremont Lodge No. 15
- 18 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun
- 27 Saints John Lodge of Education Dinner & Meeting, Scottish Rite, Lincoln

JANUARY 2002

- 4 Tangier Installation of Officers
- 5 Covert Lodge No. 11 Installation
- 6 Wahoo Lodge No. 59 Installation
- 7 Nebraska Lodge No. 1 Installation
- 8 Nebraska Masonic Home Board, Papillion
- 8 Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, Regular meeting
- 9 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 10 Humboldt Lodge No. 40 Installation by Grand Master
- 12 Shiloh Lodge No. 327 Installation by Grand Master
- 13 Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317 Installation by Grand Master
- 15 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 Installation by Grand Master
- 16 Hiram Lodge No. 52 Installation by Grand Master, OES Installation
- 20 Osceola Lodge No. 65 Installation by Grand Master
- 22 Scottish Rite Foundation, Omaha
- 22 Solomon Lodge No. 10 Installation by Grand Master
- 25 Installation of Scottish Rite Officers, Valley of Omaha
- 28 Masonic Unity Meeting, Tangier, Omaha
- 31 Nebraska Grand Lodge Communication, Kearney

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 12, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on February 24, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

Mid-West Lodge No. 317 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Hastings area.

On February 12, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on March 31, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;

- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On February 12, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on February 22, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to three;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On February 12, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lotus Lodge No. 289 of Ravenna to install their 2001 Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On February 12, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 of Omaha to install their 2001 Treasurer and Stewards out of time.

On February 12, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to install their 2001 Treasurer and Marshal out of time.

On February 12, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Euclid Lodge No. 97 of Weeping Water to install their 2001 Junior Warden and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 12, 2001, I granted dispensation for the establishment of a special purpose Lodge of Education, to be known as Saints John Lodge of Education U.:D.:

On February 13, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Friend Lodge No. 73 of Friend to install their 2001 Master, and Senior and Junior Stewards out of time.

On February 23, 2001, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to North Star Lodge No. 227 of Lincoln to move their charter on March 13, 2001 to 1635 L Street for the purpose of hosting a Fellow Craft school of instruction.

On March 2, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Albion Lodge No. 78 of Albion to install their 2001 Tyler out of time.

On March 2, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on March 17, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

Mid-West Lodge No. 317 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Hastings area.

On March 23, 2001, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha to temporarily move their charter to Anthony's Restaurant in Omaha for the purpose of conducting a Table Lodge on April 3, 2001.

On March 23, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Republican Lodge No. 98 of Republican City to install their 2001 Chaplain out of time.

On March 23, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 of Elkhorn to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on March 27, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than five;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for the degree, and will be required to pass the proficiency examination; and
- c. Conferral of the degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On March 29, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to install their 2001 Chaplain and Junior Steward out of time.

On March 31, 2001, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to join with the Job's Daughters and the Eastern Star in renting a billboard in Grand Island to advertise the organizations in order to enhance membership.

On April 6, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 28, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;

- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

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

On April 20, 2001, I granted permission to the Tehama Shrine Center and Scottish Rite Bodies of Hastings to obtain the names and addresses of the brothers that have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason within the last five years for the lodges in their jurisdiction to promote membership.

On April 23, 2001, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Palisade Lodge No. 216 of Palisade to install their 2001 Junior Deacon out of time.

On May 8, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on June 23, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

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

On May 30, 2001, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to move their charter on February 10, 2002 to David City High School for the purpose of opening lodge for installation of the 2002 Grand Lodge officers.

On July 12, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Samaritan Lodge No. 158 of Chadron to enter a float at the Fur Trade Days Parade on July 14, 2001.

On July 20, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 of Beatrice to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on September 22, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

Beatrice Lodge No. 26 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Beatrice area.

On July 26, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney to move their charter on July 26, 2001 to the Holiday Inn for the purpose of holding a Table Lodge. Permission was also granted to move their charter on September 22, 2001 for the Annual Outdoor Master's Degree to be held on the Platte River in Kearney County.

On August 21, 2001, according to Section 2-502, I granted permission to Beatrice Lodge No. 26 of Beatrice to move their charter on September 22, 2001 to the Beatrice City Auditorium, for the purpose of holding a one-day degree event. As part of this approval, my permission was also granted for Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than fifteen candidates at the one-day event. This dispensation supplemented my prior dispensation dated July 20, 2001.

On August 21, 2001, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to sponsor the annual Robert W. Boon Thanksgiving Memorial Food Truck for the benefit of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

On August 23, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 of Columbus to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 17, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

Lebanon Lodge No. 323 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Columbus area.

On September 14, 2001, it was requested that I consider making a finding concerning procedures pertaining to result of ballots on petitions cast at the September 10, 2001 meeting of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 which voting circumstances resulted in ballots repeatedly being not clear.

After careful review of the request and conversations with the Master and other lodge Officers and lodge representatives, I found and determined that the circumstances of the balloting on the petitions which were not clear at the meeting, because of procedures followed and confusion as to the different application of the voting process, were the direct cause of a series of ballots which I further determined were spoiled ballots and the effect of such balloting not a valid result. The ballot procedures were, I found, not fair to the officers and brethren of the lodge, and more importantly, were not fair to the candidates for the degrees of Freemasonry. Accordingly, I found, determined and ordered that such not clear ballots were null and void and the results and declarations pertaining to those ballots ordered to be set aside. I directed Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to re-ballot at its stated October 8, 2001 meeting only those petitions for which the results were not clear and unfavorable on said September 10, 2001 meeting.

On September 18, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 13, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

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

On October 15, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 of Elkhorn to confer degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 16 and October 23, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than five;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

On October 28, 2001, I granted permission to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 to sponsor a flea market; the proceeds to be used for Masonic Services. With the condition that no

raffle, or such other drawing or game of chance may be had by the lodge, nor any other participant in the event.

On November 8, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 18, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

On November 8, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 8, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

On November 8, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 15, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

On November 8, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 29, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

On November 14, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and

Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on Saturday, November 24, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Sidney area.

On November 27, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on Saturday, December 1, 2001. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Lincoln area.

On November 27, 2001, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Bennett Lodge No. 94 of Lincoln to elect their officers for the year 2002 out of time, on December 4, 2001.

On November 29, 2001, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 of Valentine to elect their officers for the year 2002 out of time, on December 18, 2001.

On December 5, 2001, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 of Lincoln to elect their Senior Warden for the year 2002 out of time, on December 6, 2001.

On December 14, 2001, I granted permission waiving the provisions of Section 2-502 to permit Charity Lodge No. 53 of Red Cloud to move their charter on January 8, 2002 to the Senior Center, located at 432 N. Elm Street, Red Cloud, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding a regularly scheduled meeting.

On December 17, 2001, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on Saturday, February 16, 2002. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The number of candidates for any one degree will be limited to not more than fifteen;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer.

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

On December 21, 2001, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Solomon Lodge No. 10 of Ft. Calhoun to move their charter on February 1-2, 2002 to the Holiday Inn, Kearney, for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Master Masons for Annual Communication.

On December 28, 2001, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to move their charter on January 12, 2002 to John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, 5903 Maple Street, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of installing the officers of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 for the ensuing Masonic year.

On January 11, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to install their 2002 Junior Deacon and Senior Steward out of time.

On January 15, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to install their 2002 Tyler out of time.

On January 18, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff to install their 2002 Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 18, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blue River Lodge No. 30 of Milford to install their 2002 Worshipful Master, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On January 18, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Harvard Lodge No. 44 of Harvard to move their charter and regular monthly communications to First United Methodist Church in Harvard for the purpose of closing the current lodge building due to needed repairs and exorbitant utility costs.

On January 29, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on January 29, 2002. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

On January 25, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 of Omaha to install their 2002 Junior Steward out of time.

On January 25, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mitchell Lodge No. 263 of Morrill to install their 2002 Senior Warden and Junior Steward out of time.

DECISIONS

On January 22, 2002, I approved the amendment of 2002 Annual Returns to include an amount of \$14.50 per capita, and submitted a letter to all Lodge Secretaries requesting remittal of the amended dues amount of an additional \$1.00 per member.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Amend Section 1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE

This recommendation would allow a vote for the Grand Lodge Officer appointed to the position of Grand Tyler. All other appointed Grand Lodge Officers have a vote. The Grand Tyler would simply need to be informed by the Grand Junior Deacon during the Grand Lodge Communication of his right to vote when the ballot was to be spread on any measure.

Grand Master's recommendation: Amend Sec. 1-104 to read as hereinafter set out.

“Sec.1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE – Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, ~~except the Grand Tyler,~~ shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A majority of votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-502 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.”

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Changes provisions for appointment to Masonic All-Star Band Committee and provides for period of service for Committee Members. The Bylaw, as originally drafted and passed, contains provisions which are unclear. This recommendation seeks to provide clarification.

Original:

“Sec. 1-311 – MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND – The Committee on Masonic All-Star Band shall consist of three (3) members, the Grand Junior Deacon as liaison officer and a former Grand Lodge Officer as advisor. Each of the members shall serve for a period of five (5) years, except the initial board who shall each serve for five (5) years and after five (5) years one member shall retire annually. The liaison officer and the former Grand Lodge Officer serving as advisor will be appointed by the Grand Master. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the Masonic All-Star Band's selection, site, financial and personnel needed for the function of the Masonic All-Star Band, its camp and performances.”

Grand Master's recommendation: Amend Sec. 1-311 to read as hereinafter set out.

“Sec. 1-311 – MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND – The Committee on Masonic All-Star Band shall consist of five members of which three (3) members shall be at large

members not required to be Masons and of which two (2) members must be Masons, with one of the two required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Junior Deacon shall serve as a liaison officer and a former Grand Lodge Officer as advisor. Each of the members shall serve for a period of five (5) years from the first year of appointment of the Committee, except the initial board who shall each serve for five (5) years and after five (5) years and after five (5) years, the Grand Master's appointments to the Committee shall be made with a specified period of appointment such that one member shall retire annually, thereafter. Appointments made to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term of such vacancy. The liaison officer and the former Grand Lodge Officer serving as advisor will be appointed by the Grand Master. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the Masonic All-Star Band's selection, site, financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the Masonic All-Star Band, its camp and performances."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend Section 1-314 – NEBRASKA WORK, concerning certification of subordinate lodges.

A ninety (90) day time allowance for certification allows a somewhat limited time to accomplish certification of opening and closing. Further, the current language mandates the Grand Master's arresting of a charter of a subordinated lodge failing to accomplish certification. This change would allow for more leniency on the part of the Grand Master in choosing to not arrest a charter.

Grand Master's recommendation: Amend Sec. 1-314 subparagraph (g) to read as hereinafter set out.

~~"(g) With the availability of an authorized cipher, the installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall annually demonstrate to the Grand Custodian within ninety (90) days of their installation, that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master, shall may arrest its charter, provided that the Grand Master, for good cause shown, may extend the time, but not longer than to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge."~~

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend Section 2-312, – INSTALLATION-TIME-DISPENSATION-WAIVER.

While the Grand Master may now grant dispensation to move a charter for meeting purposes, this recommendation clarifies the Grand Master's authority for such dispensation. It would also recognize that a lodge may not have its "own hall", so this recommendation further seeks to make clear that a lodge may be meeting in a space or location which is not such lodge's own hall.

Grand Master's recommendation: Amend Sec. 2-312 paragraph three, to read as hereinafter set out.

“A Public Installation is permissible and may be ordered by the Master without a vote of the lodge, but all that constitutes a lodge must be present, and the lodge must be opened and closed in its ~~own hall~~ regular chartered location, provided however, that dispensation may be requested of and may be granted by the Grand Master to move such charter to another suitable location for purposes of such installation.”

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend Section 3-102 to define “Appendant Masonic Bodies.”

The term appendant Masonic bodies is commonly used in conversation and appears in the Bylaws only in Section 3-102, subparagraph (e) but is not a defined term in the Bylaws.

Grand Master’s recommendation: Amend Sec. 3-102 to read as hereinafter set out.

Section 3-102, subparagraph (e)

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

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Amend Section 2-704 concerning circumstances under which the Grand Master or the master of a subordinate lodge may make available a roster of lodge membership or the Grand Master may make available proceedings of the Grand Lodge Communication.

Changes provisions for distribution or issuance of a roster of lodge membership. Section 2-704 provides that a roster of members of the Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodges may be distributed or issued only upon the approval of the Grand Master, or for a subordinate lodge, by the Master of such subordinate lodge. The topical index to the Bylaws indexes the Section as such lists “not being available for commercial use.”

Grand Master’s Recommendation to amend Section 2-704 to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-704 – LODGE ROSTER – No commercial use may be made of any proceedings of the Grand Lodge or of any roster of members of any subordinate lodge or of the Grand Lodge. No person, corporation, organization or entity shall be furnished

with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof by the Grand Secretary or the Grand Lodge Office without the prior approval of the Grand Master. No person, corporation, organization or entity shall be furnished with a roster of any subordinate lodge or the members thereof by the Secretary of said subordinate lodge or any officer or member thereof without prior approval of the Master of said subordinate lodge. Any request to the Grand Lodge Office or to the Grand Master or to the Secretary or the Master of a subordinate lodge for a roster of members must be made in writing and such request must include the intended usage, must contain a statement that such list will not be further distributed or sold, must contain a statement that such membership roster will not be employed for any commercial usage, and such request must be dated and signed by the requesting party."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Amend Chapter IX, Sections 2-901 through 2-912, by adding an additional section, Section 2-913, to allow a candidate to be proposed by not less than three Master Masons within a specific subordinated lodge and to be elected prior to such candidate formally signing a petition for initiation, such that he might be proposed for election previous to fully completing a petition, thereby eliminating embarrassment to the lodge and to such candidate which might occur should an unfavorable vote occur. Knowing that a unanimous vote must be had to receive the degrees of Masonry, some well-qualified candidates who, because of a high profile in a community or other reasons, believe they dare not chance being voted unfavorably and such unfavorable ballot somehow "leaked" to the public, thereby causing a negative (albeit perhaps unfounded) public image, will not risk signing and presenting the petition for membership. It is felt by some Masons that the risk of such potential rejection, even though probably unfounded by a potential candidate is real enough that some otherwise qualified candidates avoid any risk associated with petitioning. In the jurisdiction of Nebraska, open solicitation is allowed, this proposed process would simply extend and enhance the invitation to join process. The process would remain the knowledge of only the lodge and in the event of rejection for initiation, no public knowledge (nor personal knowledge on the part of the would be candidate) of such rejection would be allowed.

Grand Master's Recommendation to add Section 2-913, which proposed Section would read as follows:

"Sec. 2-913 – ALTERNATIVE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS – As an alternative to Section 2-903, any three (3) Master Masons, members of the subordinate lodge seeking to exercise the procedures of this Section 2-913, may propose a candidate for initiation by presenting a Recommendation of a Candidate for the Degrees of Masonry signed by all three of said proposers, whose signatures shall be attested by the secretary of the lodge, which form of recommendation shall be in the form provided by the Grand Secretary and which form of recommendation must have attached thereto the regular petition form then in use in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska and available from the Grand Lodge Office, provided however, that the petition shall be in draft form and shall not be signed by the proposed candidate and may otherwise be incomplete. The three proposers shall constitute the investigating committee and the Master shall make declaration of their appointment. At the stated meeting of the subordinate lodge next following the proposal of the candidate, the petition will be balloted on, with a favorable vote being subject to subsequent completion of the petition by the proposed candidate,

including satisfactory answers to the questions posed on the petition including, but not limited to, a belief in a Supreme Being, and questions as to health, financial responsibility, not having been rejected in another lodge within the time period set out in the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, and the completed petition must be signed by the candidate and applicable fees paid prior to his presenting himself for initiation. After election, the Master shall direct one or more of the three proposers to inform the proposed candidate that he has been proposed, has been elected, and is invited to present himself for initiation upon completion of and signing of the form of petition. The petition must be completed, signed and returned to the secretary of the lodge within 60 days of the election of the candidate and such return date shall be certified by the lodge secretary. In the event such petition is not completed and returned within such 60 day period, such draft petition shall be null and void and such finding shall be declared by the Master and an entry as to such action recorded in the records of the lodge. In the event of an unfavorable vote, as the candidate did not make the initial application, he will have no knowledge of such rejection and accordingly such proposed candidate would not be subject to a three year hold as being the material of the lodge as set out in Section 2-906; he would not be notified in any form whatsoever of the proposal of a draft petition nor the rejection as provided by Section 2-907; and, he would not be subject to any time limit as set out in Section 2-908 for submission of a petition under his own initiative, but no re-proposal under the provisions of this Section 2-913 by any three members of the subject subordinate lodge may be made until the expiration of not less than six (6) months from the time of the initial unfavorable ballot."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

A currently popular book in wide circulation *Bowling Alone*, Robert D. Putman, Simon & Schuster, Publishers, discusses the collapse and revival of the American Community. Putnam argues that American's still go bowling but they now often bowl alone—they tend to not join leagues. Said another way, people seem often now to not make commitments as they have in the past and especially to organizations, from well recognized churches right down to service clubs and to fraternal groups. Further in the area of the political area, especially on a national level, the past sense of a grass roots involvement has been replaced by a tendency to let media—particularly television and radio—form the outcome of political contests. Putman describes how as a nation, we have seen the erosion of "social capital" and its replacement by government assuming the role and responsibility for many social and charitable activities previously assumed by volunteerism and charitable giving.

It is in this environment that our fraternity of Freemasonry exists and operates. Masonry is not alone in its decline in popularity and membership. But, that is not cause to assume a posture that we simply will continue to decline. In the process of installing new officers in our subordinate lodges we are reminded of charges to the incoming master, that we cannot make changes or innovations in Freemasonry. We each need to be firmly reminded that Masonry is timeless. It is its stability and its never out of style commitment we make to one another and to ourselves as we are obligated in the degrees of our ritual that cannot and should not be changed. Right will always be right—wrong will always be wrong. There is no compromise in our behavior and in our relationship with God.

What must change is the manner in which we deliver the message and meaning of Masonry. Putnam in his book finds that the social capital in America can be revitalized and become a greater force and influence. He observes it to be his belief that such might be the case, that we will again as a people take a more active role in government and in community, in local political determinations and in organizations. We saw in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks that as a Nation and that not only Americans, but free people throughout the world will not tolerate such behavior. That the terrorists and those that support them must be accountable. We are a changed people and a changed nation. If we couple the fact that our nation was formed and built on Masonic thought and principals, or in the least by leaders whose thought processes paralleled Masonic thought; that the manner of democratic government still works well and more and more people world-wide live in a more democratic manner; the understanding of the role of our Maker in our life; and, that we understand the need for adherence to demanding rules of conduct and personal commitment, then we have in place in Masonry a fraternity which can be phenomenally successful. The call is ours, yours and mine, we can chose to sit back and do nothing or we can choose to be pro-active. Your advancing line of Grand Lodge Officers are, let me assure you, as stated earlier, pro-active. I encourage every Mason to take a pro-active role in your lodge, in your church and in your community. The stage is set for Freemasonry to grow. We do not need to create a new fraternity, we need only to find ways to tell those around us what we are about and make them a part of us.

CONCLUSION

Changing the calendar from 2001 to 2002 brings with it a time for reflection and a time for renewal. It immediately jumps into my mind the importance of the event of renewal. We can choose to shrug our shoulders in a sense of fatalistic resolve and mutter to ourselves "there goes one year and here comes another one" or we can choose to truly make the change a happy occasion and show renewed enthusiasm and a desire to see 2002 as a year of opportunity. We each have that right of choice. Will you look upon 2002 as a time of opportunity or view it with complacency?

Tragic events in 2001 reminded us vividly of the fragile nature of humanity. Yet to me the greater lesson presented to us is that of the vibrant strength of the human spirit, the resolve to survive, the desire to move on, the knowledge that with God's strength we will be able to handle any situation that is presented to us. While we never can predict what the turning pages of calendar 2002 will bring, we do know that if we are prepared we are able to take advantage of opportunity. It is my sincere wish that 2002 brings to each of you as individuals much happiness and reward and to each subordinate lodge great measures of success.

