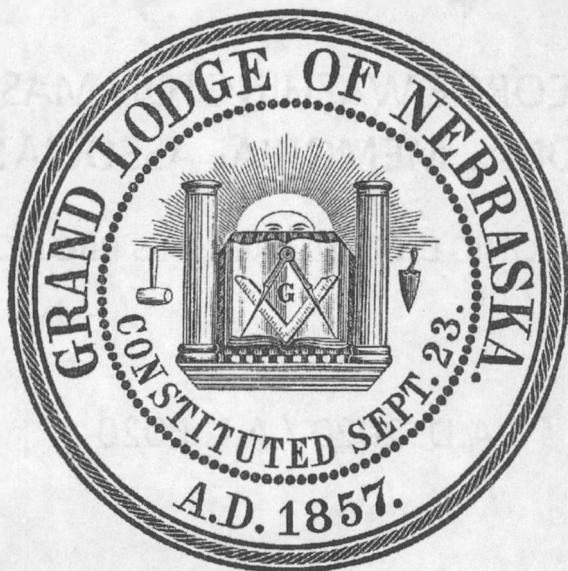


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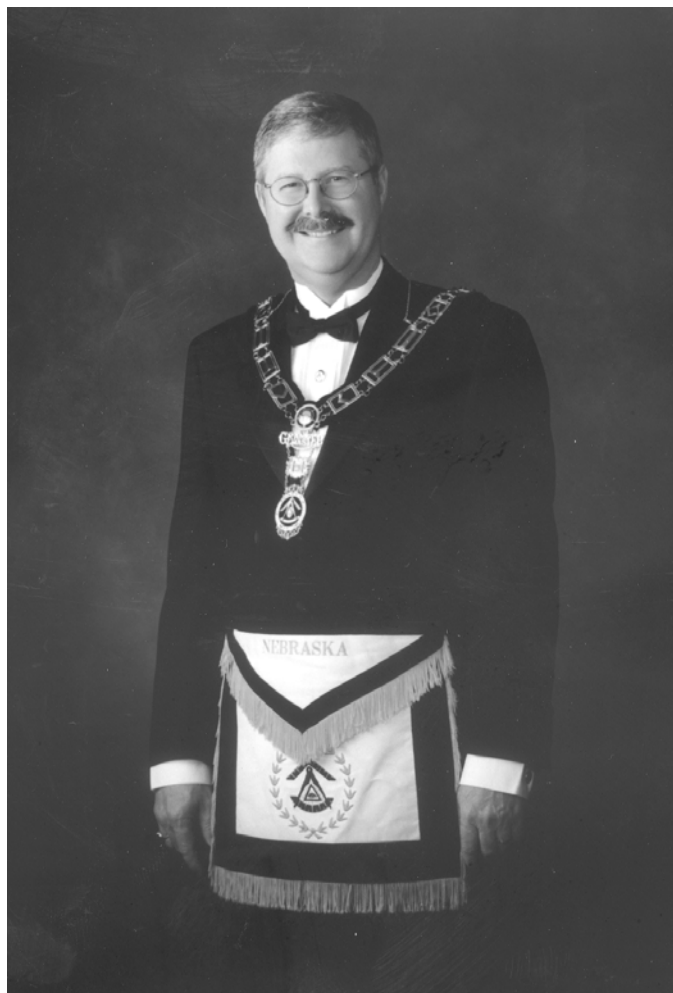
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Michael E. Jones
Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2002-2003

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.

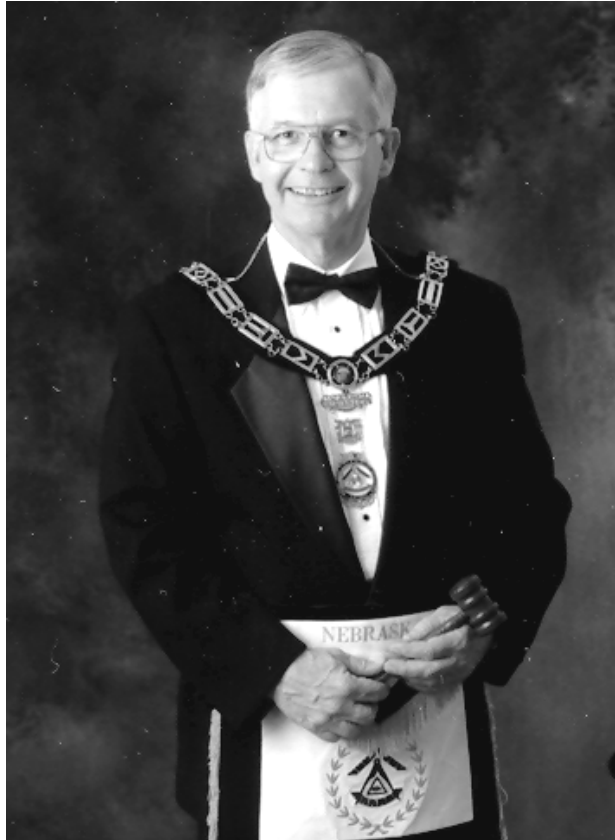
Shrine – Became a member of Tehama Shrine Center, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Hastings, Nebraska on April 15, 2000.