On the subject of reflection, I thank every Mason in Nebraska for the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Master. Did we as Subordinate Lodges and as Grand Lodge Officers accomplish all that we and I wanted? Of course not, but thanks to the collective efforts of so many of you and the efforts of the Grand Lodge Officers, positive results were achieved. We raised many new Master Masons; many lodge visits were completed; Lodges worked together in helping to confer degrees; special presentations of pins for longevity of membership were made to 50, 60 and 70 year members; we were supportive of Job's, Rainbow and DeMolay; we completed events with Prince Hall Masons; 260 musicians (and a good number of adults) benefited from band camp; the Masonic Home served its residents with high quality loving care and services; the Masonic-Eastern Star

Home for Children made a positive difference in the lives of many boys and girls; Blue Lodge Masonry continued to build unity and cooperation with the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine; Committee Members worked effectively for all of us in conducting the business and programs of Grand Lodge; many educational scholarships were presented to deserving young persons; in short, every Mason in Nebraska may take credit for making a difference in our world in 2001—I hope you found joy in the process! Congratulations to each of you for your accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip A. Lorenzen
Grand Master

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

GRANTING OF CHARTER TO SAINTS JOHN LODGE OF EDUCATION

All chartering members of Saints John Lodge of Education who were present were called to the front by M.:W.: Grand Master Lorenzen. He then declared the authenticity of the charter of the newly created Saints John Lodge of Education No. 331 and presented the charter to its members.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.: Grand Master Lorenzen asked R.:W.: Michael E. Jones for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

We are about to embark on another year in Nebraska Masonry. Let me share with you the trestle board for 2002. This trestle board brings together the efforts of Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and your Grand Lodge Committees. Having invested in strategic planning for a number of years, it is now time to tie together the various programs of your Grand Lodge and vault our Fraternity to a stronger, larger, and more active organization. At your state level, the workmen are already laboring to make 2002 successful.

What is the blueprint that will direct the Craft and how will we measure the success of our sweat and labor? Let me give you my "vision" and ask your support.

During 2002 we will constantly refer to Masonic M&M's. There are four:

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| 1) Masonic Message | 2) Masonic Memories |
| 3) Masonic Membership | 4) Masonic Motivation |

We must deliver the Masonic Message, not only throughout our communities, but within our lodges. Our membership thirsts for knowledge. We must insure we are giving them lessons about the Fraternity at every meeting. Monthly meetings must de-emphasize "business" and emphasize education, activity, fellowship, and FUN! In this way we not

only generate interest in attendance we develop members who can carry the Masonic Message out of the lodge room. Ultimately, we create positive, uplifting memories.

Throughout 2002 each lodge must create long lasting Masonic memories. Let's start by remembering our widows. If you do not have a way to honor them—develop one. It can be a widow's night, delivery of flowers on Valentine's Day, or some other event. What a great memory you will create for her and you will carry it with you as you see the look on her face! Next, launch a similar program for your Brothers who are shut in or unable to attend your communications. This is part of our obligation.

Have a social function for the entire Masonic Family in your area. Most of us can reflect on fond family memories with a smile. Let's create some in the Masonic Family setting.

Each Mason in Nebraska is called to support our Youth Groups—not with financial gifts alone, but with attendance at no less than one youth group meeting in 2002. Our youth need and yearn for our presence at their meetings. Your presence at a meeting openly demonstrates your interest in and commitment to them on a personal level—the most important level. You will create a long lasting memory and bond between the youth and yourself.

Develop activities for your lodge or borrow them from other lodges. When you have fun, you are creating fond memories and not only will attendance improve, recruitment suddenly becomes easier. The activities are intended to be magnets attracting interest from within as well as without the lodge. Others will see and hear what you are accomplishing and want to join in—interest will soar as more want to share in the pleasant memories.

That brings us to Masonic Membership. This will be our major fund-raising activity for 2002. Yes, membership is our major fund raiser. We have discussed, examined, analyzed, critiqued, explored, complained, and lamented our membership decline far too long. We have become victims of analysis paralysis. We have spent a lot of time talking—not doing. In 2002 the talking stops and the doing begins! Within your 2002 budget is anticipated income of \$3,000 from initiation fees to be received from 300 initiations in 2001. For the 2003 budget, we will anticipate income of \$17,000 to be received from 1700 initiations in 2002. I am challenging each and every lodge to increase its membership 10%. There is a simple formula to accomplish this goal—**HARD WORK!** It is time we quit reflecting on our rich past and live in the present. It will require each of us to labor one-on-one with vigor and enthusiasm. There can be neither excuses nor reasons for failure. Each one of us can be a part of the solution or part of the problem. I submit that success can only be attained if we select the former. We all must set our mind to it and get the job done! We all want to see our membership grow. As your Grand Master, I challenge each of you to commit to signing two petitions this year. I take your commitment as that of a Mason. When it comes to Annual Communication in February 2003, we will see we made a great Masonic memory.

Along with the Masters of the subordinate lodges, it is the job of your Grand Lodge officers to provide the Masonic Motivation to see our trestle board fulfilled. We have all the tools available to make major strides in 2002. I will do my best to encourage, support, motivate, and yes, push you. Each Master will receive no less than 3 phone calls from a Grand Lodge Officer this year. He will ask you to report your progress in

membership and lodge activity and will tally those results for your lodge in a written report to me. Masters, you are charged to "set the Craft to work and give them good and wholesome instructions for their labor." You will be challenged to fulfill our goal.

Time is of the essence, so we must commence our work on Monday morning. We all know time is precious. Isn't Masonry one of the best places to invest some of your time? If you truly believe in the precepts of the Fraternity, you owe it to yourself, your lodge, and your community to band together more men of the same opinion. In America a revitalized sense of country, patriotism, and service is upon us. We must capitalize on those feelings and make known to everyone that Masonry's promotion of cardinal virtues has, is, and will remain the perfect ashlar of our society. Am I preaching to the choir? Yes because the choir gets the job done. I therefore challenge you all to a year of labor of love. Being a voluntary organization by definition implies anything accomplished is out of personal desire and conviction. It is time we put up or shut up. If it is our desire to flourish, it must be our conviction to put forth the unbridled effort. I invite you to join the crusade. We will be successful! In February 2003 we will reflect on many Masonic Memories created through delivery of the Masonic Message and Masonic Membership!

This school year at David City High School, the boys of the high school created fantastic school spirit by dressing up in wild, crazy, and colorful outfits and helped lead cheers for the girl's volleyball team. Immediately before a contest was to begin, this group, called the bleacher creatures, had a chant they "bellered." As we begin our new Masonic year, I give this chant to you as the workmen rebuilding the Masonic Edifice in Nebraska: "LET'S GET BUSY!"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon, Chairman

Due to the absence of Steven F. Mattoon due to a business commitment, M.:W.: Dwight Smith presented the report.

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2002, by Chairman Steven F. Mattoon, with the following members present: M.:W.: Jack H. Hendrix, and M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Regrettably absent due to health problems was M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer, and M.:W.: John McHenry due to inclement weather. Also in attendance were all Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Master Charles Amidon, and Past Grand Master Jerry Rittenburg.

The provisions of Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska provide that at least 15 days prior to the opening of the session of Grand Lodge that the Committee on Jurisprudence meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. However as there was a delay in delivering the full draft of the Grand Master's Address, Most Worshipful Phil Lorenzen granted leave and waiver of the fifteen days requirement of the written report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on January 22, 2002, and immediately submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

Pursuant to Section 1-304, the Jurisprudence Committee is to review all resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, including a request for Bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days whether resolutions are in proper form. The Jurisprudence Committee is then to inform the Masons submitting such Bylaw revision resolutions if such submissions are not in proper form, indicating why such submissions are not in proper form and allowing an additional 30 day time period in which to place such submission into proper form for submission at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

The Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference, with a quorum being present on each date of February 16, 2001 and April 2, 2001. All resolutions were ultimately found to be in proper form to be voted on at the 2002 session. With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, we find all to be in proper form and may be presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for ballot at this 2002 session. The complete revisions of Bylaws of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, having been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee, were duly approved. The complete revision of Bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 were also reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. The committee noted that Article 4, Section 1, is in conflict with Section 2-515 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, as the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee should be separate and distinct. Jurisprudence Committee also noted that Article 4, Section 4 of the Bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 does not strictly conform to the language of Section 2-513 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the Grand Master contact Cotner Lodge No. 297 in order to request that they revise their Bylaws to conform with Section 2-515 and Section 2-513 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. All other decisions of the Grand Master we find to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry and should be approved.

The Committee proceeded to elect M.:W.: Steven F. Mattoon as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, and M.:W.: Jack Hendrix as Secretary of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen for his very successful year and commended his year of service to the Fraternity.

As always, the Committee on Jurisprudence stands ready and willing to aid and assist your Grand Master and your elected Grand Lodge Officers in any way we can to be an advisory committee with reference to the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction and to aid our officers in the execution of their office as best we can.

Fraternally,
Steven F. Mattoon, 75, Chairman
Jack H. Hendrix, 174
John M. McHenry, 19
Dwight E. Smith, 205
Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184

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

VOTE ON TABLED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Amend Section 2-601, Dues and Assessments in paragraph three as follows:

Existing Language: "Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge...the sum of fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) as per capita tax..."

In addition, Section 1-406 also references the allocation of dues, stating:

"...The per capita tax of fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)...To the General Fund...\$11.00..."

(Note: Language quoted reflects the change in Section 2-601 and in Section 1-406 approved at the 2001 Communication of Grand Lodge increasing the per capita portion of annual dues from \$13.50 to \$14.50. The 2001 change in per capita dues further provided for an annual increase of \$1.00 for each of 5 years beginning with calendar 2001, which will be collected beginning in calendar 2002. That 2001 amendment will continue to be operative.)

Proposed Amendment and its effect:

Amend Section 2-601, Dues and Assessments as follows:

Existing Language: "Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge...the sum of fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) as per capita tax..."

Proposed Language: "...the sum of twenty Dollars (\$20.00) as per capita tax..."

Amend Section 1-406, Allocation of Funds as follows:

Existing Language: "...The per capita tax of fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)..."
"...To the General Fund...\$11.00..."

Language and Effect of Proposed Resolution:

"...The per capita tax of twenty Dollars (\$20.00) ..." "...To the General Fund.....\$16.50"

After discussion, the motion failed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Amend Section 3-102 as follows:

(Note: A Bylaws amendment in 2001 modified the text of Section 3-102 by allowing an "Appendant Body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors and enabled a lodge to meet in a building or at a location, such as a hotel or restaurant where intoxicating liquors were sold or dispensed. Resolution No. 2 proposed by delegates at the 2001 Grand Lodge

Communication would simply eliminate any reference in Section 3-102 to intoxicating liquors.)

Amend Section 3-102 by eliminating subparagraph (h).

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

(h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,

1. It shall not be a Masonic Offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the lodge.

2. It shall not a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body."

Change and Effect of Proposed Resolution:

The elimination of all of the language of subparagraph "h" as set out immediately above.

After discussion, the motion failed.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn

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

I wish to again express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor of serving as Grand Secretary. The tragic events of this past September confirm that the forces of intolerance and hatred continue to enslave the thoughts and actions of many individuals. However, out of these horrendous events, I find comfort in the teachings of our Fraternity. May we all demonstrate brotherly love and respect in our daily lives and demonstrate that the great light of Masonry offers a better way.

I want to commend the officers of our local lodges who continue to lead Nebraska Masons. A special thank you to our lodge secretaries for your efforts on behalf of our Fraternity and your lodge. Your consistent and loyal service to your local lodge is a constant reminder of all that is good about Masonry. As I serve as secretary of my lodge, I fully appreciate and salute all that you do for Nebraska Masonry.

The Grand Lodge office cannot operate without the able help of our office staff. We were sad to see Chris Rudder leave the Grand Lodge office this past year. Her many years of service and dedication to our projects, most notably our Band Camp, were

greatly appreciated. We wish her success in all her future endeavors. We are also very pleased to welcome Michelle Fulmer as our new office manager. Michelle brings a wealth of experience to this position, and we look forward to working with her in the coming years. I also want to personally thank Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt whose support, hard work and dedication during the transition of office managers ensured that the workings of the Grand Lodge office continued without interruption. I hope that you will take time during the Grand Lodge session to personally thank them for their efforts, and also take the opportunity to meet and greet Michelle.

I would also note the passing to the celestial Grand Lodge of my immediate predecessor, Virgil Tubach. Virgil ably served as Grand Secretary from 1992 to 1995. Virgil exemplified all the teachings of Masonry in his daily life, and his wealth of knowledge of Masonic history and protocol was invaluable to our Grand Lodge. He is missed, and we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Norma and his family.

We continue to enjoy our office at 1240 North 10th Street in Lincoln, and are very appreciative of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation for the purchase of this facility. If you are ever visiting in Lincoln, please feel free to stop in and visit. I know that Michelle, Carol and Jean will make you feel welcome.

In addition to visitations to lodges and meetings of the Grand Lodge throughout the state during the past year, I attended the cornerstone ceremonies for the new community center in Ainsworth, the new library addition in Wymore, and the construction projects at the Omaha Home for Boys. I also had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in Phoenix, Arizona, and the Bicentennial Session of the Scottish Rite in Charleston, South Carolina. Nebraska Masons should continue to be proud of the fact that our jurisdiction is recognized throughout the country for our innovative and proactive programs. I also attended the meeting of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Lincoln.

I continued to serve on several Grand Lodge committees in my role as Grand Secretary.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Number of Lodges	163	160
Initiated	282	292
Passed	279	277
Raised	284	282
Affiliated	40	50
Dual Membership	30	32
Reinstatements	157	172
Consolidations	0	86
Other	1	0
Total Gains	512	601
Deaths	552	540
Demits	40	48
Suspensions	499	433

Withdrawals	3	1
Consolidations	0	86
Termination of Dual	10	11
Other	0	2
Total Losses	1,104	1,121
Net Membership Changes	(592)	(520)
Membership 12/31/99		17,633
Membership 11/31/00		17,041
Preliminary Membership as of 12/31/01		16,518

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

50 year pins presented: 381
 60 year pins presented: 48
 70 year pins presented: 12

Again, may I express to the Grand Master, to my fellow Grand Lodge officers, and to the members of the Nebraska Grand Lodge my sincere appreciation for the privilege to serve as Grand Secretary. I hope that I have fulfilled my duties to your satisfaction, and in some small way aided in the advancement of our great Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,
 Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134
 Grand Secretary

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Virgil L. Tubach, Chairman

The report was presented by W. :B. : Cullen F. Pilker.

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

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the appendant bodies thereof and Freemasons, wherever dispersed, lost a giant in the Gentle Craft with the passing of our esteemed Worshipful Brother Virgil Tubach. Few people possessed the understanding and vision of Fraternal Relations, as did Virgil. He faithfully served as Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations until his death in November. We will miss the cheerful good humor and wise counsel that he exhibited when dealing with all of the issues that came before him. The Committee met in December 2000, under the able leadership of Brother Virgil, and filed a comprehensive report for the year. Now we must carry on.

During the course of the year the Committee considered the following requests for recognition:

Brazil – Mato Grosso – Serenissima Grande Loga Do Estado de Mato Grosso – The Committee recommends that recognition be granted .

Africa – Grand Lodge of Congo – Given its recent formation, the Committee recommends that recognition be tabled until additional information is received as to the formation of this Grand Lodge.

Africa - Grand Lodge of Senegal – The committee recommends that recognition be granted.

Africa – Grand Lodge of Morocco – Given its recent formation, the Committee recommends that recognition be tabled until additional information is received as to the formation of this Grand Lodge.

Mexico – Grand Lodge of Sinaloa – The committee recommends that recognition be granted.

Africa – Grand Lodge of Cameroun – Given its recent formation, the Committee recommends that recognition be tabled until additional information is received as to the formation of this Grand Lodge.

PHA - United States – Hawaii – The committee recommends that recognition be granted.

The committee continues to solicit requests for recognition from the various Prince Hall Grand Lodges in those states where the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge have entered into agreements of mutual fraternal recognition.

As Chairman, my most sincere thanks to Worshipful Brothers Lawrence Zwart, David Eads and Reginald Kuhn for their assistance and sage advice. Thanks to the staff at the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance in providing a meeting room and furnishing resource material for our labors.

Respectfully submitted,
Cullen Pilker, 39
Lawrence J. Zwart, 11
David H. Eads, 6
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, Ex-Officio

The report of the Fraternal Relations Committee, as printed, was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek

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

As we near the end of our Masonic year 69 lodges have been certified. To date 20 lodges have been certified for more than 60 years. This is a remarkable record and the officers

and members of these lodges are to be congratulated for their efforts. The lodges are as follows:

Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 (61)
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (78)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (71)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (67)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (73)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (68)
Crete Lodge No. 37 (69)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (78)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (80)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (77)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (77)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (73)
Euclid Lodge No. 97 (71)
Arcana Lodge No. 195 (68)
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (68)
North Star Lodge No. 227 (69)
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (63)
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (70)
Cotner Lodge No. 297 (61)
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (78)

Brothers Gene Wehrbein, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Dwight L. Johns, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Richard L. Nieman, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, received their initial Master Mason certification this Year. They join a select group of dedicated Masons and I commend them for their work.

Brother Delmar A. Jones, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 completed his 10th year of proficiency.

The following brethren have completed their 20th year of proficiency:

Walker W. Gruttis, Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Don L. Jelinek, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Thomas M. Michaelson, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Vincent Rosenberger, Alliance Lodge No. 183
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge No. 108

The following brethren have completed their 25th year of proficiency:

Lynn Doty, Wausa Lodge No. 251
Jack M. Johnson, Comet Lodge No. 229
Robert J. Schmucker, Comet Lodge No. 229
Augustine "Gus" S. Scolaro, Capitol Lodge No. 3
Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180
Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Larry M. Smith, Waterloo Lodge No. 102

The following brethren have completed their 30th year of proficiency:

William G. Hurst, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Russell A. Jensen, Tekamah Lodge No. 31

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency:

Donald R. Davis, Atkinson Lodge No. 164
Donald J. Launer, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Max L. Lovejoy, North Star Lodge No. 227
Ralph E. McNulty, Thistle Lodge No. 61
Harold C. Mueksch, Scribner Lodge No. 132

The following brethren completed their 40th year of proficiency:

Albert G. Bates, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Augustus A. Clark, Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., Osceola Lodge No. 65
Lorain F. Steiner, Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Douglas A. Thomas, Alliance Lodge No. 183

The following brethren completed their 45th year of proficiency:

Irving Feldman, North Star Lodge No. 227
Frank R. Harris, Nelson Lodge No. 77
Raymond A. Holm, Tekamah Lodge No. 31
H. Lewis Miller, Bellevue Lodge No. 325
Ivan N. Nord, Comet Lodge No. 229
A. Larry Rogers, Papillion Lodge No. 39
F. G. Schlosser, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

Harry A. Spencer, Sr., North Star Lodge No. 227, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 – 71 years
Ben D. Fussell, Geneva Lodge No. 79 – 53 years
John L. Beckman, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 – 52 years
Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 – 52 years
Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 – 52 years
Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 – 51 years
Justin F. Fauss, Mosaic Lodge No. 55 – 51 years
James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 – 51 years
Nels H. Ostergaard, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 – 51 years
Collins L. Wilcox, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 – 50 years

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

Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 – District 1
Augustine “Gus” S. Scolaro, Capitol Lodge No. 3 – District 2
Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325 – District 3
James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31 – District 4
Ronald D. Grass, Tekamah Lodge No. 31 – District 5
Thomas R. Reed, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Omadi Lodge No. 5 – District 6
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge No. 108 – District 7
John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 – District 8
Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 – District 9
Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 – District 10
Michael G. Birmstihl, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 – District 11
Robert L. Carter, Jr., Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 – District 13
Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 – District 17
Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 – District 18
Carl C. Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 – District 19
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Mid-West Lodge No. 317 – District 20
Wayne E. Beatty, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 – District 21
Delmar A. Jones, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Osceola Lodge No. 65 – District 24
Richard W. Linnemeyer, McCook Lodge No. 135 – District 25
Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 – District 26
Keith B. Leibhart, Custer Lodge No. 148 – District 27
Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 – District 28
Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195 – District 29
Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 – District 30
Kenneth G. Fleming, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 – District 31
Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180 – District 32
Harold C. Mueksch, Scribner Lodge No. 132 – District 34
Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge No. 325 – District 35
Bruce A. Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300 – District 36
Albert A. Wise, Geneva Lodge No. 79 – District 37
Frank R. Harris, Nelson Lodge No. 77 – District 38

The following are the current Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti. It is significant to note that we receive a considerable amount of assistance from these dedicated brethren. You will find three listed above whom are still active in their respective districts. Also, we are blessed to have some very talented apprentice custodians who are very much a part of the total program to assist lodges in their areas.