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.



Kenneth D. Beebe
Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2003-2004

Masonic History of the 137th Grand Master

Kenneth D. Beebe

Ancient Craft Masonry – Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on October 5, 1966, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on May 3, 1967, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 2, 1967 in North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska. Installed as Worshipful Master in January of 1974 and served as Secretary from 1975 to 2000.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska – Appointed Grand Tyler by M.:W.: Paul Eveland in 1988. Appointed Grand Senior Steward in 1995 by M.:W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg and in 1996 by M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. Appointed Grand Marshal in 1997 by M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 1998 by M.:W.: Don E. Rasmussen. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1999 by M.:W.: Dwight E. Smith. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 2000 under M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr. Elected Grand Senior Warden in 2001 under M.:W.: Philip A Lorenzen. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in 2002 under M.:W.: Michael E. Jones. Installed as the 137th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska on February 23, 2003.

Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Brazil, Maranhao in 1979. Served as a member of the Doings of Grand Officers Committee, 1975-1986 and as Chairman, 1978-1986. Also served on the Grand Lodge Office Committee, the Masonic Education and Leadership Committee and the Membership Committee.

York Rite – Made a Royal Arch Mason on April 16, 1975 in Signet Chapter No. 8, a Cryptic Mason on April 18, 1975 in Hiram Council No. 7, and a Knight Templar on April 26, 1976 in Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9, all in Fremont, Nebraska. Served as Eminent Commander of Mt. Tabor Commandery No. 9 in 1979 and as Illustrious Master of Hiram Council No. 7 in 1980.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite – Received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska on December 3 and 4, 1981.

Shrine – Became a member of Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on May 3, 1975 and is a member of the Fremont Shrine Club.

Order of the Eastern Star – Member of Ruth Chapter No. 119, North Bend, Nebraska since November 21, 1975. Served as Worthy Patron in 1980 and 2002.

National Sojourners – Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19 and Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76.

Other Masonic Bodies – Director and Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Member of Saints John Lodge of Education, South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research and DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Education, Professional, Public Service and Other – Earned a BS Degree in Agriculture from the University of Nebraska in 1968. Served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Presbyterian Church of North Bend, Nebraska. Director and Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of NC+ Hybrids; Past President of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association; Director, Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Director, Fremont National Bank; Director, Fremont Rotary Club; Director and Treasurer, Fremont Area Medical Center Foundation.

Military – Captain, United States Army. Vietnam veteran, Company Commander, U.S. Army Reserve. Member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 7 and 8, 2003, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 1st day of August, 2003.



Reginald S. Kuhn
GRAND SECRETARY

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Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 7 - 8, 2003

Most Worshipful Michael E. Jones
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 7, 2003

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Ramada Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2003.

M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76, the M.:W.: Grand Master, Michael E. Jones and his Lady, Joanie, were presented and given Grand Honors.

R.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe took the podium and presented the distinguished guests in attendance.

First of the dignitaries to be presented to the Grand Master and honored by the Masons assembled were the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Following the Nebraska flag, the presentation of state flags for other visiting jurisdictions was made by

the Sir Knights, Order of Knights Templar of Nebraska in chronological order of the formation of their Grand Lodge.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

- M.: W.: Johnny L. Cummings..... Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- R.: W.: Terry Underwood Grand Auditor, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- W.: Russell W. Hobson Grand Historian, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska
- R.: W.: Ronald A. Aungst, Sr..... Senior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania
- M.: W.: Richard E. Fletcher Past Grand Master of Vermont and
Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association
- M.: W.: Jimmie D. Lee..... Grand Master of Missouri
- M.: W.: Glenn Means.....Past Grand Master of Missouri
and Executive Secretary of the Grand Masters Conference of North America
- M.: W.: James E. Durbin..... Past Grand Master and
Personal Representative of the Grand Master of Illinois
- M.: W.: J. Garrie Burr Past Grand Master and
Personal Representative of the Grand Master of Illinois
- W.: J.B. Van Hollen Junior Grand Deacon of Wisconsin
- M.: W.: Clifford C. Godsey..... Grand Master of Iowa
- R.: W.: William R. Crawford.....Grand Secretary of Iowa
- M.: W.: Rev. Terry L. Tilton..... Grand Master of Minnesota
- W.: B.: Frederick B. Vihovde..... Grand Representative and
Past Grand Treasurer of Minnesota
- R.: W.: Allan L. Hurlburt Grand Senior Warden of Kansas
- V.: W.: Sterling P. Hornbuckle Assistant Grand Chaplain of Kansas
- M.: W.: Conrad F. Johnson Past Grand Master and Grand Representative of Kansas
- W.: Brian L. Cotter.....Senior Grand Steward and
Personal Representative of the Grand Master of Colorado
- M.: W.: W. Wayne Perkins Past Grand Master of Nevada
- W.: B.: Kenneth Smith Past Master, Tonopah, Nevada
- M.: W.: Bill Harmon Grand Master of Wyoming
- R.: W.: Philip G. Buchholz Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming
- W.: Clarence Darling..... Senior Grand Steward of Wyoming
- M.: W.: Jack E. Nixson Past Grand Master of Wyoming and
Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite
- M.: W.: George C. Smith Past Grand Master of Wyoming
- M.: W.: Alvin Wahlert Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Robert L. Morrow..... Past Grand Master of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Leslie M. Spies Past Grand Master and
Grand Secretary/Treasurer of South Dakota
- M.: W.: Alan Malm..... Grand Master of North Dakota
- M.: W.: Howard Freije Past Grand Master of North Dakota

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

- Mrs. Donna Carmichael..... Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star
- Brother Don Jelinek..... Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star

Mrs. Cynthia Norman	Associate Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Brother Michael Donham	Associate Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Mrs. Jill Ramsey	Grand Conductress
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Ms. Jan Thoman	Associate Grand Conductress
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Brother Fred Way, Jr.	Grand Chaplain
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Brother Wayne Jacobsen	Grand Marshal
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Mrs. Mary Ann Stevens	Grand Organist
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Mrs. Dee Schuetz	Past Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star	
Miss Jennifer Birdsall	Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska	
Miss Jennifer Rose	Mother Advisor, Lincoln Assembly No. 6
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska	
Mrs. Thelma Domingo	Supreme Inspector
International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska	
Miss Jamie Meade	Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Miss Halie Welch	Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Mrs. Mary Louise Gillispie	Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Brother Gene Wehrbein	Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Mrs. Thelma Lenhardt	Grand Secretary
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Brother Jerry Sieck	Grand Treasurer and Past Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Mrs. Mary Ann Townsend	Vice Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Brother Leroy H. Rosenthal, Jr.	Vice Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters of Nebraska	
Brother Jeffrey Kitsmiller	Director of Field Operations
DeMolay International	
Brother Jason Wood	Past International Master Councilor
DeMolay International	
August Storz	State Senior Councilor
DeMolay Nebraska	
Jason Holtz	State Junior Councilor
DeMolay Nebraska	
Brother Bruce Wood	Executive Officer
DeMolay Nebraska	
R.: E.: Jay H. Speck	Secretary/Recorder
Grand York Rite of Nebraska	

- R.: E.: John T. Parsons Deputy Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- M.: I.: James N. Karnegis Grand Master
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons in Nebraska
- R.: E.: Marlin D. Palasek Grand Commander
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska
- Brother Keith Herbster Intendant General, Division of Nebraska
Red Cross of Constantine
- Brother Roger L. Galusha Puissant Sovereign, Coeur de Lion
Red Cross of Constantine
- ILL.: Warren D. Lichty Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction
- ILL.: B.: W. Glen Jorgenson General Secretary of the Valley of Hastings
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Orient of Nebraska
- ILL.: B.: Jim L. Brown General Secretary of the Valley of Lincoln
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Orient of Nebraska
- ILL.: B.: Curt M. Edic General Secretary of the Valley of Omaha
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Orient of Nebraska
- Brother Gary Martin Wise Master, Rose Croix, Hastings Consistory
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Orient of Nebraska
- IMP.: Sir Jack H. Jones Imperial Recorder of the Shrine of North America
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir Wayne E. Vian Potentate of Tehama Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Noble Steve O'Brien Oriental Guide of Tehama Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Noble Lynn Naber 2nd Ceremonial Master of Tehama Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir Rob Kinsey Potentate of Sesostris Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir James B. Parks, Sr. Potentate of Tangier Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir John O'Loughlin Past Potentate of Tangier Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- ILL.: Sir Donald W. Madsen Past Potentate of Tangier Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Noble John Wonder High Priest and Prophet of Tangier Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Noble Cary Manson Recorder of Tangier Shrine
Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Mrs. Marie Rasmussen Queen of Naamah Temple No. 108, Daughters of the Nile
- W.: Gerald D. Verbeek Regional Representative, Nebraska & Iowa
National Sojourners, Inc. for Nebraska and Iowa
- W.: Charles A. Folsom Past National President
National Sojourners, Inc. and Past National Commander of the Heroes of '76

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

Mrs. Margaret Fickes, Widow of M.:W.: Russell L. Fickes	1971
M.: W.: Jack H. Hendrix	1978
M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty	1979
M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon	1986
M.: W.: Wayne G. Lueningborg	1987
M.: W.: Paul R. Eveland	1988
M.: W.: Steven F. Mattoon.....	1994
M.: W.: Jerry L. Rittenburg.....	1995
M.: W.: V. Kaye Ramsey	1996
M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming.....	1997
M.: W.: Don E. Rasmussen	1998
M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith	1999
M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000
M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen.....	2001



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

Grand Master Jones welcomed everyone to this, the 146th Annual Communication.