Glen W. Binder
Herman O. Hansen
Richard L. Mauch
Frank R. Harris
Ben D. Fussell
Ralph McNulty
A.W. Clark
D. Wayne Erickson
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr.
Lynn Doty
Eugene C. Sibley
Richard W. Linnemeyer

Augustine "Gus" S. Scolaro
Vincent Rosenberger

The annual custodians' school was held in Grand Island on September 21, 2001. This year we practiced the procedure for conferring the three degrees of Masonry on five or fewer candidates. My thanks to Most Worshipful Charles W. Amidon, the Committee on Work and all of the Deputy Custodians for their patience and contributions to this project. We were pleased to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen, our Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Michael E. Jones, two Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti, and three apprentice custodians. Also, three Master Masons who are leaders in their respective lodges were present for the school.

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 17 schools of instruction. My thanks to all who assisted and attended these schools. In addition to the schools of instruction, I had the privilege of participating in the Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremonies and attended numerous Grand Lodge and constituent lodge functions and degrees around the state.

I thank Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen, for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15
Grand Custodian

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

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leslie A. Evert, Chairman

The Lodge Advisory Committee has been working to identify lodges with problems and ways to remedy the problems. We assisted the Grand Lodge officers in setting up help teams. These teams consist of a Past Grand Master and a Deputy Grand Custodian, who in turn visit these lodges and file a report. During their visit to the lodge, they make suggestions and help the local officers and members to find solutions. During the past year there have been eleven such teams working throughout the state.

As Chairman, I wish to thank all of the brothers who have participated in this worthwhile endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie A. Evert, 195, Chairman
Cullen F. Pilker, 39
Dale W. Anderson, 158
Robert O. Rhodes, 96
Alvin Benemerito, 136

The report of the Lodge Advisory Committee, as printed, was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Michael E. Jones presided over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

M.:W.: Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen reported that the Jurisprudence Committee stated that the committee did review all recommendations being made by the Grand Master and found that Recommendations 1-7 are all in proper form and can be balloted upon at this Annual Communication.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Amend Section 1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE

This recommendation would allow a vote for the Grand Lodge Officer appointed to the position of Grand Tyler. All other appointed Grand Lodge Officers have a vote. The Grand Tyler would simply need to be informed by the Grand Junior Deacon during the Grand Lodge Communication of his right to vote when the ballot was to be spread on any measure.

Grand Master's recommendation: *Amend Sec. 1-104 to read as hereinafter set out.*

“Sec.1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE – Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, ~~except the Grand Tyler,~~ shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A majority of votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-502 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.”

With no discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Changes provisions for appointment to Masonic All-Star Band Committee and provides for period of service for Committee Members. The Bylaw as originally drafted and passed contains provisions which are unclear. This recommendation seeks to provide clarification.

Original:

“Sec. 1-311 – MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND – The Committee on Masonic All-Star Band shall consist of three (3) members, the Grand Junior Deacon as liaison officer and a former Grand Lodge Officer as advisor. Each of the members shall serve for a period of five (5) years, except the initial board who shall each serve for five (5) years and after five (5) years one member shall retire annually. The liaison officer and the former Grand Lodge Officer serving as advisor will be appointed by the Grand Master. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the Masonic

All-Star Band's selection, site, financial and personnel needed for the function of the Masonic All-Star Band, its camp and performances.”

Grand Master's recommendation: *Amend Sec. 1-311 to read as hereinafter set out.*

“**Sec. 1-311 – MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND** – The Committee on Masonic All-Star Band shall consist of five members of which three (3) members shall be at large members not required to be Masons and of which two (2) members must be Masons, with one of the two required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Junior Deacon shall serve as a liaison officer. Each of the members shall serve for a period of five (5) years from the first year of appointment of the Committee, and after five (5) years, the Grand Master's appointments to the Committee shall be made with a specified period of appointment such that one member shall retire annually, thereafter. Appointments made to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term of such vacancy. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the Masonic All-Star Band's selection, site, financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the Masonic All-Star Band, its camp and performances.”

After discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend Section 1-314 – NEBRASKA WORK, concerning certification of subordinate lodges.

A ninety (90) day time allowance for certification allows a somewhat limited time to accomplish certification of opening and closing. Further, the current language mandates the Grand Master's arresting of a charter of a subordinated lodge failing to accomplish certification. This change would allow for more leniency on the part of the Grand Master in choosing to not arrest a charter.

Original:

“(g) With the availability of an authorized cipher, the installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall demonstrate to the Grand Custodian within ninety (90) days of their installation, that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master, shall arrest its charter, provided that the Grand Master, for good cause shown, may extend the time, but not longer than to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.”

Grand Master's recommendation: *Amend Sec. 1-314 subparagraph (g) to read as hereinafter set out.*

“(g) The installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall annually demonstrate to the Grand Custodian that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master, may arrest its charter.

After discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend Section 2-312 -- INSTALLATION-TIME-DISPENSATION-WAIVER.

While the Grand Master may now grant dispensation to move a charter for meeting purposes, this recommendation clarifies the Grand Master's authority for such dispensation. It would also recognize that a lodge may not have its "own hall", so this recommendation further seeks to make clear that a lodge may be meeting in a space or location which is not such lodge's own hall.

Original:

"A Public Installation is permissible and may be ordered by the Master without a vote of the lodge, but all that constitutes a lodge must be present, and the lodge must be opened and closed in its own hall."

Grand Master's recommendation: *Amend Sec. 2-312 paragraph three, to read as hereinafter set out.*

"A Public Installation is permissible and may be ordered by the Master without a vote of the lodge, but all that constitutes a lodge must be present, and the lodge must be opened and closed in its regular chartered location, provided however, that dispensation may be requested of and may be granted by the Grand Master to move such charter to another suitable location for purposes of such installation."

With no discussion, and by a show of hands, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend Section 3-102 to define "Appendant Masonic Bodies."

The term appendant Masonic bodies is commonly used in conversation and appears in the Bylaws only in Section 3-102, subparagraph (e) but is not a defined term in the Bylaws.

Grand Master's recommendation: *Amend Sec. 3-102 to read as hereinafter set out, adding the last sentence thereto.*

Section 3-102, subparagraph (e)

"Making application to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the York

Rite Sovereign College of North America, High Twelve International, Inc., Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatus, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony. The above described organizations, societies or institutions are commonly referred to as, and are hereby defined as, appendant bodies or appendant Masonic bodies."

With no discussion, and by a show of hands, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Amend Section 2-704 concerning circumstances under which the Grand Master or the master of a subordinate lodge may make available a roster of lodge membership or the Grand Master may make available proceedings of the Grand Lodge Communication.

Changes provisions for distribution or issuance of a roster of lodge membership. Section 2-704 provides that a roster of members of the Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodges may be distributed or issued only upon the approval of the Grand Master, or for a subordinate lodge, by the Master of such subordinate lodge. The topical index to the Bylaws indexes the Section as such lists "not being available for commercial use."

Grand Master's recommendation: *Amend Section 2-704 to read as follows, with the underlined additions thereto:*

"Sec. 2-704 – LODGE ROSTER – No commercial use may be made of any proceedings of the Grand Lodge or of any roster of members of any subordinate lodge or of the Grand Lodge. No person, corporation, organization or entity shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof by the Grand Secretary or the Grand Lodge Office without the prior approval of the Grand Master. No person, corporation, organization or entity shall be furnished with a roster of any subordinate lodge or the members thereof by the Secretary of said subordinate lodge or any officer or member thereof without prior approval of the Master of said subordinate lodge. Any request to the Grand Lodge Office or to the Grand Master or to the Secretary or the Master of a subordinate lodge for a roster of members must be made in writing and such request must include the intended usage, must contain a statement that such list will not be further distributed or sold, must contain a statement that such membership roster will not be employed for any commercial usage, and such request must be dated and signed by the requesting party."

With no discussion, and by a show of hands, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Amend Chapter IX, Sections 2-901 through 2-912, by adding an additional section, Section 2-913, to allow a candidate to be proposed by not less than three Master Masons within a specific subordinated lodge and to be elected prior to such candidate formally signing a petition for initiation, such that he might be proposed for election previous to fully completing a petition, thereby eliminating embarrassment to the lodge and to such candidate which might occur should an unfavorable vote occur. Knowing that a unanimous vote must be had to receive the degrees of Masonry, some well-qualified candidates who, because of a high profile in a community or other reasons, believe they dare not

chance being voted unfavorably and such unfavorable ballot somehow "leaked" to the public, thereby causing a negative (albeit perhaps unfounded) public image, will not risk signing and presenting the petition for membership. It is felt by some Masons that the risk of such potential rejection, even though probably unfounded by a potential candidate is real enough that some otherwise qualified candidates avoid any risk associated with petitioning. In the jurisdiction of Nebraska, open solicitation is allowed, this proposed process would simply extend and enhance the invitation to join process. The process would remain the knowledge of only the lodge and in the event of rejection for initiation, no public knowledge (nor personal knowledge on the part of the would be candidate) of such rejection would be allowed.

Grand Master's recommendation: *Add Section 2-913, which proposed Section would read as follows:*

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

After discussion, the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Steven C. Smith, Chairman

The year 2001 started off with the Membership Committee presenting the second annual membership award to Thistle Lodge No. 61 at Lexington and Corinthian Lodge No. 83 at Wakefield at the Grand Lodge meeting in Lincoln.

The Membership Committee's focus in 2001 was to achieve the following Grand Master's goals.

1. Continue to promote a "Dad's Birthday Wish – Man to Man" established in 2000
2. To utilize the recruiting pamphlet published by The Masonic Information Center titled *Who Are the Masons? And What Do They Do?* (Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen sent every lodge in Nebraska ten pamphlets along with ten petitions)
3. To limit the members who are suspended or take withdrawals to 2% annually
4. By 2003 increase membership 25% over 1999 membership
5. Develop a Membership Recruiting Program

I am pleased to inform you that measurable progress was made toward all goals. Many lodges had success with the Targeting Program and increase in new lodge activities, such as an annual wives brunch, table lodges, golf outings, stags, numerous award dinners and cluster lodge functions.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven C. Smith I, 268 & 287, Chairman
Neil A. Henry, 26
Gene Closson, 5
Marion Warner, 135
George White, 50

After the reading of the Membership Report, a short Membership Program on PowerPoint was presented by Steven C. Smith.

M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Membership Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Jerry L. Rittenburg, Chairman

We wish to thank the Grand Master for the opportunity to again work with the Masonic Band Camp. It is a most enjoyable experience to work with the band members and to see them progress during the few days of the camp.

We also want to thank the staff in the Grand Lodge office for all the work they do all year long that contributes so much to the smooth operation of the band camp.

This Committee may very well have been one of the busiest committees this year. We had several meetings, beginning in April, to arrange the camp and to adopt guidelines for its successful operation.

There were problems with the practice facilities this year due to another band camp on campus at the same time. The office staff, with the help of the Shrine Bowl office staff managed to work out times and places for us to practice. We thank the Shrine Bowl staff for their help.

The Committee set a limit of 300 students for the band and if more applications were received, they would be returned to the students.

The Committee scheduled the following activities for the band members, besides the usual performances and practices:

Tuesday evening was a pizza party

Wednesday evening a swimming pool party

Thursday evening, a dance at the UNL student union

Friday evening was the Shrine Bowl dinner where the band played, then a movie

Saturday morning was the parade followed by a picnic in the park. The afternoon was spent at the Scottish Rite Temple, with dinner provided by the Scottish Rite.

The football game was in the evening and the half time show was the conclusion of the camp.

At one time there were over 270 applications with sponsors for the 2001 band camp. For various reasons there were several students that were unable to attend and had to cancel before the beginning of the camp. We had 264 students for the camp and the fees were returned to those sponsors of students who were unable to attend.

The camp went very well, even with the largest group of students of any camp to date.

Following the band camp a critique sheet was sent to band directors, band assistants/chaperones and to band members. Each of the three critique sheets was designed for the group to whom it was sent. These sheets could be sent back anonymously. A large percentage of them were returned. The Committee held a meeting with a band assistant, two chaperones, two band members and one parent of a student where the results of the critiques were distributed and discussed.

While we think the band camp was very good and should be considered a success there is always room for improvement. We think there were suggestions from both the students and chaperones that should be included in next year's camp. There will not be major changes, but rather some small tweaking of the program.

One of the biggest problems facing the Committee is the recruiting and training of chaperones. This has been a problem every year. The University requires that we have one chaperone for fifteen students. We intend to chaperone the band members better than other camps. The Committee is adamant that nothing is going to happen to any student while under the care of The Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We need more chaperones, especially multiple shift, to continue the constant supervision of the band members.

Finally, we want to thank the chaperones for all they do during the camp and the Scottish Rite for their contribution to our program and for hosting the band members during a very hot afternoon and for providing a wonderful meal.

A very special thanks to all those individuals and Masonic groups for sponsoring students to attend this camp. Many students, especially from smaller schools, will recall this as one of the highlights of their high school years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210, Chairman
Don E. Rasmussen, 135 & 82
Marie Rasmussen
Sara Yokel
Michael G. Birmstihl, 314

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



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

- Awards
- Board of Grand Trustees
- Charters and Dispensations
- Finance Committee
- Freemasonry and Religion
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee
- Grand Lodge Offices
- Grievances
- Insurance Review
- Masonic Education
- Masonic Relief
- Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
- Nebraska Masonic Home
- Public Relations Committee
- Temple Building Advisory Committee
- Youth

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

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

John C. McQuinn, Chairman

As Master of your lodge, you understand the very real potential for recognizing someone in your community or within your lodge, for a Masonic Award. Such activity is a tremendous way to show your community that Masonry is alive and well in Nebraska and to reward the brother in your lodge who always goes the extra distance beyond the length

of his cable tow to aid and support his lodge. Now is the time to act - - - submit your applications and nominations today.

In addition, the Grand Lodge Awards Committee is asked to submit the name of a Brother who is deserving of the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award. In the past, nominations have been few and far between. What an outstanding way to recognize a Brother who you think is Mason of the Year material. Please don't delay; forward your nomination to the Grand Lodge office with the reasons you believe the Brother should be considered.

Last but not least, fill out the applications for the Rock Maul and Gold Pan Awards. Every lodge in Nebraska has done something during the year to make it eligible for consideration. Take care to follow the instructions for each. Remember - - - you can't win if you don't enter.

Contact the Grand Lodge Office if you have any questions or need any forms.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman
N. Daniel Sodomka, 82
John Lippert, 323
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., 65
Paul R. Eveland, 119
Emil A Schadwinkel, 183

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

William S. Eastwood, Chairman

Calendar year 2001 will long be remembered. First, for our devastating terrorist attacks. But, also for the significant impact world and national events had on all economies and particularly on our own national economy. The past couple of years have been very difficult for financial markets. Still, the assets and investments of the Grand Lodge have remained reasonably secure in those difficult markets.

The Grand Lodge uses Lawson Kroeker Investment Management, Inc. as the investment manager for the funds. Custodial safekeeping is under the direction of the First National Bank of Omaha Trust Department.

The December 31, 2001 year-end totals of the investment accounts at market value were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>
Cash & Equivalent	\$ 14,378	\$ 82,708
Bonds/Fixed Income Securities	\$ 839,751	\$ 497,676
Equity Securities	\$ 600,441	\$ 491,007
Total	\$ 1,454,570	\$ 1,071,391

Annually, an independent audit is commissioned by the Grand Lodge. The audit for 2001 is currently underway by Dana F. Cole & Company. Audits for prior years are on file at

the Grand Lodge Office. Various Committees of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Officers will review the results of the 2001 audit as it is completed early in 2002.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. Eastwood, 256, Chairman
Donald J. Schonberg, 327
William W. Cook, III, 314

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Francis L. Crowe, Chairman

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

Respectfully submitted,
Francis L. Crowe, 56, Chairman
Donald W. Madsen, 11
Nile K. Johnson, 21

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Terry L. Spencer, Chairman

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

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

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

Budgeted revenues for 2001 were \$458,976.59 and actuals were \$436,706.11.

Budgeted expenditures for 2001 were \$446,850.47 and actuals were \$434,023.65.

Any individual categories of expenses over budget amounts were reviewed by the Appropriations Committee and approved.

The process of the Committee review was hindered by the change in computer accounting programs. However, the Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for all expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office, thanks to the well maintained files and assistance provided by the Office Manager and the staff of the Grand Lodge office.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Terry L. Spencer, 227, Chairman
Michael R. McFarlin, 1
Jack Lorenzen, 314 & 10
John M. Dick, 15
Doug Heim, 15

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEMASONRY & RELIGION

V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman

The Committee on Freemasonry and Religion has been involved with several areas of concern this past year. Several of our members who are active in their church denomination, or in one case a men's organization that distributes copies of the Bible, have had their Masonic affiliation challenged by these groups. In the case of the men's group, it appears to be only a local unit that has become critical of Freemasonry and not the entire organization. These criticisms are based on the fact that we do not require a belief in Christ to be a member. Masonry is not a religion and only a belief in a Supreme Being is required for membership. We do not discourage any member from being a dedicated Christian (as are many of our members). However, we do not exclude anyone who has a belief in a Supreme Being from our membership. It is the old argument, that if you do not require members to believe in Christ, you are anti-Christ. We teach high moral conduct, with many lessons Biblically based, and are not anti-Christian in any sense. However, there will always be certain groups that label us as such for the reasons stated above.

During the year, the movie "From Hell," based on the Jack the Ripper story, was released. In advance of its release, it was reported to have derogatory references to Freemasonry. However, the movie did not appear to be very successful at the box office, and therefore received limited exposure. In checking the Past Grand Master of Vermont, Richard Fletcher at the Masonic Service Association, we learned that Freemasonry was rarely mentioned in the movie then only in "...raising the tired old theory of royalty in a conspiracy with the Freemasons."

Past Grand Master Fletcher also mentioned that on November 25, 2001, the *Washington Post* magazine wrote a very favorable article on Freemasonry. The Masonic Service Association will be providing information on both the above items in its next *Focus* release.

The Committee remains available to assist lodges or members with the issues regarding Freemasonry and Religion. Also, the MSA's Masonic Information Center has a number of publications relating to Freemasonry and Religion, and they are available through the Grand Lodge office.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, Chairman
Rev. John F. Dale, 126
D. Scott Rogge, 256
Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

The financial downturn which we have seen has affected the Memorial Association just as it has affected everyone else. Our finances, for a number of years, have been managed by Salomon Smith Barney, and their expert assistance has kept us from serious financial problems. But, like everyone, our income from investments is down and our assets are worth a little less than we could have expected in previous years. Most repair and improvement projects which we had anticipated have had to be put on "hold" until finances improve. Yet we are still able to do our regular business and keep the Memorial open for visitors.