R.: W.: Ron Aungst, Sr., Senior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania brought greetings.



At this time, Past 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:

Lloyd I. Edwards.....	District 9
Arthur S. Dye.....	District 18
John C. Sierks	District 8
Roger L. Shillington	District 32
Arthur J. Ferguson	District 26
Augustine S. Scolaro.....	District 2
Leslie A. Evert	District 29
Harold W. Noble.....	District 35
Steven A. Green.....	District 10
Ronald D. Grass.....	District 5
Scott J. Kreiger, Sr.	District 20
Frank R. Harris	District 38
Delmar A. Jones.....	District 24
Halsey D. Phillips	District 3
Richard H. Cooper	District 30

Thomas R. Reed.....	District 6
Michael G. Birnstihl.....	District 11
Roger A. Deininger.....	District 17
Kenneth G. Fleming.....	District 31
Bruce A. Watkins.....	District 36
Jack D. Nichols.....	District 28
Harold C. Mueksch.....	District 34
Carl C. Plants.....	District 19
James R. Taylor.....	District 15
Wayne E. Beatty.....	District 21

After introductions, the following Brothers were recognized: Steven A. Green received his 30-year proficiency card.

M.: W.: Mike Jones congratulated and presented Dean Papenhagen with his commission as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 38.

Brother Monte Bloyd received his card and was commissioned as an Apprentice Custodian by Dean Papenhagen.

Grand Master Jones presented M.: W.: Kenneth G. Fleming with a certificate appointing him to Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus status.

M.: W.: Michael E. Jones brought M.: W.: Jerry Rittenburg to the front and presented him with a certificate appointing him to the status of Grand Custodian Emeritus.



Miss Jennifer Birdsall, Grand Worthy Advisor, was introduced by Grand Master Jones, at which time Jennifer brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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

He must first be a Master Mason for thirty years. Secondly, he must have been active in at least three of the following five community activities. He could have held a political office such as mayor, city council member, county board member, natural resource district board member, school board member, or such other political office as may be available. He could have been active in his church either as an elder, a vestry member, Deacon, lay reader, or such other similar office. He could have been denoted as a Civic leader because of his involvement on boards of directors for local hospitals, nursing homes, financial institutions, or foundations. He could have been a volunteer for such charitable organizations as the YMCA, United Way, or Scouting. He could have been involved in such service organizations as the Lions, Sertoma, Kiwanis or Rotary. Lastly, he must have been active in the Masonic fraternity.

Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 came forward to express his pleasure in being a recipient of the 2002 Humanitarian Award.

Brother Grant Jones, grandson of Robert E. Merchant of Wayne Lodge No. 120, read a brief letter written by his grandfather conveying his appreciation for being named a 2002 Humanitarian Award recipient.



Miss Jamie Meade, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Halie Welch, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, brought greetings from the International Order of Job's Daughters.

GOLD PAN AWARD

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

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

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

Grand Master Michael E. Jones presented the award to members of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln.

W.:M.: Russell G. Reno spoke on behalf of Cotner Lodge No. 297.



In the absence of Tyler Weers, State Master Councilor, who was called to active military duty on Tuesday, February 4, August Storz, State Senior Councilor of DeMolay Nebraska was introduced by Grand Master Jones, at which time August brought greetings from DeMolay Nebraska.

August Storz, State Senior Councilor for DeMolay Nebraska, presented the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award to Philip O. Edwards, Centennial Lodge No. 326. August also made a presentation for the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte.



Grand Master Jones 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.



M.:W.: Jones explained the Past Grand Master's Scholarship program and announced that Erin Epley, Past Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow, and a member of Job's Daughters, was the first recipient of the scholarship in 2002. Erin received \$500 toward her school expenses. Due to Erin's college schedule, she was unable to attend the Public Opening.

At this time, Grand Master Jones presented Donna Carmichael, Worthy Grand Matron and Don Jelinek, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star. Don and Donna brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Grand Master Jones drew everyone's attention to the pennants hanging on the wall which represented each lodge with a representative in attendance at the Annual Communication.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Jones 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 Osceola Lodge No. 65 of Osceola. W.:M.: E. David Watts spoke on behalf of Osceola Lodge.



Grand Master Jones asked M.:W.: Paul Eveland, as Commander, to come to the front to bring greetings from the Heroes of '76 of the National Sojourners.



M.:W.: Mike Jones requested that Ben Harvey of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Michael G. Birnstihl, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, come forward to receive checks, each in the amount of \$1907.93, from the proceeds of the First Annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament held in September 2002.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that Larry Zwart, a member of the Membership Committee, come forward to present the traveling trophies. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each lodge received a traveling trophy that they can display in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winner in the large lodge division was Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln. The winner in the small lodge division was Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 13 members who qualified. M.:W.: Grand Master Jones read the names of the recipients and presented them with a pin in the shape of a trowel, representing their achievements in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection.

- 10 - Curt Edic, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- 10 - Steve Hanneman, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- 9 - Roger Stutheit, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 9 - Ezio "Rocky" Ognissanti, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
- 8 - Bruce Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 7 - Larry Zwart, Covert Lodge No. 11
- 6 - Don Ball, North Bend Lodge No. 119
- 6 - Mark Kinzie, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 5 - Bob Stutheit, Liberty Lodge No. 300
- 4 - Russ Reno, Cotner Lodge No. 297
- 3 - Rick Wiese, Jr., Springfield Lodge No. 112

Second place went to Brother Dale Lueders, a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln. Brother Lueders was presented with a pin, as well as a plaque.

First place went to Brother E. David Watts of Osceola Lodge No. 65. In addition to the pin and plaque, Brother Dave will also receive a pocket badge, and his picture and name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the Grand Lodge Office.



Grand Master Jones asked M.:W.: Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont, and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association, to come forward, at which time Mike presented him with a commendation certificate from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M.:W.: Brother Fletcher also presented Grand Master Mike with an award from the Masonic Service Association of North America.



M.:W.: Michael E. Jones asked Deputy Grand Master Ken Beebe to distribute similar certificates as those presented to M.:W.: Brother Fletcher to visiting dignitaries from other jurisdictions as he read their names aloud, and thanked them once again for attending the Annual Communication.

GRAND ORATION

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

Most Worshipful Sir, Ladies, Distinguished Guests, Brethren:

A year ago at this time we were mourning a very special loss. This year as you well know, we have other concerns. Last year we were overpowered by the outpouring of

Masonic heartfelt condolences from our Brothers all around the world to this jurisdiction and to all jurisdictions. We obviously are now centered on the loss of other Americans and that has somewhat overshadowed the deployment or possible deployment of our troops.

We forget that over 50 years ago others faced similar difficulties. Britain was concerned about just having enough food for her citizens, possible invasion, the Royal family was in disarray after the abdication of the king. So in 1939, when King George VI was the Royal, as well as the Masonic leader of his country, he made the following broadcast over radio at Christmas. He immortalized some words written by M. Louise Haskin and the title is *God Knows*.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth in finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night and he led me toward the hills and the breaking of day in the lone east.

We all started this Masonic year not knowing what to expect or what would happen. We stepped out believing in the goodness and tenets of our fraternity. That belief and faith in our Heavenly Father became the light of our pathways. As you well know, the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Custodians and many of you have driven thousands of miles, attended hundreds of meetings, often at their own expense - visiting lodges, appendant bodies, neighboring jurisdictions, widows and special individuals. You have planned and worked for the betterment of Masonry and your prayers are being answered.

As you well know, this has been a year of Masonic M&M's. We had so many memories with this gentleman, and not only Masonic Memories, but Masonic Milestones. We had a large number of cornerstones, including a recreation center at Albion, a new church at Hebron, and we found that the Methodist Bishop and the presiding Minister are members of our fraternity. At St. Paul, we dedicated a water park; in Kimball, a hospital addition; Geneva, a cottage for troubled young girls. We learned a lot about youth, we learned about people who have gone before us. The cottage was named after two young part Indian women. One of them had been the interpreter at Standing Bear's trial, and for those of you who have forgotten that little history lesson, his case led to the recognition of native Americans as individuals by our government. The other lady became a doctor. You have to realize that both of these ladies started life on a reservation, wrong family, wrong side of the tracks, wrong color skin, you name it, it was wrong. And they both were honored at this special event – truly an inspiration.

At Gordon, we dedicated another hospital addition. We had a wonderful day. This lodge was just amazing. At Sidney we dedicated a wonderful daycare for children. And on the stone it said "Away wee grow." It was a nice day and a nice group. A place called Chadron had a double cornerstone ceremony and we had a lot of fun there. We were honored by four green coats from South Dakota being in attendance. We greatly appreciate the support of your Grand Lodge. It was truly appreciated. We had a Master of one of their lodges also in attendance. So thank you all for caring so much about Masonry, highlighting our fraternity by the cornerstone ceremonies. And also we have to

thank the Eastern Star. Often the ladies were in charge and provided a wonderful meal for us after the ceremony. It was deeply appreciated.

You've heard and seen the members of Osceola lodge, but they also had a 125th Anniversary Celebration. It was a lot of fun. One thing they haven't told you about is their outdoor degree. They had a wonderful young candidate. It was an outdoor setting and when you're outdoors in a dry area, certain things happen. As all of you gentlemen know, the candidate is placed in a certain portion of the lodge and the other brethren are basically walking around. The problem is in a dry area there happen to be grasshoppers. So as they walked around, the grasshoppers seemed to settle on the candidate.

This year Cotner lodge has been recognized. One thing that they are particularly, I'm sure, proud of is their Vacant Chair Ceremony. This honors the veterans of World War I, the Australian and New Zealand veterans. And Cotner Lodge and Worshipful Brother Russ Reno are to be highly commended. It's now been adapted to honor our veterans here in our country.