When you come right down to it, our financial success still depends on our owners and members, the Grand Lodges of the United States. Six Grand Lodges have followed the example of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and have voted a 50 cent per-capita annual contribution to support the Memorial and several more have promised to do so. We believe that this is becoming the "thing to do" and that many more Grand Lodges will soon follow along, just as, some 30 years ago, most Grand Lodges moved from a \$1.00 raising fee to a \$5.00 one.

This last year saw the dedication of the granite markers acknowledging contributions to the erection of the 60' by 70' Square and Compasses in front of the Memorial. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is listed on those markers as a substantial donor. This is in addition to the annual contribution to the support of the Memorial and is greatly appreciated.

One exciting development during the last year has been the agreement between the Memorial and the Capitol City Opera Co. that the Opera Company would be the Resident Opera of the Memorial. The Opera Company's approach is for an intimate house accentuating the human elements of opera and establishing an immediate and powerful rapport with the audience. Last December, *Hansel and Gretel* was a sold-out success, and *La Traviata* will be presented June 1, 7 and 9, 2002.

The year 2002 is a big one for Masonry. Two hundred fifty years ago, George Washington became a Mason. He was initiated on November 4, 1752 into Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. Over the centuries, it has been the custom to celebrate the anniversary of his initiation.

Washington's Mother Lodge always has a large celebration on November 4, and without doubt, it will do so on this important occasion. Your 2002 Committee has been requested by the Grand Master to plan an appropriate celebration in Nebraska of the 250th Masonic anniversary of this important American Mason. While the committee will be working hard to make appropriate plans, we solicit the input of all thoughtful Masons. A few ideas have come forward. First, it is believed that the Nebraska celebration should be a week or more before or after the initial weekend in November, since there may be those who would like or need to attend the events in Fredericksburg. Hastings has a long tradition of doing a Master Masons Degree in colonial costume near Washington's birthday on February 22. They have expressed an interest in doing a colonial costume degree for the November celebration, and it is possible that the Lodge might, at that time, even receive a visit by W.: Brother Washington, himself. It is likely that the Heroes of '76 might assist us by appearing in costume at various Grand Lodge and major events to announce such a celebration.

The foregoing does not foreclose other Lodges or Masonic Bodies from coming up with other events to celebrate this very special occasion. This is also a time for public events involving those who have not come to Masonic Light.

There are many possibilities of ways in which to celebrate this important occasion and also advertise Masonry to those who do not know us. We ask every Mason, every Master, every Past-Master, every Officer and every Mason's Wife or Daughter to think of ways to properly promote Masonry by our commemorating this greatest American and Mason.

Please give it some thought.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman
Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15
Orval W. Cooley, 323
Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297
Byron Hust, 198

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

Dale G. Lueders, Chairman

It seems every year the Grand Lodge Office has new challenges and opportunities. The year 2001 was no exception; one of the challenges in 2001 was to find a new Grand Lodge office manager. The foundation of the Grand Lodge office is our staff and we are glad to welcome Michelle Fulmer as our new Grand Lodge office manager. Michelle's organizational and managerial skills will be a great asset to the Grand Lodge office. Michelle would welcome all members to stop in and meet her.

In the interim period without a Grand Lodge office manager, the Grand Lodge office staff of Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt did a great job of running the office, and all Nebraska Masons thank them for their extra efforts.

In addition to completing the daily, weekly and monthly tasks necessary to keep the Grand Lodge operating; there were a number of items completed this year. Internet access was installed on all the office terminals for improved communications with our lodge secretaries and members. The web site software was upgraded for a new look and feel. This allowed for ease of navigation and the gathering of information such as filing secretary reports via the Internet.

Communication is a key element in the success of any organization and the Grand Lodge office is making every effort to have open dialect with the Grand Lodge officers, and Nebraska Masons. If you have any suggestions or ideas of better communication avenues, please inform the Grand Lodge office.

Also, as a reminder, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has a new web page and web site address. The Web site has been very active, and we hope you continue to access this site for up-to-date information on the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The new web site address is: <http://www.gln.org>

Remember to stop by the Grand Lodge office and say hello the next time you are in Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale G. Lueders, 300 & 220, Chairman
Glenn A. Ried, 11
James L. Holland, 15
Suman Vallabhbhai, 314
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Don E. Rasmussen, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matters of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the year 2001-2002 of the Grand Lodge A.:.F.: & A.:.M.: of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135, Chairman
Don Bottorf, 49
Jay H. Speck, 6
Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE REVIEW

Michael E. Jones, Chairman

No meeting was held in 2001 as the market conditions were such that the present coverage and carriers were meeting our needs. We will monitor conditions into 2002 and determine if bids need to be let and coverage reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, Chairman
Bruce A. Watkins, 300
William Keller, 250
Lowell C. Erickson, 251

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Education is gearing up for getting *To Light!* to all Masons in Nebraska. Joining the Education Committee to help in this task is William Walker of Lincoln, Ron Stites of Omaha, Robert Carr of Lincoln and Richard Harris of Lincoln. These Brethren have volunteered to perform research and write articles to assist Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons in the publishing of *To Light!* Some of the logistics of getting *To Light!* to the membership of Nebraska are causing concern, but the committee is determined to solve these problems.

Again at the 2000 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the Education Committee presented a Masonic Education Breakfast. Topics included the 2000 recommended books, the origins of Nebraska Grand Lodge, and the need for Masonry in the world today.

Masonic Education Symposiums are being presented two times a year at four locations. Although attendance has been a little disappointing, the Committee will continue this in 2002. Topics include Masonic Jeopardy, Do You Want to be a Masonic Millionaire and other topics that attempt to convey Masonic Education to members.

The Education Committee participated in the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education. This year's conference was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The contacts made at this conference and the ideas shared by the attendees make this a valuable source for your Education Committee. States involved are Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, and Manitoba, Canada. Some of these states are more advanced in their Masonic Education practices than Nebraska and some are well behind. Larry Jacobsen presented his talk on the need for Masonry in the world today and Dennis Brydl addressed the group as to the programs and activities by the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee. Cedar Rapids is the location of the nation's largest Masonic Museum/Library. Larry and Dennis were given a special tour of the library courtesy of the Deputy Grand Secretary, who administers the activities at the Museum/Library. This is virtually a treasure trove of Masonic History. Spending a day or two would not allow anyone to see everything.

The Saints John Lodge of Masonic Education has been organized. The lodge is in hopes of receiving their charter in 2002. Many have joined and several of these members have already presented Masonic Education Papers. The preparation and presentation of Masonic Education papers is not a requirement of all members. Those that do are contributing to the article base for *To Light!* Meetings will be held just two times a year with a meal and presentations of Masonic papers written by members.

The Education Committee continues to be one of the most active committees in the Grand Lodge. 2002 will be no exception. The Committee can only prepare information, present instruction to members, and continue in the several established activities. Masons in Nebraska must take the initiative and attend some of the symposiums, breakfast, or at least read the *To Light!* articles to further their understanding of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314, Chairman
John T. Parsons, 268 & 39
Thomas L. Hauder, 210
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327
George Eichenberg, 120

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Gerald D. Verbeek, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief received two (2) requests for assistance during this Masonic Year. One request was to assist Worshipful Brother David Snyder; George Washington Lodge No. 250 after fire destroyed his residence. The other request was made by York Lodge No. 56 to assist the widow of Brother Donald Robson. \$125 was approved in each case, for a total expenditure of \$250 for this Masonic Year.

As a consequence of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Grand Master published a letter urging Masons and lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to contribute to the disaster fund established to assist victims of the attacks. The initial contributions totaled \$1470, and were forwarded to the Masonic Service Association as our contribution to the fund established for the combined Masonic contribution to assist victims of the attack.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15, Chairman
Alvin G. Sundell, 83
Jerry L. Sievers, 256
David G. Otte, 119
Ron W. Osborne, 256

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

It is with great pleasure I bring you this report of activities and happenings of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Operations of the Home are very

smooth only because of the expertise of Ben Harvey and his fine staff. Ben is in his 21st year as our Executive Director, and your board is more than pleased and appreciative of his 24 hour a day, seven day a week, performance. It is probably the most demanding job a person could have, and he does it with a smile and a good word always. This isn't just Ben, you know, it's his wife and children, too. They are very supportive and very helpful, making his job that much easier and enjoyable. That kind of family support is also a must for the Director of Child Care, and you should know that he also has that support allowing him to perform his duties well. We are blessed with good house parents and Director of 4-H, buildings and grounds, and maintenance of buildings and grounds personnel. The Board sets the policy governing the Home and the Executive Director sets the policy in motion and makes it work.

Nebraska Mason and Eastern Star members have always been, and continue to be, very generous with their gifts and bequests, and we take good care of these greatly appreciated funds by investing them wisely using the expertise of our Financial Advisor, James N. DeMoss, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patron. We meet bi-monthly at the office of US Bank Piper Jaffrey through a conference call with Jim. All present are given copies of the latest data, sent by Fed Ex earlier that morning, to look over at length concerning the status of our invested funds. I am pleased to report to you that because of our style of safe as possible equity investing, we are not affected greatly by the swings of the market either up or down. Our portfolio shows steady growth. Our annual report including the financial report is available for members to see at the desk of the Lodge and Chapter secretaries if interested. We encourage your interest, and your inspection. It's your Home.

Our Home has received five parcels of farm ground over the years, and we have chosen to keep them as working farms operated by renters of long standing. Three of our Board members are experienced owner-operators of farms, and as members of our Property Management Committee they have agreed to look after our farms. We greatly appreciate their added responsibilities, and heartily thank them for their efforts. It saves the Home the expense of hired farm managers, and raises the net return from the operations. Annually this committee makes an on the grounds visit to each parcel, meeting with the renter, and discussing with him plans for his operations for that season. Your Board members are very proud to perform their duties in your behalf, and you as members of Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters, are to be commended for your continuing support. The children whose lives have been enhanced from your kindness and support while residents of this wonderful Masonic-Eastern Star Home experience will thank you for the rest of their lives. This effort is truly Masonry at work.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. "Ched" House, 52, President

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
Mary Stapp, Executive Director

Another year has been completed at The Nebraska Masonic Home, and I am proud to inform you that it has been a very busy and personally satisfying year for everyone.

As I reflect on the increased census we have experienced this past year, the staff and I feel very proud that we have been able to care for a record high number of eligible Nebraska Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughters. Our average census over the last year has been 105. This census includes 12 couples. These numbers are exciting. We are so pleased to be caring for a record high census and providing the highest quality of life to each resident who resides in our facility. The wide range of services we continue to offer here at The Masonic Home includes 35 apartments for independent and/or assisted living, a 100-bed 24-hour nursing care center with minimum to maximum care, and a 14-bed Alzheimer's Dementia Special Care Unit. The full continuum of care that our facility offers plus our highly valued reputation for giving excellent care to our residents is what makes The Masonic Home such an attractive retirement home and long-term care facility.

The Masonic Home feels blessed to have had another year of loyal visitors from many Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Job's Bethels, and Rainbow Assemblies. Our two annual resident picnic dinners served by Narcissus Kensington of Omaha and Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth are two events our residents truly enjoy. Our residents have made many friends among these two groups and appreciate the hard work entailed in preparing and bringing the entire picnic meal to our dining room for the residents' enjoyment. Our residents and employees welcome all visitors with joy and a special pride in being able to show our guests what a beautiful Home we provide for our residents.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, employees, and residents, I want to extend a very sincere thank you to Grand Master, Philip A. Lorenzen, and the Grand Lodge officers as well as Worthy Grand Matron Dee Schuetz and Worthy Grand Patron Robert Attebury and the Eastern Star Grand family. Your frequent visits to The Home over the last year are a true sign of your caring and interest in the operation of The Nebraska Masonic Home. The monetary and personal support from both Masonic bodies has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

The Masonic Home was privileged to present a 50-year Masonic pin to Norman Johnson on July 28. Norman is a member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136. On December 16 Waterloo Lodge No. 102 presented Harold Holmes his 60-year Masonic pin. Congratulations gentlemen and thank you lodge members, family, and friends for helping us make each event a day to remember.

The Boon Memorial Food Truck arrived on November 17, 2001. Edwin Weber of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 who is the coordinator of this yearly project is to be commended for its success. The time, energy and monetary donations that make it possible for The Home's storeroom to be restocked with food items is greatly appreciated. Our Board of Trustees, residents, and staff are grateful to the participating lodges and chapters for donating to this much-appreciated project.

A special thanks to the Tangier Shrine Chanters for entertaining our residents with beautiful Christmas music on December 4.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all Masonic Home employees and administrative staff for their commitment and loyalty to The Home and our residents. Our top priority is to provide our residents with an environment that is enjoyable, caring, and dignified. I feel we have achieved that goal again this year.

The success of The Masonic Home is also the result of our loyal 15-member Board of Trustees. Your hard work, good counsel, and dedicated service to our residents and The Home are to be commended. Thank you on behalf of all our residents and employees for the time and effort you devote to making decisions so that The Masonic Home will always be the best place for our residents to live and our employees to work. Thank you gentlemen for your continued dedication to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Stapp
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Russell G. Reno, Chairman

The Public Relations Committee continued in 2001 to promote Masonry in Nebraska.

The Committee prepared news releases about the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and awards received by lodges. They were sent to local newspapers.

News releases also were prepared for the installation of officers and distributed to newspapers, radio and TV stations throughout the state.

Assistance was provided by the committee at the Sixth Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band clinic in the taking of photographs, preparation of news releases and coordinating news media coverage. A revised promotion plan for the Seventh Annual Band clinic was implemented in late 2001 when letters were prepared and sent to Senior Wardens, encouraging them to include sponsorship of a student in their plans for 2002.

The Committee continues to review the content of publications from other Grand Jurisdictions. Besides providing additional ideas and articles for *The Nebraska Mason* newsletter, other information about the state of Masonry in the world is interesting.

We continue to address development of a video about Masonry in Nebraska.

The Committee continues work on a manual about setting up cornerstone laying ceremonies and celebrations.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell G. Reno, 297, Chairman
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Stephen C. Alvis, 210
Richard Todd Simpson, 327
Ed Bennett, 61

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
James C. Gathman, Chairman

No action was required by the Temple Building Advisory Committee for the year 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Gathman, 327, Chairman
Richard D. Nelson, Jr., 281
Dale C. Crandall, 200

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH
Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., Chairman

2001 again was a year of progress and excitement for the Masonic Youth Committee. This year four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. The Grand Lodge also approved a budget item of \$1,000 towards expenses related to the 2002 Leadership Workshop for all Masonic youth to be held September 29-30, 2002.

The four scholarship award winners were: Amy Copper, North Platte, winner of the Grand Master's scholarship (begun in 2000) and a member of Job's Daughters; Laura Beth Herschlag, Omaha, representing Job's Daughters; Jennifer Birdsall, Lincoln, representing Rainbow and Derek Williams, Alliance, representing DeMolay. Each recipient was an outstanding example of our youth leadership. They represent a group of nine excellent applicants for Grand Lodge and Masonic youth scholarships.

Our budget request for 2002 again includes awarding four \$1,000 scholarships plus additional funding for the Masonic Youth Leadership Workshop in September 2002. Several meetings were held during the year with the various subcommittee members and their leadership working towards a successful Youth Leadership workshop next year. The Kearney Holiday Inn facilities will be the location for the workshop. Attendance estimates were adjusted from six hundred to five hundred based upon declining membership at various youth organizations' fall activities during calendar year 2001. The various subcommittees continue to be lead by the following subcommittee chairpersons: Jason Wood, Program Subcommittee; Don Jelinek, Budget Subcommittee; Gene Wehrbein, Registration Subcommittee; and Russ Reno and Cathy Wagner, Promotion Subcommittee.

At the suggestion of committee member, Byron Hust, an article was submitted to the *Nebraska Mason* summarizing the positive comments from our Masonic youth identifying the positives gained through Masonic youth groups. Finally, a big "thank you!" to Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen and Deputy Grand Master Mike Jones for their encouragement and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., 297 & 256, Chairman
Steve Pitman, 50
Byron Hust, 198
Dennis L. Smith, 15
Scott Sprague, 224

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

M.: W.: Past Grand Master V. Kaye Ramsey made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW
Lester R. Seiler, Chairman

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/ 2002), amendment is as follows:

Sec.1-104 – VOTES IN GRAND LODGE – Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 1-102 of this code. A majority of votes cast shall determine all questions, except as provided in Section 1-502 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/ 2002), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 1-311 – MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND – The Committee on Masonic All-Star Band shall consist of five (5) members of which three (3) members shall be at large members not required to be Masons and of which two (2) members must be Masons, with one of the two required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Junior Deacon shall serve as a liaison officer. Each of the members shall serve for a period of five (5) years from the first year of appointment of the Committee, and after five (5) years the Grand Master's appointments to the Committee shall be made with a specified period of appointment such that one member shall retire annually, thereafter. Appointments made to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term of such vacancy. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the Masonic All-Star Band's selection, site, financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the Masonic All-Star Band, its camp and performances.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/ 2002), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 1-314 – NEBRASKA WORK

(a) The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of one certified Past Grand Master and two from the following – Past Grand Custodians, Deputy Grand Custodians, or Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus, each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to the appeal to, and determination by, the Grand Lodge.

(b) The committee shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by Allen Publishing Company of New York, so as to conform to the work authorized in the Nebraska jurisdiction; that the only authorized cipher shall be edited and published by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and that the cipher shall be separate from and not replace the Monitor and Ceremonies for Nebraska.

(c) Every Master Mason may purchase the authorized cipher from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the Secretary of each subordinate lodge.

(d) The Grand Lodge shall prepare separate ciphers of the Questions and Answers for each degree for use by the candidates in preparing for their proficiency examinations in each degree.

(e) The cipher shall not be used or permitted in any open lodge.

(f) In the event a cipher is used in an open lodge, that lodge shall be subject to a reprimand by the Grand Master. On the second offense during the same Masonic year as the occurrence of the first offense, the Grand Master or such persons as designated by him, shall convene a hearing with the officers of said lodge for the purpose of determining whether the charter of that lodge should be arrested until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge. On both the first and second offense, notification of the imposition of the penalty against a lodge shall be given to all subordinate lodges.

(g) The installed officers of each subordinate lodge shall annually demonstrate to the Grand Custodian, that they can open and close each degree in a proficient manner. In the event the Grand Custodian cannot certify that a lodge is proficient in opening and closing each degree, then the Grand Master, may arrest its charter.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Nebraska Work to prepare Standard Ceremonies for the authorized Ceremony Work for all subordinate lodges within the Jurisdiction subject to approval by the Grand Lodge.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/ 2002), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 2-312 – INSTALLATION-TIME-DISPENSATION-WAIVER – The officers shall be installed during the month of January. Installation at other times, except by dispensation, is irregular and any Master permitting it is subject to Masonic discipline. A request for dispensation to elect or install at any other time must be submitted in writing under the seal of the requesting lodge.

No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed.

A Public Installation is permissible and may be ordered by the Master without a vote of the lodge, but all that constitutes a lodge must be present, and the lodge must be opened and closed in its regular chartered location, provided however, that dispensation may be requested of and may be granted by the Grand Master to move such charter to another suitable location for purposes of such installation.