Way out west at Long Pine, Worshipful Brother Alvin Benemerito wrote and helped direct a Lodge of Military Remembrance. I hope you get to see both of these ceremonies in the future. The George Washington 250th Anniversary Commemoration of his Masonic Initiation at Hastings was really special. You have to see someone like Art Dye in a wig and colonial costume to really appreciate how special it was. It was very nicely done. The National Law Enforcement Day activities were commemorated with the help of the Grand Lodge. We had meetings with Prince Hall Masons, with the Eastern Star officers, and the Masonic Summit was a meeting where all the appendant bodies came together and met with our Grand Master and I'm told it was highly productive.

And last but not least on this quick list, a very special Masonic Band Camp. We received the idea from our brethren in Kansas and one special little thing this year was a young man in a wheel chair. He loved it and I believe he's coming back. Thank you for sending all of these students. Lodges such as Gordon, Nebraska partnered with other groups in town to help pay the scholarships for these young people, something we all need to consider. In our lodge, the master organized a luncheon to raise funds. So we were giving of ourselves, not just giving the traditional check. Then he went and volunteered for the whole week as a camp chaperone.

This also has been a year of Masonic Moans and Groans. There's a little lodge out in the west. They have a football team. I asked the wives of one of the men, "How'd they do?" She said "Pretty well. After aspirin, about three days of rest and a hot shower, they're almost back to normal." I know you're saying, "That's crazy, we can't play football," but you can share the enthusiasm for Masonry. They're kind of sneaky. You know, we say they're crazy, well sort of like a fox. They invite sharp young men to play on the team, then obviously, they get acquainted, build a friendship and give them a petition. It seems to work out.

If you don't want to play football, how about hosting a bridge or a chess tournament, a trap shoot like Long Pine, a sporting clay shoot like David City, I believe. You could sponsor a car show like Benkelman, or host a local car or motorcycle club's toy run. In Valentine, they tried a flea market and seemed to be pleased with the results, and plan to do it again.

I mentioned band camp, I should have mentioned the moans and groans from the chaperones - those who tried to stay up all night and those who tried to keep up with the kids all day. If you stayed in the sun too long, you hurt and if you sat down too long you seemed to hurt. The best part were the band camp students. They are fun, the moans and groans from some of them were just exquisite. We had this one kid, I swear was walking wounded. Every part of his feet was bandaged, but we had a dance that night. Yeah, he was there, going strong, had a ball.

There are various Masonic monuments around our nation and around our world because we are international. The Grand Lodge of England is a good example. It is a visual monument to the men of England and the commonwealth who served in World War I, the great war. In the library you see a very nice display and there's a picture of the sculptor, Gustin Borgland. You realize how universal our fraternity is as you tour this great structure. In our country, the Statue of Liberty was sculpted by a French Freemason. Funds were raised by Masons on both sides of the Atlantic and, as you probably know, the cornerstone was dedicated in 1884, with Theodore Roosevelt being a strong support of the effort to get the statue finally up and in place. Mount Rushmore was sculpted by Gustin Borgland, and finished by his son Lincoln. The work officially began in 1927. The fourth face was revealed in 1939. Washington and Theodore Roosevelt, members of the craft, obviously are pictured. Borgland was a member of the craft, joining in New York, and his son joined in South Dakota. The Eiffel Tower, which many of you recognize instantly, you may now know that it was conceived and superintended in the building by the French Freemason Gustav Eiffel. He also happened to design the inner structure for the Statue of Liberty. In this country we have the Washington Monument and the George Washington Memorial that we all support with a portion of our dues. One final one that I'd like to mention is the Brother Helping Brother Monument in Gettysburg. This honors the friendship of Armistead and Hancock and if you've watched the movie *Gettysburg*, I really don't have to tell you more.

I have to lighten it for just a moment and tell you about some Masonic Memories that Mike and Joanie haven't shared with you. They have a new dog at their house, and like all puppies it seems to be full of life. And there were a lot of toys that seemed to be getting carried away and chewed up. I'm told that there was a new petition at their house and it was on the table or someplace where the dog could reach it. And kind of like some of you at school, when it was time to read the petition, they couldn't find it and they had to claim the dog ate it. Almost as bad, we're told a \$20 bill disappeared and as Paul Harvey would say, "That's the rest of the story."

This year has also had some moments of deep seriousness for us as Grand Lodge Officers. One of our brothers had a very serious surgery. Another lady has undergone a very difficult time with illness. Both, I'm happy to report, are doing extremely well. We did have a funeral for one of our members, Thelma Verbeek. We lost someone who has touched all of us through her husband Jerry, our Grand Custodian. At the gravesite, there were lovely white, pink and blue flowers. The smallest buds had not yet opened on those flowers. We have our moment, then other lives, like those flowers, grow and unfold in due time. We have some interesting international brotherhood that I would definitely again like to thank our visiting brethren. As Mother Theresa once said, "We draw the boundaries of family too small."

Let me begin to close this down because I think some of you would like to prepare a lodge. Our Grand Master Mike Jones has a saying "We must raise the bar." Set the bar higher in your lodge. Start a new activity. Hold a special night for the ladies of your lodge, help a brother or a needy child. And along that line, I would like to share with you a very brief passage dealing with Masonic charity. This comes from *The Greatest of These: Quotations on Fundamental Truths of Charity - The Teachings of Freemasonry*, by Woodrow W. Morris.

The box of fraternal assistance which once occupied the central position in every Masonic lodge room has been replaced by the annual per capita tax. That benevolence which for ages has been one of the sweetest byproducts of the teachings of our gentle craft has, I fear, ceased to be a gift from the heart, and has become the writing of a check. And unless the personal element is there, charity becomes a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol. Giving the challenge to practice Masonic charity in its eminent and personal form, almost any lodge and almost any individual mason will respond with enthusiasm. More important, Freemasonry will then come to have a new meaning for them.

This was written by Dwight L. Smith, *Wither Are We Traveling* in the Indiana Freemason.

Another brief reading comes from the Holy Scripture, Luke, chapter 6, verse 38:

Give and will be given to you a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

I would like to end with three lines:

I wondered where my soul might be. I searched for God, but he alluded me. I sought my brother out and found all three.

Thank you.



Grand Master Mike made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening, asking that everyone clear the room and all Brothers return for an opening of a Lodge of Master Masons and the Formal Session.

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One Hundred Forty-Sixth
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Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 7 – 8, 2003

Most Worshipful Michael E. Jones
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 7, 2003

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City and Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 of Stratton with Masons present. M.:W.: Grand Master Michael E. Jones thanked the Brethren involved in the opening of that Lodge of Master Masons.

M.:W.: Grand Master Mike Jones, 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 Jack Nichols invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 146th 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 Jones appointed M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 146th Annual Communication.

The report of the Committee on Business and Rules was made by 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.: Mike Jones announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steve Green as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M.:W.:Grand Master Jones 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.



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.



M.:W.: Mike Jones declared the ballot for the election of officers closed.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., Chairman

2002 has been an exciting year for Masonic youth thanks to the commitment of Most Worshipful Grand Master Mike Jones. This year a total of four \$1000 scholarships were awarded to Nebraska Masonic youth. The four winners for 2002 were: Becky James, Rainbow Assembly No. 23, Albion; Erin Benzel, Job’s Daughters Bethel No. 3, Alliance; Evan Snyder, representing the Alliance DeMolay Chapter; and Jenny Kopanic of Omaha, this year’s recipient of the Grand Master’s Scholarship. Jenny is a member of Bethel No. 1 Job’s Daughters and Assembly No. 22 Rainbow for Girls. This year a total of fifteen applications were received. All applicants were deserving of commendation and all can feel very proud of their accomplishments!

The committee reviewing applications this year was: Byron Hust, Steve Pitman, Dennis Smith and Rob Kinsey. My thanks to Byron, Steve and Dennis for promptly reviewing and returning their thoughtful recommendations.

In addition to coordinating the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program, the Committee under the direction of Grand Master Mike, sponsored the first-ever all-Masonic youth Leadership Conference held in Kearney, September 28-29, 2002. Four hundred and thirty-five youth and adults from across Nebraska participated in a high-energy leadership conference focusing on qualities which make good leaders and how to achieve those qualities, plus many fun activities, good food and learning more about each other's organizations. The conference was a culmination of five years of work and was considered by the participants and observers to have been an outstanding success. Another youth leadership conference is being planned for 2005 to give the various youth groups time to focus on their own organizations' activities and to raise adequate funding to bring in high quality speakers and entertainment.