No one may install the officers of a subordinate lodge unless he himself shall have been duly elected and installed to preside over a chartered subordinate lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

An officer re-elected or re-appointed to succeed himself, need not be installed if unavoidably absent at the time of installation, but installation ceremonies must be held each year as prescribed in this Section.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2002), amendment is as follows:

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

- (a) All acts prohibited by the laws of the land, and involving moral turpitude.
- (b) Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets.
- (c) Using the phraseology or emblems of Freemasonry for advertising or other commercial purposes.
- (d) Attempting, from captious or unworthy motives, to arrest the legitimate work of a lodge.
- (e) Expressing the opinion that a particular brother cast a blackball.
- (f) Disobedience of a Masonic summons.
- (g) Making application to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, High Twelve International, Inc., Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatus, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony. The above described organizations, societies, or institutions are commonly referred to as, and are hereby defined as, appendant bodies or appendant Masonic bodies.
- (h) The dispensing or sale of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held provided, however,
 1. It shall not be a Masonic offense for a Lodge or appendant body to meet in a building not dedicated to Masonic purposes so long as there is no sale or dispensing of intoxicating liquors in the portion of the building which is used for Masonic purposes during a tyled meeting of the lodge.
 2. It shall not be a Masonic offense for an appendant body to sell or dispense intoxicating liquors in a dedicated lodge building so long as such activities do not occur during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/ 2002), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 2-704 – LODGE ROSTER – No commercial use may be made of any proceedings of the Grand Lodge or of any roster of members of any subordinate lodge or of

the Grand Lodge. No person, corporation, organization or entity shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof by the Grand Secretary or the Grand Lodge Office without the prior approval of the Grand Master. No person, corporation, organization or entity shall be furnished with a roster of any subordinate lodge or the members thereof by the Secretary of said subordinate lodge or any officer or member thereof without prior approval of the Master of said subordinate lodge. Any request to the Grand Lodge Office or to the Grand Master or to the Secretary or the Master of a subordinate lodge for a roster of members must be made in writing and such request must include the intended usage, must contain a statement that such list will not be further distributed or sold, must contain a statement that such membership roster will not be employed for any commercial usage, and such request must be dated and signed by the requesting party.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 7 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/ 2002), amendment is as follows:

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

members of the subject subordinate lodge may be made until the expiration of not less than six (6) months from the time of the initial unfavorable ballot.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Seiler, 317, Chairman
Dave Wilson, 294
Dean Skokan, 15

The report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as printed, by the Masons assembled.



REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

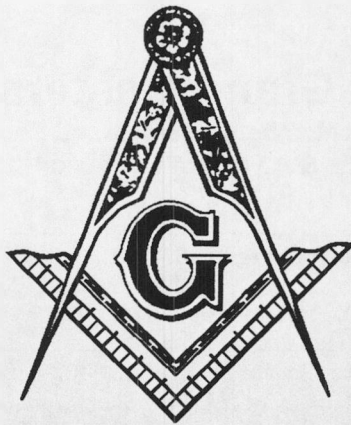
R.:W.: Grand Secretary Reginald S. Kuhn announced that he had received no resolutions to be read and laid over until the session next year.



V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Fran Crowe led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen then closed the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Organization
of
Grand Lodge
A.:F.: & A.:M.:
of Nebraska



Kearney, Nebraska
February 1 & 2, 2002

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.: Michael E. Jones	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Lester R. Seiler	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: Fran Crowe	Grand Chaplain
W.: Dale W. Anderson	Grand Orator
W.: John T. Parsons	Grand Historian
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek	Grand Custodian
W.: Jack D. Nichols	Grand Marshal
W.: Michael G. Birnstihl	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Wayne A. Andreasen	Grand Senior Steward
W.: E. David Watts	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Jack Lorenzen	Grand Tyler

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Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge
A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska

ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 32.....	(97th).....	1962
PO Box 303, Gothenburg 69138-0303, 308-537-2387		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227, 184.....	(99th).....	1964
1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-2963		
DONALD R. SWANSON, 54	(109th).....	1974
1615 S. 44th St., Lincoln 68506-1121, 402-489-1615		
HAROLD HULTMAN, 39.....	(110th).....	1975
5 McKenzie Ln., Bella Vista, AR 72715-5006, 501-855-2383		
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174.....	(113th).....	1978
1528 Centennial Dr., McCook 69001-2736, 308-345-2158		
WARREN D. LICHTY, 314	(114th).....	1979
PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112		
BEVIN B. BUMP, 158	(118th).....	1983
PO Box 1140, Chadron 69337-1140, 308-432-4411		
ROBERT A. METCALF, 210	(119th).....	1984-85
1440 Imperial Dr., Lincoln 68506-1837, 402-474-6161		

CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	(120th).....	1986
1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114-1621, 402-391-2657		
WAYNE G. LUENENBORG, 32, 39	(121st)	1987
2202 W. `D' St., North Platte 69101-4940, 308-532-0364		
PAUL R. EVELAND, 119	(122nd)	1988
1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298		
THOMAS W. TYE, 46	(123rd).....	1989
4225 S. Westcotta Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614-5624, 520-648-5416		
JOHN M. McHENRY, 19.....	(124th).....	1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200		
JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325	(125th).....	1991
92-1025 Makakilo Dr., #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385, 800-832-9502		
DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41	(127th).....	1993
12918 W. Skyview Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, 623-977-7386		
STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75	(128th).....	1994
PO Box 316, Sidney 69162-0316, 308-254-5595		
JERRY L. RITTENBURG, 210	(129th).....	1995
5518 Moor Drive, Lincoln 68516, 402-423-5527		
V. KAYE RAMSEY, 290 & 317	(130th).....	1996
14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821		
KENNETH G. FLEMING, 75	(131st)	1997
2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-2387		
DON E. RASMUSSEN, 82, 135.....	(132nd)	1998
1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864		
DWIGHT E. SMITH, 205	(133rd).....	1999
16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268		
JAMES F. BROWN, JR., 54	(134 th).....	2000
710 Hazelwood Drive, Lincoln 68510-4326, 402-483-1727		

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Chm. Steven F. Mattoon, 75 (2005), 1736 Dorwart Dr., Sidney 69162, 308-254-6148
Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184 (2002), 1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-2963
John M. McHenry, 19 (2004), PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200
Dwight E. Smith, 205 (2003), 16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268
Jack H. Hendrix, 174 (2001), 1528 Centennial Dr., McCook 69001-2736, 308-345-2158

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

Chm. Virgil L. Tubach, 54, 2235 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-2704, 402-488-9041
Cullen F. Pilker, 39, 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128-2314, 402-331-1791
Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, 7835 Fort St., Omaha 68134-2347, 402-312-7835
David H. Eads, 6, 8522 Riverdale Rd., Plattsmouth 68048-4809

Ex-Officio:

Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, 134 S. 13th St., Suite 1200, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651

Masonic Memorial Service (§1-307: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Francis L. Crowe, 56, 1701 N. Lincoln Ave., York 68847, 402-362-3302
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John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-8270

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

Chm. Gerald D. Verbeek, 15 (2002), 1550 N. Lincoln, Fremont 68025-3630, 402-727-9296
Alvin G. Sundell, 83 (2003), 85592 Highway 16, Wakefield 68784-5149, 402-287-2348
Jerry L. Sievers, 256 (2004), 3500 Prescott Ave., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-8408
David G. Otte, 119 (2005), 2725 County Rd 30 Box 157A, Linwood 68036, 402-666-5214
Ron W. Osborne, 256 (2006), 5950 Elk Crest Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-489-8981

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

Chm. James C. Gathmann, 327 (2003) 3387 S. 114th Ave., Omaha 68144-4655, 402-333-3700
Richard D. Nelson, Jr., 281 (2001), 10915 N. 62nd St., Omaha 68152-1454, 402-571-7793
Dale C. Crandall, 200 (2002), 455 Grand Avenue, PO Box 310, Burwell 68823, 308-346-4284

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

Chm. Dennis H. Brydl, 287 & 314 (2003), 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502-5813, 402-423-6982
John T. Parsons, 268 & 39 (2002), 1512 Beechwood Ave., Papillion 68133-2506, 402-339-7565
Thomas L. Hauder, 210 (2004), 4101 Red Deer Dr., Lincoln 68516-3068, 402-423-5958
Kenneth G. Fleming, 75 (2003), 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-2387
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327 (2002), 5149 S. 77th Ave., Ralston 68127-2859, 402-339-1309
George Eichenberg, 120 (2004), PO Box 125, Wayne 68787, 402-375-3420

Board of Grand Trustees (§1-401: 3 members - 3 year term)

Chm. William S. Eastwood, 256 (2003), 6400 Meeker Cir., Lincoln 68506, 402-483-9759
Donald J. Schonberg, 327 (2002), 12205 Leavenworth Rd., Omaha 68154, 402-391-5200
William W. Cook III, 314 (2004), PO Box 515, Beatrice 68310-0515, 402-228-3573

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (§1-313: 3 to 5 members)

- Chm. Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314, PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112
Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297, 2130 W. Sumner St., Lincoln 68522-1483, 402-435-6560
Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15, 449 W. 10th St., Fremont 68025-4162, 402-721-3223
Orval W. Cooley, 323, 3009 39th Ave., Columbus 68601-2247, 402-564-4060
Byron Hust, 198, RR 2 Box 30A, Imperial 69033-9702, 308-882-4601

Nebraska Work (§1-314: 3 members - 3 year term)

- Chm. Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327 (2002), 1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114, 402-391-2657
Steven A. Green, 54 (2003), 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317 (2001), 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4602

Finance (§1-318: 5 members - 5 year term)

- Chm. Terry L. Spencer, 227 (2004), 6721 Sumner St., Lincoln 68506-1514, 402-489-6864
Jack Lorenzen, 10 & 314 (2003), 7447 Whitestone Dr., Lincoln 68506-1772, 402-488-2603
Michael R. McFarlin, 1 (2001), 7724 Pine St., Omaha 68124-1669, 402-392-0126
John M. Dick, 15 (2005), 555 W. 21st St., Fremont 68025-2505, 402-721-5641
Doug Heim, 15 (2002), 5028 Venture Dr., Fremont 68025, 402-727-8600

Appropriations (§1-325: 5 members - 5 year term)

- Chm. John D. VerMaas, 256 (2004) PO Box 6227, Lincoln 68506-0227, 402-423-3860
Robert A. Metcalf, 210 (2002), 1440 Imperial Dr., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-3716
Kenneth S. Friend, 314 (2005), 3021 S. 74th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-484-7727
J. L. Spray, 19 (2003), 1932 S. 24th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-475-8433
Thomas A. Brazer, 11 (2006), 8303 N. 230th St., Elkhorn 68022-3513, 402-779-2724

Grand Lodge Office (§1-321: 5 members - 5 year term)

- Chm. Dale G. Lueders, 300 (2004), 2145 Bradfield Dr., Lincoln 68502-4108, 402-477-8627
Suman Vallabhbbhai, 314 (2006), 5221 English Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-420-7616
Glenn A. Ried, 11 (2003) 11810 Farnam St., Omaha 68154, 402-333-3115
James L. Holland, 15 (2005), 1602 N. Nye, Fremont 68025-2916, 402-721-5000
Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 (2002), 5518 Moor Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-423-5527

Ex-officio:

Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, 233 S. 13th St., Suite 1401, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-0651

Lodge Advisory (§1-327: 5 members - 5 year term)

- Chm. Leslie A. Evert, 195 (2005), 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214
Cullen F. Pilker, 39 (2002), 8916 Park View Blvd., LaVista 68128-2314, 402-331-1791
Dale W. Anderson, 158 (2003), 7184 Highway 20, Chadron 69337-5340, 308-432-5285
Robert O. Rhodes, 96 (2004), 114 Road V, Exeter 68351, 402-576-3461
Alvin Benemerito, 136 (2006), PO Box 38, Long Pine 69217-0038, 402-273-3164

Public Relations (§1-322: 5 members - 5 year term)

- Chm. Russell G. Reno, 297 (2005), 4710 Larkwood Rd., Lincoln 68516-5129, 402-420-1270
Benjamin H. Harvey, 119 (2004) PO Box 1327, Fremont 68026-1327, 402-721-1185
Stephen C. Alvis, 210 (2003), 5831 Fieldcrest Way, Lincoln 68512, 402-421-1854
R. Todd Simpson, 327 (2002), 1275 S. 164th, Omaha 68130, 402-457-7014
Ed Bennett, 61 (2006), PO Box 387, Lexington 68850, 308-324-4573

Ex-officio: Worthy Grand Matron OES

Membership (§1-32: 5 members)

Chm. Steven C. Smith I, 268 & 287, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha 68154-2135, 402-397-9110
George W. White, 50, 804 E. 7th St., Hastings 68901, 402-463-5917
Neil A. Henry, 26, 1703 Sara Rd., Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4337
Marion G. Warner, 135, PO Box 102, Lebanon 69036-9701, 308-345-5243
A. Gene Closson, 5, 1 Crystal View Ct., S. Sioux City 68776, 402-494-3829

Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., 297 & 256, 2900 Stratford Ave., Lincoln 68502, 402-438-1313
Steve Pitman, 50, 2351 N. 2nd Ave., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4406
Byron Hust, 198, 1711 Broadway, Imperial 69033-9702, 308-882-4601
Dennis L. Smith, 15, 2910 N. Wyoming Ave., Fremont 68025, 402-721-2741
Scott Sprague, 224, 1023 Plainsman Dr., Ainsworth 69210-1606, 402-387-2494

Ex-Officio:

State Master Councilor of DeMolay
Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Job's Daughters
Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow for Girls

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

Chm. Les Seiler, 317 (2003), PO Box 1288, Hastings 68902-1288, 402-463-3125
Dave Wilson, 294 (2002), RR 1 Box 10, Kimball 69145-9303, 308-235-3678
Dean Skokan, 15 (2004), 404 Ridge Dr., Hooper 68031, 402-654-2514

Masonic All-Star Band (§1-311: 5 members - 5 year term)

Chm. Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 (2006), 5518 Moor Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-423-5527
Don E. Rasmussen, 135 & 82 (2006), 1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864
Marie Rasmussen, (2006), 1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864
Sara Yokel, (2006), 820 2nd, Friend 68359, 402-947-5171
Michael G. Birnstihl, 314 (2006), 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721, 402-488-2694

REGULAR COMMITTEES

Grievances (§1-316: 3 to 5 members)

- Chm. Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135, 1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864
Don Bottorf, 49, PO Box 404, Sutton 68979, 402-773-5225
Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-2238
Jay H. Speck, 6, 606 Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth 68048-2061, 402-296-4355

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

- Chm. Francis L. Crowe, 56, 1701 Lincoln Ave., York 68467, 402-362-3536
Donald W. Madsen, 11, 5322 N. 45th St., Omaha 68104-1414, 402-451-1057
Nile K. Johnson, 21, PO Box 532, Blair 68008-0532, 402-426-9626

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

- Chm. Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-236-9252
Doyle E. Berg, 281, 3605 Old Maple Rd., Omaha 68134-3472, 402-493-1107
Dean T. Dinklage, 114, 366 W Rd., Wisner 68791-3530, 402-529-3553
Frank S. Dougherty, 297, 3510 N. 73rd St., Lincoln 68507, 402-464-5045
Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, 3412 4th Ave., Kearney 68845, 308-237-2319
William G. Hurst, 54, 450 S. 52nd St., Lincoln 68510, 402-489-3234
Philip O. Edwards, 326, 14830 Holmes St., Omaha 68137-1312, 402-895-3781

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Awards Committee

- Chm. John C. McQuinn, 297, 1100 N. 37th St., Lincoln 68503, 402-464-1723
N. Daniel Sodomka, 82, 1019 E. Hall, Grand Island, 68801, 308-384-5671
John Lippert, 323, 3205 40th St., Columbus 68601-1640, 402-428-7269
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., 65, PO Box 618, Osceola 68651-0618, 402-764-4161
Paul R. Eveland, 119, 1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298
Emil A. Schadwinkel, 183, 1015 Laramie Ln., Alliance 69301-2533, 308-762-4348

Insurance Review Committee

- Chm. Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173, PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3674
Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-4317
William Keller, 250, 2525 S. 36th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-488-5966
Lowell E. Erickson, 251, PO Box 41, Wausa 68786-0041, 402-586-2232

Freemasonry and Religion Committee

- Chm. V. Kaye Ramsey, 317 & 290, 14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821
Rev. John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666-0292, 402-764-8270
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GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek
1550 N. Lincoln
Fremont, NE 68025-3630

**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
AND THEIR DISTRICTS**

NAME	APPOINTED
District #1	
Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th St., Plattsmouth 68048-7802, 402-298-8570.....	1989
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth; Springfield #112, Springfield	
District #2	
Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th Street N., Bellevue 68005-4303, 402-733-6249.....	Emeritus
Capitol #3, Omaha; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah #302, Omaha	
District #3	
Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496	1993
Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha	
District #4	
James E. Cornish, 31, 520 County Road 24, Tekamah 68061-5056, 402-374-1135	1976
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig	
District #5	
Ronald D. Grass, 31, 420 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689.....	1990
Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Magnolia #220, Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill	
District #6	
Thomas R. Reed, 274 & 5, 969 170th St., Dakota City 68731-3085, 402-987-3230	1996
Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Relief #219, Coleridge; Golden Rule #236, Allen; Laurel #248, Laurel	
District #7	
Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 108, RR 1 Box 99, Table Rock 68447-9756, 402-839-2955.....	1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City; Humboldt #40, Humboldt; Table Rock #108, Table Rock	
District #8	
John C. Sierks, 4, RR 1 Box 15, Brownville 68321-9704, 402-825-6061	1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Trestle Board #162, Brock	

District #9

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003, 402-944-70141960
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Pomegranate #110, Ashland; Comet #229, Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley

District #10

Steven A. Green, 54, 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-90551988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; Lancaster #54, Lincoln; East Lincoln #210, Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln

District #11

Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721, 402-488-26941997
Mt. Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping Water; Highland #194, Cortland; George Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln

District #13

Robert L. Carter, Jr., 314 & 210, 2126 Ryons St., Lincoln 68502-3838, 402-435-40251995
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165, Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed
Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson

District #15

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

District #16

To Be Appointed
Plainview #204, Plainview; Bloomfield #218, Bloomfield; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond #291, Orchard

District #17

Roger A. Deininger, 317, 1319 W. 11th, Hastings 68901, 402-462-81461998
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman

District #18

Arthur S. Dye, 317, 910 N. Jefferson Ave., Hastings 68901-3727, 402-463-2015.....1964
Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud; St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Minden #127, Minden; Guide Rock #128, Guide Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Lotus #289, Ravenna; Mid-West #317, Hastings

District #19

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-1307, 402-477-9464.....2001
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising City; Lebanon #323, Columbus

District #20

Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901, 402-463-46021990
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Solar #134, Clarks; Crescent #143, Primrose; Cairo #324, Cairo

District #21

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

District #24

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

District #25

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

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221, 402-967-33611979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

Keith B. Leibhart, 148, RR 1 Box 62, Merna 68856-9735, 308-645-24861990
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Mason City #170, Mason City; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway

District #28

Jack D. Nichols, 265, 702 W. 15th St., Scottsbluff 69361-2906, 308-635-0404.....2000
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

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

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-22381996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-23871998
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; Kimball #294, Kimball

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037-9506, 308-423-25471976
 Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade #216, Palisade

District #33

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Ogallala #159, Ogallala; Wallace #279, Wallace; Perkins #308, Grant

District #34

Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 404 5th St., Scribner 68057, 402-664-3438.....2000
 Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner

District #35

Harold W. Noble, 325, 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005-4020, 402-733-9081.....1987
 Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha #288, Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-466-36861999
 Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Lincoln; DeWitt #111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361-0063, 402-759-3869.....1992
 Oliver #38, Seward; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

Frank R. Harris, 77, PO Box 3, Nelson 68961-0003, 402-225-4581.....Emeritus
 Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

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 Herman O. Hansen, 3.....9324 Cuming Plz., Omaha 68114-2450
 Richard L. Mauch, 224 & 136..... PO Box 10, Bassett 68714-0010
 Frank R. Harris, 77 PO Box 3, Nelson 68961-0003
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 Ralph McNulty, 61 PO Box 83, Cozad 69130
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1 - Nebraska	3	0	3	0	204	3	0	0	8	0	0	11	1	13	5	0	0	0	19	196
2 - Western Star	4	5	5	1	189	5	0	0	4	0	0	9	1	10	6	0	0	0	17	181
3 - Capitol	2	0	2	0	145	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	140
4 - Nemaha Valley	0	0	1	2	73	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	5	69
5 - Omahl	2	0	2	3	163	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	159
6 - Plattsmouth	2	0	2	1	274	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	264
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	68
10 - Solomon	2	1	1	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	71
11 - Covert	23	0	23	0	608	24	2	0	2	0	0	28	0	19	20	0	1	0	40	596
14 - Peru	2	2	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
15 - Fremont	1	0	1	0	312	1	1	0	5	0	0	7	1	11	11	0	0	0	23	296
19 - Lincoln	1	2	2	1	278	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	7	2	0	1	0	10	271
21 - Washington	4	0	4	1	103	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	101
23 - Pawnee	1	1	0	1	109	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	105
26 - Beatrice	22	0	22	0	208	22	0	3	2	0	0	27	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	228
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	24
30 - Blue River	1	0	1	1	37	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39
31 - Tekamah	0	0	2	0	180	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	174
32 - Platte Valley	5	1	4	0	310	4	2	0	2	0	0	8	1	18	2	0	1	0	22	296
33 - Ashlar	2	0	2	1	294	2	0	1	8	0	0	11	4	14	10	0	0	0	28	277
34 - Acacia	2	0	2	0	91	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	89
35 - Fairbury	1	0	1	0	83	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	80
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	55
37 - Crete	2	2	2	0	81	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	81
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	64
39 - Papillion	14	2	12	0	353	12	3	0	9	0	0	24	1	11	17	0	1	0	30	347
40 - Humboldt	1	0	1	0	56	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	58
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	8	31
43 - Hebron	0	0	1	0	65	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	58
44 - Harvard	1	0	1	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
46 - Rob Morris	3	0	3	1	248	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	1	2	6	0	0	0	9	245
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29
50 - Hastings	8	2	8	3	214	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	4	1	0	1	0	7	214
51 - Fidelity	3	0	2	1	49	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52

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52 - Hiram	1	0	1	0	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	51
54 - Lancaster	1	0	2	0	439	2	0	1	8	0	0	11	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	10	440
55 - Mosaic	1	2	1	1	150	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	9	145
56 - York	2	0	2	0	133	2	2	1	1	0	0	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	134
57 - Mt. Moriah	4	1	3	0	41	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	42
58 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	108	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	107
61 - Thistle	1	0	3	0	152	3	2	0	2	30	0	37	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	14	175
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	53
64 - Blue Valley	1	0	1	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	56
65 - Osceola	4	2	3	0	81	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	84
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	7	48
72 - Hooper	1	0	1	1	58	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	58
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	44
75 - Frank Welch	5	0	5	1	154	5	0	1	1	0	0	7	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	9	152
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	65
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
79 - Geneva	3	1	2	0	126	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	131
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	49
82 - St. Paul	1	0	1	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	59
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
89 - Cedar River	1	1	1	0	65	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	0	1	0	0	11	58
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	46
94 - Bennett	0	1	0	0	32	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	8	26
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	80
96 - Utica	2	0	3	0	30	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	33
97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	77
98 - Republican	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	21	23	0	
102 - Waterloo	3	3	2	1	145	3	0	3	5	0	0	11	0	5	18	0	0	0	0	23	133
103 - Ord	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	50
104 - Wymore	5	0	5	0	79	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	78
106 - Porter	1	0	1	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	36
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	23
110 - Pomegranate	0	0	0	0	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	11	116

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111 - DeWitt	2	0	2	0	34	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	30
112 - Springfield	12	2	12	1	179	12	0	0	6	0	0	18	1	1	8	1	0	0	11	188
114 - Wisner	1	0	1	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48
119 - North Bend	1	0	2	0	95	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	92
120 - Wayne	0	1	0	0	144	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	13	0	0	0	18	129
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	56
128 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	8	0	0	0	7	82
127 - Minden	1	0	1	1	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	42
128 - Guide Rock	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45
132 - Scribner	1	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	24
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
135 - McCook	0	0	0	2	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	147
136 - Long Pine	2	0	2	0	34	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	34
143 - Crescent	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	20
146 - Jachin	6	5	3	0	128	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	9	5	0	0	0	14	123
148 - Custer	5	2	3	1	140	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	135
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	37
158 - Samaritan	1	0	1	0	99	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	96
159 - Ogalala	0	1	0	0	79	0	0	0	2	35	0	37	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	111
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	45
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	31
170 - Mason City	1	2	1	0	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	39
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	35
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	5	63
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
183 - Alliance	2	1	1	0	199	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	8	10	0	0	0	18	183
184 - Bee Hive	5	0	5	1	263	5	0	0	5	0	0	10	0	18	12	0	1	0	31	242
192 - Minnekaadusa	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	65
194 - Highland	2	0	2	0	40	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42
195 - Arcana	1	1	2	2	52	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	58
198 - Purity	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	54

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200 - Blazing Star	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28		
201 - Scotts Bluff	0	2	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	125	
204 - Plainview	2	0	2	0	66	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	64	
205 - Golden Fleece	2	0	3	0	70	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	
207 - Parian	2	0	2	0	27	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	
210 - East Lincoln	2	1	2	0	402	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	9	3	15	11	0	0	0	1	30	381						
211 - Cement	1	0	1	0	48	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	44		
218 - Pallsade	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	40		
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	62		
219 - Relief	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28		
220 - Magnolia	8	8	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	1	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	57	
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	91	
227 - North Star	3	2	2	0	183	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	180	
228 - Bartley	3	1	2	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	72	
229 - Comet	1	0	1	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76
234 - Zion	1	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	41	
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	
239 - Friendship	2	0	2	0	47	2	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	46	
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	45	
250 - G Washington	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	85	
251 - Wausa	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	53	
256 - Hickman	4	0	4	0	183	4	1	0	5	0	0	10	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	182	
263 - Mitchell	0	0	0	1	91	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	87	
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	61	
265 - R W Furnas	1	2	1	1	141	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	139	
267 - J A Tulleys	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	0	
268 - G W Lininger	4	0	4	0	180	4	1	0	3	0	0	8	1	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	173	
271 - Oasis	1	1	1	1	69	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	64	
274 - Olive Branch	1	0	2	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	
279 - Wallace	1	0	1	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	

	E.A.		F.C.		MASTER MASONS														On Rolls December 31, 2001	
	Initiated	On Rolls December 31, 2001	Passed	On Rolls December 31, 2001	Membership December 31, 2000	GAIN						LOSS								
						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Dernitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes		TOTAL
281 - Florence	1	1	1	0	195	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	7	3	0	1	0	11	186
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	33
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	4	0	76	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	74
286 - Oshkosh	1	1	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	52
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	48
288 - Omaha	2	2	1	0	112	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	110
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	39
290 - John J. Mercer	1	0	1	0	640	1	1	1	12	0	1	16	1	29	0	0	0	0	30	626
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	58
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	57
294 - James Eatmon	0	0	0	2	107	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	6	3	0	0	0	10	99
297 - Cotner	5	1	7	0	161	7	3	1	3	0	0	14	1	6	3	0	0	0	10	165
300 - Liberty	15	2	13	1	161	13	4	1	2	0	0	20	1	7	0	0	0	0	8	173
302 - Mizpah	5	3	3	1	311	2	3	1	2	0	0	8	1	20	4	0	0	0	25	294
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	32
308 - Perkins	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	35	40	0
310 - Victory	3	4	0	0	101	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	11	0	0	0	13	90
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
314 - Craftsmen	5	0	6	1	251	6	1	0	3	0	0	10	0	6	10	0	0	0	18	245
317 - Mid-West	5	0	5	0	327	5	1	0	0	0	0	8	2	11	7	0	0	0	20	313
320 - College View	2	1	3	3	73	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	71
323 - Lebanon	11	1	11	0	114	13	0	1	2	0	0	16	1	3	3	0	0	0	7	123
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	24
326 - Bellevue	4	3	2	1	273	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	4	8	11	0	0	0	23	255
326 - Centennial	1	3	1	0	184	1	1	0	4	0	0	6	1	3	8	0	0	0	12	178
327 - Shiloh	5	0	5	0	133	5	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	138
328 - Miloma	2	1	2	0	180	2	0	1	6	0	0	9	4	1	13	0	0	0	18	171
	300	86	284	43	17042	287	48	33	178	86	1	633	53	570	438	1	13	92	1167	16508

**Historical Records
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**Kearney, Nebraska
February 1 & 2, 2002**

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

48th	1913	Alpha Morgan.....	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis.....	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting.....	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele.....	55
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple.....	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson.....	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley.....	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg.....	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith.....	136
57th	1922	Edward W. Wellman.....	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell.....	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson.....	95
60th	1925	John Wright.....	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites.....	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis.....	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland.....	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet.....	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews.....	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster.....	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston.....	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday.....	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith.....	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson.....	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey.....	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips.....	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson.....	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke.....	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge.....	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee.....	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter.....	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk.....	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner.....	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper.....	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre.....	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt.....	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee.....	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound.....	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund.....	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron.....	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight.....	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith.....	198
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams.....	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White.....	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale.....	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt.....	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver.....	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye.....	46
95th	1960	John F. Fletcher.....	302
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin.....	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey.....	32

98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart.....	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer.....	184, 227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester.....	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts.....	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen.....	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf.....	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman.....	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	228
105th	1970	John H. Brown.....	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes.....	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter.....	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon.....	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson.....	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman.....	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines.....	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum.....	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix.....	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.....	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins.....	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman.....	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce.....	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump.....	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf.....	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon.....	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Luenenborg.....	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland.....	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye.....	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry.....	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss.....	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon.....	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman.....	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon.....	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg.....	210
130th	1996	V. Kaye Ramsey.....	290, 317
131st	1997	Kenneth G. Fleming.....	75
132nd	1998	Don E. Rasmussen.....	82, 135
133rd	1999	Dwight E. Smith.....	205
134th	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.....	54

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

- George Armstrong September 23, 1857 To June 2, 1858
- Robert W. Furnas June 2, 1858 To June 4, 1862
- Robert C. Jordan June 4, 1862 To June 24, 1863
- Stephen D. Bangs June 24, 1863 To June 24, 1865
- J. Newton Wise June 24, 1865 To October 27, 1869
- Robert W. Furnas October 27, 1869 To June 21, 1872
- William R. Bowen June 21, 1872 To May 6, 1899
- Francis E. White June 9, 1899 To June 11, 1925
- Lewis E. Smith June 11, 1925 To June 6, 1946
- Carl R. Greisen June 7, 1946 To June 6, 1968
- Robert W. Cook June 6, 1968 To April 5, 1969
- Norris W. Lallman June 4, 1969 To June 13, 1981
- Ralph W. Gerry June 13, 1981 To June 15, 1985
- Paul R. Pierce June 15, 1985 To December 6, 1986
- Edward M. Cummings December 6, 1986 To May 1987
- Albert T. Reddish May 1987 To September 1989
- Don E. Rasmussen September 1989 To November 1992
- Virgil L. Tubach November 1992 to August 1995
- Deceased

PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

- Lee P. Gillette, 2 1882-1883, 1887-1894
- Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84 1884-1887
- James A. Tulleys, 53 1894-1900
- Robert E. French, 46 1901-1927
- Lute M. Savage, 3 1927-1948
- Raymond C. Cook, 6 1948-1965
- Robert W. Cook, 33 1965-1967
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281 1968-1981
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1 1981-1984
- T. Leo Stines, 36 1984-1985
- Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 1985-1990
- Augustine S. Sclaro, 3 1990-2000
- Emeritus

GRAND LECTURERS

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

**The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians
And Date of Appointment**

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

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

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6.....	1870
John Reed, 2.....	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4.....	1871
D. F. Powell, 3.....	1871
A. Atkinson, 3.....	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9.....	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2.....	1873
William B. Wharton, 12.....	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27.....	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36.....	1876
David K. Hume, 3.....	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37.....	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32.....	1876
George W. Lininger, 3.....	1877
L. S. Moe, 15.....	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19.....	1877
James R. Cain, 9.....	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49.....	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21.....	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21.....	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....	1879
Marshall Smith, 2.....	1879
James McNaughton, 4.....	1879
Joseph H. McConnell, 32.....	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2.....	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50.....	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17.....	1880

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

• John J. Mercer, 3	1910
• Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
• Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
• Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
• James D. Phillips, 93	1910
• Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
• Ernest H. James, 1	1910
• Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
• Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
• Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
• Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
• Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
• Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
• Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
• Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
• Levi Pringle, 276	1913
• Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
• Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
• George A. Stevens, 158	1914
• Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
• Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
• Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
• Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
• Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
• Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917
• Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
• Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
• Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
• Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
• Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
• Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
• Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
• Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
• John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
• Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
• George R. Patterson, 136	1923
• William J. Birkoffler, 249	1923

• D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
• Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
• William D. Edson, 53	1926
• Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
• Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
• William McCormack, 268	1926
• Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
• John R. Easley, 49	1927
• L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
• Elmer Surber, 95	1928
• John M. Bennett, 19	1928
• Earl Barnett, 146	1929
• Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
• Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
• Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
• Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
• Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
• Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
• Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
• Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
• Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
• Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
• Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
• Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
• Jesse P. Enriken, 295	1934
• Harrold D. Weddel, 208	1937
• Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
• Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
• Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
• S. William Beck, 43	1940
• Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
• Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
• Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
• Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
• F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942
• Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
• Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
• Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
• George S. Schwab, 49	1946
• Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
• Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
• LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
• Ernest E. James, 1	1946
• Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
• Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
• Paul D. Fleming, 293	1949

• Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
• Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
• Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	1950
• Morris V. Balcom, 46	1950
• William F. 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, 75	1956
• Matthias E. Mael, 173	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301.....	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 138	1957
• Asa J. Farnham, 106	1958
• Robert B. Conrad, 125	1958
• Winston C. Swanson, 120	1958
• Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210.....	1959
• Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....	1959
• Harry N. Ahl, 112	1959
• Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....	1960
• Lloyd I. Edwards, 110.....	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323.....	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19.....	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240.....	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317.....	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183.....	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33.....	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
• Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258.....	1966
• Ward L. McGlashan, 180.....	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49.....	1966

- Walter Brown, 1..... 1967
- John C. Nelson, 250..... 1967
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65..... 1967
- Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210..... 1967
- Howard G. Whitmore, 81..... 1967
- Frank R. Harris, 77..... 1967
- Gerald V. Inslee, 158..... 1968
- John C. Sierks, 4..... 1969
- Paul D. Jacobsen, 148..... 1969
- David O. Kipling, 281..... 1970
- Herman O. Hansen, 3..... 1970
- D. Wayne Erickson, 146..... 1970
- Walter S. Cork, 75..... 1970
- Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136..... 1971
- O. Wayne Thompson, 201..... 1971
- John A. Brandt, 26..... 1971
- Dale E. Kube, 55..... 1971
- Robert E. Kyes, 36..... 1972
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1..... 1973
- Richard O. Cowles, 174..... 1975
- Jens P. Nielsen, 121..... 1975
- Ralph E. McNulty, 61..... 1975
- Don L. McCoy, 11..... 1975
- Everett K. Dappen, 265..... 1975
- Alfred V. Peltzer, 148..... 1975
- Roger L. Shillington, 180..... 1976
- James E. Cornish, 31..... 1976
- Ben D. Fussell, 79..... 1976
- Victor D. Hunt, 62..... 1976
- Lynn Doty, 251..... 1977
- Marvin R. Weber, 204..... 1977
- W. Dale Page, 15..... 1977
- Harry L. Saum, 308..... 1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 26..... 1979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37..... 1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 40..... 1979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183..... 1979
- Arthur J. Ferguson, 221..... 1979
- Leslie G. Weber, 204..... 1979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75..... 1980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3..... 1981
- David E. Menck, 15..... 1982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 183..... 1982
- Justin F. Fauss, 55..... 1982
- Augustus W. Clark, 33..... 1982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126..... 1982
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 75..... 1984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 54..... 1984
- Leslie Evert, 195..... 1985
- William Fogle, 135..... 1985

	Roscoe Malick, 300.....	1985
•	R. Winton Wilson, 199.....	1985
	Robert E. Kyes, 36.....	1985
•	W. Dale Page, 15.....	1985
•	Gordon E. Richards, 75.....	1986
	Harold Noble, 325.....	1987
	Deon D. Eberly, 314.....	1988
	Steven A. Green, 54.....	1988
•	Steven K. Jones, 265, 263.....	1988
	Lloyd Vrtiska, 108.....	1988
•	Robert M. Littrell, 77.....	1989
	Roy L. Smith, 6.....	1989
	Daniel E. Spearow, 26.....	1989
	LeRoy Crye, 328.....	1990
	Ronald D. Grass, 31.....	1990
	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317.....	1990
	Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135.....	1990
	Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....	1990
	Gordon L. Carley, 75.....	1990
	Gerald D. Verbeek, 15.....	1990
•	Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 288.....	1991
	Delmar Jones, 46, 65.....	1992
	Don L. Jelinek, 54.....	1992
	Albert Wise, 79.....	1992
	Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....	1993
	John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33.....	1993
	Rodney L. Samp, 159.....	1994
	Robert L. Carter, 314.....	1995
	Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265.....	1996
	Thomas R. Reed, 5.....	1996
	Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....	1997
	Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....	1997
	Roger A. Deininger, 317.....	1998
	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75.....	1998
	Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....	1999
	Jack D. Nichols, 265.....	2000
	Harold C. Mueksch, 132.....	2000
	Carl C. Plants, 54.....	2001
•	Deceased	

DECEASED GRAND MASTERS

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

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

Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th)	1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th)	1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th)	1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th)	1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th)	1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th)	1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st)	1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd)	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd)	1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th)	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th)	1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th)	1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th)	1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th)	1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th)	1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st)	1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd)	1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd)	1928
Ira C. Fleet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th)	1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th)	1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th)	1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th)	1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th)	1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th)	1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st)	1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd)	1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd)	1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148	(80th)	1944-45
Benjamin F. Eyre	Aug. 12, 1993	1	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt	Feb. 14, 1977	318	(82nd)	1947
Elmer Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July -, 1964	5	(Honorary)	1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron	Dec. 22, 1993	37	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	April 17, 1980	68	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale	Feb. 23, 1988	54	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye	Feb. 14, 1989	46	(94th)	1959

John F. Futcher	July 11, 1984	302	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	Nov. 4, 1997	210	(96th)	1961
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th)	1963
Louis V. Sylvester	Dec. 4, 1997	281	(100th)	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19	(101st)	1966
Carl R. Greisen	June 28, 1995	32	(Honorary)	1966
John A. Bottorf	Feb. 21, 1984	49	(102nd)	1967
Norris W. Lallman	Nov. 1, 1984	72	(103rd)	1968
John H. Brown	Feb. 2, 1978	1	(105th)	1970
Russell L. Fickes	April 18, 1989	33	(106th)	1971
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th)	1972
Frank J. Mattoon	July 4, 1997	75	(108th)	1973
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323	(111th)	1976
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977
Byron C. Jenkins	Sept. 12, 2000	325	(115th)	1980
Harold C. Wurdeman	June 21, 1985	323	(116th)	1981
Paul R. Pierce	July 31, 1999	50	(117th)	1982
James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	Aug. 28, 1999	294	(126th)	1992

Grand Lodge of Nebraska ROCK MAUL AWARD

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to be the most outstanding Lodge that year by the Grand Master.

1981	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1982	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327	Omaha
1983	Culbertson Lodge	No. 174	Culbertson
1984	Scotts Bluff Lodge	No. 201	Gering
1984	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1985	Comet Lodge	No. 229	Ceresco
1985	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Hickman
1986	Springfield Lodge	No. 112	Springfield
1987	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32	North Platte
1989	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
1990	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1991	Corinthian Lodge	No. 83	Wakefield
1992	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1993	Bartley Lodge	No. 228	Bartley
1994	North Star Lodge	No. 227	Lincoln
1995	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1997	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
1998	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314	Lincoln
1999	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
2000	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2001	Papillion Lodge	No. 39	Papillion
2002	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva

Grand Lodge Of Nebraska GOLD PAN AWARD

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
1997	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1998	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	Hastings
1999	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2000	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
2001	Wallace Lodge	No. 279	Wallace
2002	Blue Valley Lodge	No. 64	Wilber

Grand Lodge Of Nebraska GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water
2001	John Dick	Fremont No. 15	Fremont
2001	Loral Johnson	Purity No. 198	Imperial

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas.....	February ,1855	Oct. 3,1855 •1
Western Star	No. 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10,1855	May 28,1856 •2
Capitol	No. 3	Omaha	Douglas.....	January 9,1857	June 3,1857 •3
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Nemaha Valley	No. 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha	December 15,1857	June 2,1858
Omadi	No. 5	So. Sioux City.....	Dakota	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Falls City	No. 9	Falls City	Richardson.....	October 4,1864	June 23,1865
Solomon	No. 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington.....	August 15,1865	June 22,1866
Covert	No. 11	Omaha	Douglas.....	July 24,1865	June 22,1866
Peru	No. 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23,1867	June 19,1867
Fremont	No. 15	Fremont.....	Dodge	July 3,1866	June 20,1867
Lincoln	No. 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster	May 4,1868	June 25,1868
Washington	No. 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24,1868	June 25,1868
Pawnee	No. 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee.....	January 4,1869	Oct. 28,1869
Beatrice	No. 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23,1870	June 22,1870
Jordan	No. 27	West Point.....	Cuming	December 25,1869	June 23,1870
Blue River	No. 30	Milford	Seward.....	April 25,1870	June 23,1870
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah	Burt.....	August 19,1869	June 23,1870
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15,1870	June 23,1870
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island.....	Hall	August 11,1870	June 22,1871

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Acacia	No. 34	Schuyler	Colfax.....	July 18,1870	June 19,1872
Fairbury	No. 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30,1871	June 19,1872
Lone Tree	No. 36	Central City.....	Merrick	August 9,1871	June 19,1872
Crete	No. 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8,1872	June 19,1872
Oliver	No. 38	Seward	Seward	July 25,1871	June 18,1873
Papillion	No. 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy	November 18,1872	June 18,1873
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16,1872	June 18,1873
Northern Light	No. 41	Stanton	Stanton	January 20,1873	June 18,1873
Hebron	No. 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10,1873	June 18,1873
Harvard	No. 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25,1873	June 18,1873
Rob Morris	No. 46	Kearney	Buffalo.....	February 21,1873	June 26,1874
Evening Star	No. 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22,1873	June 26,1874
Hastings	No. 50	Hastings	Adams.....	January 3,1874	June 26,1874
Fidelity	No. 51	David City	Butler	January 18, 1874	June 26,1874
Hiram	No. 52	Arlington	Washington	February 26,1874	June 26,1874
Charity	No. 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster	March 2,1874	June 26,1874
Lancaster	No. 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	April 20,1874	June 26,1874
Mosaic	No. 55	Norfolk	Madison	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
York	No. 56	York.....	York	October 1,1874	June 23,1875
Mt. Moriah	No. 57	Syracuse	Otoe	November 7,1874	June 23,1875
Wahoo	No. 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20,1875	June 23,1875
Thistle	No. 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8,1875	June 21,1876
Keystone	No. 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1,1876	June 21,1876

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LODGE		TOWN		COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October	6,1876	June	20,1877	
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November	23,1876	June	20,1877	
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February	10,1876	June	19,1878	
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	March	19,1878	June	25,1879	
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May	4,1878	June	25,1879	
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December	26,1878	June	25,1879	
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March	15,1879	June	23,1880	
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August	1,1879	June	23,1880	
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November	24,1879	June	23,1880	
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March	20,1880	June	22,1881	
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April	15,1880	June	22,1881	
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April	22,1880	June	22,1881	
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January	19,1882	June	20,1882	
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February	7,1882	June	19,1883	
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May	5,1882	June	19,1883	
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June	28,1882	June	19,1883	
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July	14,1882	June	19,1883	
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July	21,1882	June	19,1883	
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September	7,1882	June	19,1883	
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September	14,1882	June	19,1883	
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November	10,1882	June	19,1883	
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December	9,1882	June	19,1883	
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January	24,1883	June	19,1883	
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February	13,1883	June	19,1883	

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LODGE			TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED		
DeWitt	No.	111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February	28,1883	June	19,1883
Springfield	No.	112	Springfield	Sarpy	March	30,1883	June	19,1883
Wisner	No.	114	Wisner	Cuming	February	12,1883	June	24,1884
North Bend	No.	119	North Bend	Dodge	September	5,1883	June	24,1884
Wayne	No.	120	Wayne	Wayne.....	September	26,1883	June	24,1884
Superior	No.	121	Superior.....	Nuckolls	November	22,1883	June	24,1884
Stromsburg	No.	126	Stromsburg	Polk.....	January	16,1884	June	24,1884
Minden	No.	127	Minden.....	Kearney	January	22,1884	June	24,1884
Guide Rock	No.	128	Guide Rock.....	Webster	January	28,1884	June	24,1884
Scribner	No.	132	Scribner	Dodge	July	9,1884	June	24,1885
Solar	No.	134	Clarks	Merrick	August	8,1884	June	24,1885
McCook	No.	135	McCook	Red Willow	October	6,1884	June	24,1885
Long Pine	No.	136	Long Pine	Brown.....	October	6,1884	June	24,1885
Crescent	No.	143	Primrose	Boone	January	24,1885	June	24,1885
Jachin	No.	146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July	13,1885	June	17,1886
Custer	No.	148	Broken Bow	Custer	August	10,1885	June	17,1886
Lily	No.	154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November	28,1885	June	17,1886
Samaritan	No.	158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March	17,1886	June	16,1887
Ogallala	No.	159	Ogallala	Keith.....	August	14,1886	June	16,1887
Trestle Board	No.	162	Brock	Nemaha	October	9,1886	June	16,1887
Atkinson	No.	164	Atkinson.....	Holt	August	19,1886	June	21,1888
Barneston	No.	165	Barneston	Gage	August	20,1886	June	21,1888
Elwood	No.	167	Elwood.....	Gosper	June	21,1887	June	21,1888
Mason City	No.	170	Mason City.....	Custer	August	1,1887	June	21,1888

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Robert Burns	No. 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock	November 15,1887	June 21,1888
Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	November 16,1887	June 21,1888
Hay Springs	No. 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan.....	February 20,1888	June 21,1888
Justice	No. 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy	October 8,1888	June 20,1889
Alliance	No. 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte	January 18,1889	June 20,1889
Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22,1889	June 20,1889
Minnekadusa	No. 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15,1889	June 20,1890
Highland	No. 194	Cortland.....	Gage	September 21,1889	June 20,1890
Arcana	No. 195	Gordon	Sheridan.....	October 17,1889	June 20,1890
Purity	No. 198	Imperial.....	Chase	December 24,1889	June 20,1890
Blazing Star	No. 200	Burwell.....	Garfield	August 5,1890	June 18,1891
Scotts Bluff	No. 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8,1890	June 18,1891
Plainview	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce.....	September 1,1890	June 18,1891
Golden Fleece	No. 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2,1890	June 18,1891
Parian	No. 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31,1891	June 18,1891
Canopy	No. 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	September 4,1891	June 16,1892
East Lincoln	No. 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5,1891	June 16,1892
Cement	No. 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27,1891	June 16,1892
Palisade	No. 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock	July 18,1892	June 15,1893
Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18,1893	June 15,1893
Relief	No. 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19,1893	June 15,1893
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson	Dixon.....	January 21,1893	June 15,1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22,1892	June 21,1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington	March 1,1893	June 21,1894

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Silver Cord	No. 224	Alnsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17,1893	June 21,1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28,1894	June 13,1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23,1894	June 13,1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19,1895	June 10,1896
Golden Rule	No. 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3,1895	June 10,1896
Friendship	No. 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7,1895	June 10,1896
George Armstrong	No. 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1,1895	June 17,1897
Laurel	No. 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12,1900	June 7,1900
George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20,1900	June 6,1901
Wausa	No. 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18,1900	June 6,1901
Hickman	No. 256	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	December 7,1903	June 9,1904
Mitchell	No. 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5,1906	June 5,1907
Franklin	No. 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11,1907	June 10,1908
Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21,1907	June 10,1908
Oasis	No. 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14,1909	June 8,1910
Olive Branch	No. 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20,1909	June 8,1910
Wallace	No. 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25,1911	June 4,1912
Florence	No. 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17,1913	June 4,1913
Seneca	No. 284	Thedford.....	Thomas.....	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16,1913	June 9,1914
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24,1914	June 8,1915

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Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo.....	June	11,1914	June	8,1915
John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November	21,1914	June	8,1915
Diamond	No. 291	Orchard	Antelope.....	November	23,1914	June	8,1915
Monument	No. 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December	18,1914	June	8,1915
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June	10,1915	June	7,1916
Cotner	No. 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June	15,1917	June	5,1918
Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January	10,1918	June	5,1918
Mizpah	No. 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November	12,1918	June	4,1919
Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January	14,1920	June	9,1920
Victory	No. 310	Valley	Douglas.....	December	27,1920	June	8,1921
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk.....	January	4,1921	June	8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March	22,1922	June	5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams.....	January	8,1925	June	10,1925
College View	No. 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July	1,1927	June	6,1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte.....	November	14,1928	June	5,1929
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January	16,1936	June	1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy	March	5,1955	June	8,1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November	26,1955	June	6,1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September	3,1965	June	10,1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January	19,1972	June	28,1972
Saints John Education	No. 331			December	27, 2000	February	2, 2002

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271 Morrill, April 10, 1969

Compass & Square No. 212.....Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969

Hope No. 29.....Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969

Elm Creek No. 133.....Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970

Napthali No. 206.....Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970

Alexandria No. 74.....Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970

Pythagoras No. 156.....Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970

Grace No. 226.....Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971

Wolbach No. 292.....Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971

Tyrian No. 243.....Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972

Mystic Tie No. 166.....Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972

Roman Eagle No. 203.....Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973

Amethyst No. 190.....Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973

Prudence No. 179.....Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973

Fairfield No. 84.....Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974

Ramah No. 275.....Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974

Sterling No. 70.....Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974

Mt. Hermon No. 231.....Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974

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

Temple No. 175.....Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975

Beemer No. 253.....Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975

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

Plumblin No. 214.....Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976

Cubit No. 237.....Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977

Bancroft No. 145.....Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978

Litchfield No. 278.....Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979

Hartington No. 155.....Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979

Creighton No. 100	Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980	
Star No. 88	Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981	
Gladstone No. 176	Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981	
Eminence No. 223	Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981	
Antelope No. 276	Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982	
Bladen No. 319	Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982	
Oak Leaf No. 312	Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983	
Crofton No. 273	Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984	
Harlan No. 116	Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984	
Hardy No. 117	Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984	
Merna No. 171	Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984	
Lee P. Gillette No. 272	Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985	
Occidental No. 215	Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985	
Siloam No. 147	Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985	
Ponca No. 101	Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986	
Boaz No. 185	Danbury with McCook No. 135
McCook, September 16, 1986	
Curtiss No. 168	Curtiss with McCook No. 135
McCook, February 15, 1986	
Clay Center No. 139	Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, March 5, 1986	
Unity No. 163	Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110
Ashland, December 30, 1986	
Gothenburg No. 249	Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, January 14, 1987	
Granite No. 189	Gibbon with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 1987	
Amity No. 169	Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177
Hay Springs, May 1987	
Golden Sheaf No. 202	Randolph with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 31, 1987	
Faith No. 181	Crawford with Sioux No. 277
Harrison, December 1987	
Potter No. 313	Potter with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, October 1988	

Western No. 140 Western with DeWitt No. 111
DeWitt, December 1988

Zeredetha No. 160..... Reynolds with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, December 1988

Right Angle No. 303..... Omaha with Papillion No. 39
Papillion, December 31, 1988

Trowel No. 71 Neligh with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, January 1990

Alpha No. 316 South Sioux City with Omadi No. 5
South Sioux City, March 1, 1990

Shelton No. 99 Shelton with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 27, 1990

Nehawka No. 246 Nehawka with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, June 20, 1990

Anselmo No. 258..... Anselmo with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, August 28, 1990

Globe No. 113..... Madison with Mosaic No. 55
Norfolk, August 28, 1990

Harmony No. 321 Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, November 28, 1990

Silver No. 266 Silver Creek with Osceola No. 65
Osceola, April 25, 1991

Cable No. 225..... Arnold with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, May 17, 1991

Grand Island No. 318 Grand Island with Ashlar No. 33
Grand Island, August 9, 1991

Orient No. 13 Rulo/Falls City with Falls City No. 9
Falls City, August 21, 1991

Rawalt No. 138 Oxford with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, October 9, 1991

Beaver City No. 93..... Beaver City with Monument No. 293
Arapahoe, January 30, 1992

Meridian No. 188 Cozad with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, February 20, 1992

Hampton No. 245 Hampton with Aurora No. 68
Aurora, February 21, 1992

Crystal No. 191 Scotia with Ord No. 103
Ord, March 10, 1992

Edgar No. 67 Edgar with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, March 10, 1992

Gavel No. 199..... Carleton with Lily No. 154
Davenport, March 23, 1992

Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge with Bartley No. 228
Bartley, April 20, 1992

Mt. Zion No. 161 Shelby with Composite No. 81
Rising City, November 11, 1992

Endeavor No. 262 Indianola with Bartley No. 228
Bartley, December 3, 1992

Fraternity No. 235 Winside with Wayne No. 120
Wayne, April 28, 1993

John S. Bowen No. 232 Kennard with Washington No. 21
Blair, May 4, 1993

Minatare No. 295 Minatare with Scotts Bluff No. 201
 Gering, January 24, 1994

Pilot No. 240 Lyons with Tekamah No. 31
 Tekamah, June 6, 1994

Bayard No. 301 Bayard with Camp Clarke No. 285
 Bridgeport, September 12, 1994

Upright No. 137 Burchard with Pawnee No. 23
 Pawnee City, September 6, 1995

Golden Rod No. 306 Lodgepole with Golden Fleece No. 205
 Chappell, December 6, 1995

Bassett No. 254 Bassett with Silver Cord No. 224
 Ainsworth, December 29, 1995

Chester No. 298 Chester with Hebron No. 43
 Hebron, February 24, 1997

Ornan No. 261 Spencer with Garfield No. 95
 O'Neill, February 27, 1997

Stella No. 105 Stella with Humboldt No. 40
 Humboldt, April 7, 1997

Melrose No. 60 Orleans with Jachin No. 146
 Holdrege, July 21, 1997

St. Johns No. 25 Omaha with John J. Mercer No. 290
 Omaha, March 6, 1998

Fairmont No. 48 Fairmont with Geneva No. 79
 Geneva, May 14, 1998

Ionic No. 87 Niobrara with Bloomfield No. 218
 Bloomfield, November 11, 1998

Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh with Pawnee No. 23
 Pawnee City, December 23, 1998

Sutherland No. 299 Sutherland with Platte Valley No. 32
 North Platte, February 15, 1999

Gilead No. 233 Butte with Atkinson No. 164
 Atkinson, March 17, 1999

Mt. Nebo No. 125 Genoa with Cedar River No. 89
 Fullerton, April 7, 1999

Auburn No. 124 Auburn with Nemaha Valley No. 4
 Brownville, June 23, 1999

Sioux No. 277 Harrison with Mitchell No. 263
 Mitchell, December 2, 1999

James A. Tulleys No. 267 Overton with Thistle No. 61
 Lexington, June 26, 2001

Perkins No. 308 Grant with Ogalalla No. 159
 Ogalalla, December 19, 2001

Republican No. 98 Republican City with Franklin No. 264
 Franklin, December 31, 2001

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado - Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	Gold Hill, Colorado - Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.:D.:	Central City, Colorado - Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.:D.:	Bannack City, Idaho - Instituted April 1863 or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.:D.:	United States Army - Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.:D.:	Nevada City, Idaho - Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming - Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME AND LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 – Decatur.....	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 – Columbus.....	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 – Nebraska City.....	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 – Arago.....	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 – Ashland.....	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 – Rock Bluff.....	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 – Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 – Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).....	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 – Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 – Salem.....	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 – Columbus.....	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 – Firth.....	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 – Ulysses.....	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 – Waco.....	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 – Doniphan.....	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 – Steele City.....	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 – Arapahoe.....	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 – Brainard.....	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 – Dorchester.....	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 – Odell.....	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 – Indianola.....	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 – Ainsworth.....	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 – Johnson.....	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 – North Loup.....	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 – Valparaiso.....	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 – Pierce.....	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 – Grafton.....	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 – Shickley.....	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 – Grant.....	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 – Ulysses.....	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 – Arcadia.....	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 – Miller.....	June 6, 1918
Wauneta No. 217 – Wauneta.....	December 31, 1991
Ithmar No. 238 – Crab Orchard.....	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 – Ravenna.....	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 – Battle Creek.....	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 – Holbrook.....	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 – Springview.....	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 – Huntley.....	June 7, 1939
Swastika No. 280 – Sargent.....	December 31, 1988
Mullen Lodge No. 282 – Mullen.....	December 17, 1998
Exeter No. 283 – Exeter.....	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 – Cowles.....	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 – Otoe.....	December 15, 1964
Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329 – Lincoln.....	September 10, 1993
St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330 – Geneva.....	June 3, 1998

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.: RITE, same as Ancient Craft except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (AO) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACTO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT Add 4000 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 4000 = 5909.

A.:A.:S.: RITE Add 3760 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 3760 = 5669.
After September add another year.

ROYAL ARCH Add 530 to the common era. Thus, 1909 and 530 = 2439.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS Add 1000 to the common era.
Thus, 1909 and 1000 = 2909.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR From the Christian era take 1118.
Thus, 1118 from 1909 = 791.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD To the Christian era, add 1913,
the year of the blessing, B.C.
Thus, 1909 and 1913 = 3822.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

February 2002

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
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Omadi #5	-	-	-	-
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Washington #21	-	-	-	-
Pawnee #23	-	-	-	-
Beatrice #26	Kevin W. Smith	Robert L. Ewing*	Dale L. Colgrove	Paul J. Redwine, Jr.
Jordan #27	Larry L. Merchen*	-	-	-
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Ashlar #33	David A. Zlomke	Verne L. Hill	William C. Barker*	William D. Parrish*
Acacia #34	-	-	-	-
Fairbury #35	-	-	-	-
Lone Tree #36	-	-	-	-
Crete #37	Jerry F. Bespalec	Michael D. Foster	-	-
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Papillion #39	Paul J. Schroeder	T. Geoffrey Mitchell*	James R. Avant	Dale H. Wulff*
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Hebron #43	Everett G. Roop	Jack L. McLaughlin	-	-
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Mt. Moriah #57	-	-	-	Herbert M. Pickerill
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Osceola #66	Edward D. Watts	Scott M. Watts	Bruce J. Bugbee*	Mervin E. Ransom, Jr.*
Aurora #68	Gerald A. Holtzen	James L. Hruza	-	-
Hooper #72	Herbert D. Blomendahl	-	-	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	-
Frank Welch #75	-	-	-	Malvin M. Minshall
Nelson #77	Jerry L. Drohman	-	Royce L. Schott*	-
Albion #78	John H. Darling Jr.	-	Jeffrey J. Noble	Thomas F. Ehlers*
Geneva #79	Charles H. Weintz	Dennis L. Kimbrough	Rodney D. Norrie	Max H. Miller
Composite #81	-	-	-	-
St. Paul #82	Paul R. Swanson	James P. Jacobsen III	James Ross	Wesley E. Stevens*
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Cedar River #89	-	-	Jonathan A. Epley	-
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Bennett #94	Stuart B. Erickson Sr.*	-	Richard Harris	-
Garfield #95	-	-	-	-
Utica #96	-	Steven R. Rhodes*	-	-
Euclid #97	Kevin R. Kelly	-	Charles L. Spohr	Willie C. Kunz
Waterloo #102	Willis A. Brown	Michael G. Brannon	Robert Rolfs*	Charles V. Greenfield
Ord #103	Charles P. Zangger	-	-	-
Wymore #104	-	-	-	-
Porter #106	Kenneth A. Bills	-	-	-
Table Rock #108	-	-	-	-
Pomegranate #110	-	-	-	-
DeWitt #111	-	-	-	-
Springfield #112	Richard F. Wiese, Jr.	James D. Hirl	Michael W. Call	Daniel J. Wellendorf*
Wisner #114	-	-	-	-

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Superior #121	Mason F. Ely	-	-	-
Stromsburg #126	-	-	-	-
Minden #127	-	-	-	-
Guide Rock #128	-	-	-	-
Scribner #132	Arnold A. Geberes*	-	-	Harold C. Mueksch
Solar #134	-	-	-	-
McCook #135	D. Sidney Stewart	Stephen J. Harrison	Richard E. Cole	Marshall D. Grant
Long Pine #136	Alvin O. Benemerito	Gary R. Wolfe	Jackson M. Roark*	Richard H. Gable*
Crescent #143	-	Brian L. Cornwell*	-	-
Jachin #146	Kent A. Waltemath	Bruce G. Raddatz*	Robert M. Hoagland	Scott G. Brendel
Custer #148	Kevin R. Lindly	Douglas P. Sadler	Roy Wm. Lichtenberger	Jerry W. Bigbee
Lily #154	Robert L. Stofer*	-	-	-
Samaritan #158	Donald R. Foulk	-	Ted C. Mikesell*	-
Ogalalla #159	-	-	-	-
Trestle Board #162	-	-	-	-
Atkinson #164	-	-	Charles Shane*	-
Barneston #165	-	-	John C. McMurray	-
Elwood #167	-	-	-	-
Mason City #170	Louis J. Hagan	-	-	-
Robert Burns #173	-	-	-	-
Culbertson #174	-	Roland J. Miller*	C. Keith Miller*	Riley R. Morthole*
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	Vernon L. Platt
Justice #180	R. Scott Hogeland*	-	-	Roger L. Shillington*
Alliance #183	Mal M. Minshall	-	-	Roscoe W. Bills*
Bee Hive #184	-	-	-	-
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	-
Highland #194	Steven J. Rowell	-	-	Norman E. DeVries
Arcana #195	James O. Smith*	-	Richard E. Barth*	-
Purity #198	Thomas W. Elder	Donivan W. Norman*	-	Byron Hust
Blazing Star #200	Larry E. Gaukel	-	-	-
Scottsbluff #201	-	-	-	-
Plainview #204	-	-	-	-
Golden Fleece #205	Dwight E. Smith	-	-	Robert A. Hayes
Parian #207	-	Michael D. Shelton*	-	-

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East Lincoln #210	Arthur Kolb*	William W. Walker*	-	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	-	-	-	-
Palisade #216	-	-	-	Viron E. Baxter
Bloomfield #218	Ervin D. Nickels*	-	Theodore A. Branstiter*	Donald W. Jeannoutot*
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Magnolia #220	-	Leon Fredrickson*	-	Harold D. Lewin
Wood Lake #221	-	-	-	-
Landmark #222	-	-	-	-
Silver Cord #224	-	-	-	Kenneth W. Heuer*
North Star #227	-	-	Tyler T. Hall	-
Bartley #228	Philip L. Chesley	-	Donald D. Burton*	Walter M. Phillips*
Comet #229	Gerald J. Caha	James F. Hunter III*	-	Gerald R. Brodd*
Zion #234	-	-	-	Merlyn D. Shepherd*
Golden Rule #236	-	-	-	-
Friendship #239	Zane K. Lewis	Edwin C. Weber	Emil Coplecha*	James E. Coplecha*
Geo. Armstrong #241	-	-	-	-
Laurel #248	-	-	-	-
G. Washington #250	Jason J. Blodgett-McDeavitt	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell E. Erickson
Hickman #256	-	Keith L. Will	-	-
Mitchell #263	Ralph D. Hilyard	-	Ames Hartung III	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	Kent W. Ingram	-	-	-
Robt. Furnas #265	Larry D. Fausnaugh	William R. Selby	Robert Thomason*	Richard H. Cooper
G.W. Lininger #268	Gary W. Bunnell	Henry N. Carnaby	William R. Craig*	Ronald D. Stites
Oasis #271	-	-	-	-
Olive Branch #274	Ronald L. Brunton	-	Jerome O. Vavra	John S. Kruse*
Wallace #279	Keith Gartrell	Dennis R. Correll	Randall E. Ogier	Eric J. Chrisman*
Florence #281	Stephen L. Ourecky	Robert D. Whipple, Jr.	Dale E. Wagner	Doyle E. Berg
Seneca #284	-	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	-	-	-	-
Oshkosh #286	Donald C. Fischer*	Mal M. Minshall	Bernard L. King*	Merton L. Rose
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	Galen L. Crawford*	Dewaine L. Knutson*	-
Omaha #288	Fred M. Guss*	-	-	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	Walter R. Forrest	-	Dale R. Link

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
John J. Mercer #290	John C. Hoagland*	-	-	Armando R. Benitez
Diamond #291	-	-	-	-
Monument #293	-	-	-	-
James Eatmon #294	Kenneth D. Kleinholz	John B. Ferguson	Ralph E. Kimzey*	Ronald E. Evelyn*
Cotner #297	Russell G. Reno	Walter S. Dodge	Robert G. Cawein	Dietrick P. Frye
Liberty #300	Walter L. Baumann	-	R. Gail Adams*	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	Adam R. Lowder*	Steven J. Taylor	Steven R. Barchus	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	Tedd A. Kaufman	-	-	-
Victory #310	Ronald R. King	Gale Bevington*	Gregg Kava	Robert C. King
Polk #311	-	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	Byrl A. Shear, Jr.	Robert E. Marks*	George S. Akerson*	-
Mid-West #317	Patrick G. Yates	Richard L. Hill	Bruce A. Baker	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	Jerry L. Phelps	-	-	David W. Caudy
Lebanon #323	-	-	-	-
Cairo #324	-	Lawrence O. Rolofson Jr.	-	-
Bellevue #325	Charles E. Sohm	David W. Bridges	Samuel McCubbin	Arlen L. Stiefvater*
Centennial #326	Fred J. Ripley	John L. Waner	Carl J. Diamond	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	Dale W. Nelson	Rick D. Benson*	Cleo M. Miller	Paul D. Rutherford
Miloma #328	Joseph C. Binge	Jeffery K. Ogle*	Barry P. Higgins*	Donald L. Miller*

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GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Alabama		
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Alaska	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Arizona	Robert E. Kyea, 36	9/3/1976
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Arkansas	Dennis Brydl, 314	12/12/2000
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/1974	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Australia, Queensland		
G. T. Brice		Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 290	5/4/1985
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Tasmania	Lloyd L. Edwards, 110	9/9/1960
Peter Alexander Potheccary	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/1979
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Belgium	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Bolivia	Jack D. Nichols, 265	
		Brazil, Acre		
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman	Robert L. Carter, Jr., 314, 210	3/13/1996
		Brazil, Bahia	Jay H. Speck, 6	12/4/1995
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1968	Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	6/4/1971
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1968	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutumo Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
		Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	4/18/1994
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Virgil L. Tubach, 54	2/10/1989
		Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte	Keith Leibhart, 148	8/13/1999
Jose W K Neto	9/10/1992	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	1/15/1993
		Brazil, Rondonia	Duard O. Dempster, 291	
		Brazil, Roraima	Richard H. Cooper, 263, 265	
Sidnei Luiz Saut	12/1/1991	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	7/1/1974
Jose de Vittis Silva	11/14/1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281, 327	6/7/1977
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gitz	5/29/1992	Brazil, Sergipe	Will Medow, 55	6/10/1992
Jose M. Ferrieira de Santana	6/22/1992	Brazil, Tocantins	Gordon L. Carley, 75	6/10/1992
Harold Loewenthal	4/23/1969	California	Eugene C. Sibley, 314	6/11/1976
Cecil D. Holmes	8/6/1989	Canada, Alberta	Steven A. Green, 54	11/6/1995
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/1986	Canada, British Columbia	Kent A. Talich, 79	4/19/1994
A. G. Brock	7/20/1993	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/31/1989
Morley G. McKay	6/10/2000	Canada, New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/1995
Kevin M. Kelly		Canada, Newfoundland And Labrador	Jay H. Speck, 6	11/17/1999
		Canada, Nova Scotia	Chad Richter	2/10/1999
Robert G. Wands	2/20/1998	Canada, Ontario	Paul R. Eveland, 119	2/16/1992
A. Ennis Small	1982	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Philip O. Edwards, 326	12/26/2000
Maurice A. Kelso	9/10/1997	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	11/4/1980
Edward L. Lee	3/11/1987	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Rigoberto Jamett Maureira	8/27/1994	Chile	Ben D. Fussell, 79	6/4/1971
Dawson Kwak	6/28/1980	China	Robert O. Rhodes, 96	
Jose Maria Serna	7/31/1951	Colombia, Barranquilla	Robert J. Prokop, 64	
Rafael F. Moreno		Colombia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	8/7/1969
Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/1980	Colorado	Steven F. Mattoon, 75	10/16/1997
Douglas A. Gray	1/15/1994	Connecticut	Byron Lane, 201	10/19/1992
Carlos Miranda	10/22/1968	Costa Rica	Les R. Seiler, 50	2000
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/5/1952	Cuba	John F. Dale, 126	12/14/1989
Zdenek Kirshner	11/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry Bepalec, 37	8/17/1999
Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987
Soren Nielsen	7/2/1990	Denmark	Frank Lawson, 1	12/21/1989
Richard E. Fletcher	11/25/1998	District of Columbia	Les R. Seiler, 50	
M. D. J. C. Navarro	8/25/1969	Dominican Republic	Keith E. Yocum, 75	
F. G. Araya	6/17/1953	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 177	11/7/1978

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Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	3/26/1994	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227, 184	12/2/1968
Heikki Aitola	12/31/1997	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/1995
Wm. C. Mitchell	6/23/1970	Florida	John Lippert, 323	8/8/1966
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/1954	France	J. Gibson, 54	7/1/1974
Marcel Ibinga Magwanga	5/3/1990	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135	2/10/1989
Wm. H. McDaniel	8/6/1989	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	8/3/1960
Wolfgang Durst	9/24/1975	Germany	Kevin L. Rittenburg, 229	10/24/1995
Andreas Rizopoulos	2/12/1969	Greece	Benjiman H. Harvey, 119	2/10/1989
Angel G. Guzman	8/13/1963	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	6/8/1977
		Hawaii	James DeMoss	12/7/1991
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Dr. Robert Shiller	6/22/1992	Hungary	Don A. Mears, 3	7/25/1992
Steinare J. Ludvigsson	1/31/1994	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Idaho	Bevin B. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Kenneth Smith		Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
Gaur Singhania	12/28/2000	India	William G. Hurst, 54	9/17/1977
Herbert A. Newman	12/4/1974	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
		Iran (in exile)	Noel J. Lindquist, 1	6/4/1971
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Ireland	Robert E. Comer, 239	10/10/1977
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/1986	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Yasuhiko Ide		Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Kentucky	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39	6/12/1987
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/1989	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/1984
Rene Gregorius	8/17/1971	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/1989
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	12/22/96
William H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/1997	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50	1/8/2001
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Del D. Hamilton, 256	12/4/1995
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Norman L. Coe, 46	12/31/1989
		Mexico, Valle de Mexico	Dean T. Dinklage, 114	
		Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/1989
Carlos Marban	10/26/1995	Michigan	Don L. Jelinek, 54, 289	
Tom R. Esply	1985	Minnesota	Donald L. Pohlman, 41	2/10/1989
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/1989	Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
Thomas L. Packer		Missouri	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	6/30/1994
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290	12/31/1989
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/1988	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201	12/23/1990
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Nevada	Monte K. Olmstead, 290	12/10/1996
Franklin L. Coonley	8/18/1989	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	4/14/1980
Ellis W. Howard	6/14/1962	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/1985
Thomas P. Zinkevich, Jr.	7/26/1995	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
Al Hejnal		New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/1973
John W. Emmerson		Nicaragua	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	2000
		North Carolina	Cullen Pilker, 39	3/24/1997
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/1995
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51	2/10/1989
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/1990
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	
John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oregon	Michael Birnstihl, 314	12/13/1999
Joseph C. Willhoff	1985	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/1953	Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 89	
		Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 224	6/4/1971
Carlos Pena	9/1/1972	Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
Antonia Espinosa		Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56	
Luís C. Ferreira de Matos	11/12/1986	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	6/4/1971
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Rhode Island	Paul C. Bulling, Jr., 229	3/18/1996
Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Scotland	John M. Weidner, Sr., 33, 75	1/15/1992
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Senegal, West Africa		
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46	12/31/1989
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	South Carolina	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Dakota	U. Wealey Fox, 192	7/6/1972
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	Spain		
		Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
Karl Gustav Thurffell	5/15/91			

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Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Tennessee	George A. Iverson, 15	4/28/1977
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Texas	Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327	5/20/1992
Athila Atli	12/29/1971	Turkey	Dale W. Anderson, 158	1/15/1992
Tom Eastwood	1/10/1990	Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 143	8/5/1992
Wendall H. Chaffee	5/16/1982	Utah	Dwight R. Smith, 205	4/18/1994
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/1997	Venezuela	Paul A. Canady, 323	6/12/1987
Kenneth E. Kershner	12/3/1993	Virginia	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/1985
Pascal Kinda	10/6/1999	Washington	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/4/1991
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/1961	West Africa, Burkina Faso	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	6/10/1983
Lawrence L. Myers	1/5/1992	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/1989
		Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	6/12/1974

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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
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Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		14,378	14,378
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.625%, 2-15-06	25,000	23,376	26,344
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.125%, 2-15-23	50,000	57,063	58,219
FNMA NTS Unsecured, 7.25%, 1-15-10	25,000	24,304	27,586
FHLE Ser CV14 Bonds Unsecured, 6.045%, 5-12-14	50,000	46,393	49,969
FNMA Benchmark Notes, 7.125%, 1-15-30	50,000	51,000	55,609
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 5.25%, 11-1-16	100,000	99,000	95,092
Ford Capital Note, 9.875%, 5-15-02	50,000	51,463	51,232
International Paper Company, Shelf 2, 9.4%, 6-1-02	50,000	49,850	51,289
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-02	50,000	49,658	50,896
Worldcom Inc., 6.25%, 8-15-03	50,000	48,253	51,253
AT & T Corp., 6.75%, 4-1-04	50,000	49,632	51,187
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 6.5%, 5-1-04	50,000	46,231	51,500
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	50,000	46,451	50,221
Union Electric Company 1 st Mortgage, 6.75%, 5-1-08	50,000	49,054	51,408
Lilly Eli & Co., 6.57%, 1-1-16	50,000	51,312	51,500
Adelphia Comm, 6.00%, 2-14-06	20,000	19,050	17,375
Southtrust Bank NA, 6.125%, 1-9-28	50,000	46,503	49,071
 TOTAL BONDS		<u>808,593</u>	<u>839,751</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
250 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		12,638	12,885
Banks/Finance:			
300 Allmerica Financial Corp.		17,175	13,365
Business Services:			
440 Global Payments, Inc.		8,361	15,136
550 NDCHealth Corp.		12,914	19,003
Communication:			
625 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		27,461	28,437
1,350 Level 3 Communications, Inc.		42,690	6,750
1,100 Lucent Technologies, Inc.		24,002	6,930
1,700 RCN Corporation		36,100	4,981
775 Sprint Corporation (FON Group)		27,906	15,562
550 Sprint Corporation (PCS Group)		30,598	13,426
780 Worldcom Inc.		28,922	10,941
Construction/Materials:			
600 Chicago Bridge & Iron		20,386	16,020
1,100 Pall Corporation		21,976	26,466
400 Vulcan Materials Co		16,076	19,176
Electronics:			
900 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		21,199	26,037
Entertainment:			

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400 Viacom, Inc.	22,303	17,660
Food:		
600 Performance Food Group Co.	20,063	42,204
Household Products/Furniture:		
525 Colgate Palmolive Co.	22,975	30,319
Healthcare:		
300 Cardinal Health, Inc.	17,600	19,398
Insurance:		
500 Nationwide Financial Services	21,263	20,730
Miscellaneous:		
525 Elan Corporation	26,827	23,656
500 Hanover Compressor Company	18,275	12,630
Packaging/Containers:		
550 Avery Dennison Corp.	33,686	31,091
Petroleum/Energy:		
500 Houston Exploration Company	11,941	16,790
700 Unocal Corporation	24,751	25,249
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
400 Abbott Labs	15,258	22,300
200 Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	7,061	10,200
550 Pharmacia Corporation	30,952	23,458
Utilities:		
650 Burlington Res Inc.	24,115	24,401
300 El Paso Energy Corporation	17,786	13,383
Multi-Industry:		
300 Corning, Inc.	33,951	5,352
Misc. Manufacturing:		
450 Tyco International, Ltd.	24,739	26,505
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>721,950</u>	<u>600,441</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>1,530,543</u>	<u>1,440,192</u>

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
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	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		82,708	82,708

Bonds

U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.875%, 2-15-04	25,000	24,128	26,383
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-04	25,000	25,914	27,180
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 8-15-05	25,000	24,901	27,078
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-07	25,000	25,001	27,477
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6%, 8-15-09	50,000	47,930	53,297
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 7.25%, 5-15-16	25,000	28,117	28,906
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Co., 7.065%, 7-18-12	25,000	25,000	25,609
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 7.125%, 1-15-30	25,000	25,500	27,805
Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn., 6.45%, 5-12-14	25,000	23,196	24,984
Ford Capital, 9.875%, 5-15-02	25,000	24,866	25,616
Texas Utilities Electric, 8.0%, 6-1-02	25,000	24,829	25,448
Southern California Edison, 5.875%, 9-1-04	30,000	25,344	28,200
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone, 5.25%, 5-1-05	25,000	21,336	25,040
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-06	25,000	25,000	25,909
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-08	25,000	26,434	26,093
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	25,000	24,229	25,110
Merrill Lynch & Co, 6%, 2-17-09	25,000	24,393	24,895
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-27	25,000	24,325	22,645
TOTAL BONDS		470,443	497,675

Common Stocks

Unassigned:			
250 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		12,639	12,885
Banks/Finance:			
300 Allmerica Financial Corp.		17,175	13,365
Business Services:			
360 Global Payments, Inc.		6,841	12,384
450 NDCHealth Corp.		10,566	15,547
Communication:			
450 Adelpia Communications Corp.		17,295	14,031
475 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		20,870	21,613
1,275 Level 3 Communications, Inc		36,414	6,375
800 Lucent Technologies, Inc.		17,456	5,040
1,300 RCN Corporation		28,100	3,809
575 Sprint Corp. (FON Group)		20,704	11,546
400 Sprint Corp. (PCS Group)		22,253	9,764
570 Worldcom, Inc.		21,209	8,023
Construction/Materials:			
400 Chicago Bridge & Iron		13,591	10,680
900 Pall Corp.		17,980	21,654
300 Vulcan Materials Co		12,057	14,382
Electric Equip/Appliances:			
Electronics:			

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350 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.	16,488	20,251
Entertainment:		
300 Viacom, Inc.	16,727	13,245
Food:		
500 Performance Food Group Co.	16,719	35,170
Healthcare:		
300 Cardinal Health, Inc.	17,600	19,398
Household Products/Furniture:		
400 Colgate Palmolive Co.	16,785	23,100
Insurance:		
400 Nationwide Financial Services	17,562	16,584
Miscellaneous:		
375 Elan Corp.	19,163	16,898
400 Hanover Compressor Co.	14,620	10,104
Packaging/Containers:		
425 Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	24,025
Petroleum/Energy:		
400 Houston Exploration Company	9,553	13,432
550 Unocal Corporation	22,062	19,838
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
300 Abbott Labs	11,443	16,725
200 Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	2,979	10,200
400 Pharmacia Corporation	22,510	17,060
Utilities:		
450 Burlington Res. Inc.	16,695	16,893
300 El Paso Energy Corporation	17,786	13,383
Multi-Industry:		
200 Corning, Inc.	25,741	4,460
Misc. Manufacturing:		
325 Tyco International, Ltd.	17,867	19,143
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	583,421	491,007
TOTAL FUND	1,053,864	988,682

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