Funding received this year from various sponsors, was sufficient to provide a fund from which to help defray costs for the 2005 event. The following groups contributed to the financial success of the leadership conference: Masonic Youth Foundation of Nebraska, Tangier Shrine, Sesostris Shrine, Cotner Lodge, Victory Chapter OES, Brownville Chapter OES, Schuyler Chapter OES, Tekamah Chapter OES, Electa Chapter OES, Lancaster Lodge, Minnekadusa Lodge, Hastings Lodge, Ashlar Lodge, Lebanon Lodge, Waterloo Lodge, Grand Chapter OES, Bellevue Lodge, Mid-West Lodge, Alma Chapter OES, Craftsmen Lodge, Long Pine Lodge, Nebraska Grand Assembly Order of Rainbow, Joe McBride, Job's Bethel No. 63, Rainbow Assembly No. 6, Betty Talley, Russ Reno, Aurora Lodge, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Byron Hust, Luna Chapter OES, Oliver Lodge, Mizpah Lodge, Pomegranate Lodge, Rose Croix Chapter OES, Rob Morris Chapter OES, Miloma Lodge, Violet Chapter OES, Solomon Lodge, Herman Chapter OES, Rainbow Assembly No. 22, North Bend Lodge, Tangier Hospital Float Unit, Starcraft Chapter OES, Utica Lodge, Bartley Chapter OES, Imperial Chapter OES, Laura Chapter OES, Harvard Chapter OES, William Chapman, Martha Washington Chapter OES, Parian Lodge, Willanna Chapter OES, Benson Masonic Temple, Hiram Lodge, Falls City Lodge, Naomi Chapter OES, Republican Chapter OES, Plattsmouth Lodge, Humboldt Chapter OES, Elizabeth Chapter OES, Lincoln Chapter OES, Wausa Chapter OES, Wausa Lodge, Michael and Beverly Donham, Arbor Vitae Chapter OES and Trinity Chapter OES. Total revenues generated in 2002 were: \$33,411.00, including registration income. Total event expenses, including name badges, t-shirts, speaker compensation and reimbursement, photocopying, postage, telephone and hotel expenses: \$27,857.99, leaving a carryover balance of \$5,553.01. \$800.00 remains from 2001, which will be carried forward to 2003's budget.

This year's leadership conference featured the humor of Juli Burney, the music of Complete Music and Dr. Kirby McGill, hypnotist. Leadership presentations were given by Doug McCallum ("Dare to Soar! The Sky is Full of Opportunities"), Dr. Sue Schlichtemier-Nutzmann ("Teamwork"), Nebraska Adjutant General Roger Lempke and Brigadier General Mark Musick ("Patriotism"), Noble Drew Borske ("Serving Up Leadership: a Healthy Portion for Your Community" and "WOW Them with Words!"), and Gary and Karen Huesel presented on Character Counts. Dave Friedli concluded the Sunday morning sessions with an inspirational service of music and prayer. The conference details were the work of many committee members including: Julie Reno, Thelma Domingo, Karan Birdsall, Dee Schuetz and Gene Wehrbein. An evening visit by Illustrious Sir John O'Loughlin and his Lady Mary from Tangier Shrine in Omaha was much appreciated.

Again, thank you to Most Worshipful Grand Master Mike Jones for his dedication to and support of Masonic youth and to all those groups, which provided the financial support.

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Kenneth Friend, Chairman

Due to the absence of Kenneth Friend, Thomas Brazer, presented the report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2003 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.



Grand Master Mike Jones 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 COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Charles W. Amidon, Chairman

M.: W .: Amidon expressed his appreciation for having the privilege of serving on the Committee on Nebraska Work for the past twelve years and announced that he would be retiring from those duties and replaced in the year 2003 by a new Chairman, Past Grand Master Philip A. Lorenzen.

Only one suggested modification to the Ceremonies was considered during the past year as follows:

Concurrence with the Grand Master on minor adjustments to the Cornerstone Ritual to effect better understanding of our ceremony by the general public.

Members of the Committee did, however, attend the annual Deputy Custodian's School of Instruction held in Grand Island in September of 2002. This continued cooperation of the Committee on Nebraska Work and the Grand Custodian's Office assures the continuity of ritualistic work throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. The membership may be proud of the work the Deputy custodians so tirelessly perform.

One-Day Classes have continued to attract attention as the following recap discloses:

<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u># Courtesy</u>
Feb 16	Bee Hive No. 184	Omaha	18	18
Apr 13	Beatrice No. 26	Beatrice	16	9
Apr 20	J J Mercer No. 290	Omaha	17	16
May 11	Liberty No. 300	Lincoln	19	8
Jun 15	Hickman No. 256	Lincoln	4	3
Jun 29	Shiloh No. 327	Omaha	18	14
Jul 13	Lebanon No. 323	Columbus	3	0
Oct 26	Bellevue No. 325	Bellevue	33	31
Nov 9	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney	4	0
Nov 16	Liberty No. 300	Lincoln	17	11
			<u>149</u>	<u>110</u>

Although use of One-Day Classes has not entirely stemmed the tide of decreasing membership, the annual increase in new memberships they have produced cannot be overlooked. It is the recommendation of the Committee that this activity be continued. However, possible deterioration of Degree Work Proficiency by abdicating to outside One-Day Classes, should be of continuing concern to all subordinate lodges. It is suggested that subordinate lodges give serious consideration to performing up to five candidate classes when at all possible in order to maintain not only their proficiency, but to establish closer brotherhood relationship with new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Amidon, 281 & 327, Chairman
Steve Green, 54
Roger Shillington, 180

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



M.: W.: Wayne Perkins, Past Grand Master, was asked to come forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.: B.: Steve Green, 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.: Lester R. Seiler
- Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: Michael G. Birmstihl
- Grand Junior Warden R.: W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska
- 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.



Deputy Grand Master Kenneth D. Beebe introduced and recognized the 2003-2004 Grand Lodge Officers, also announcing that the installation of the aforementioned officers will take place Saturday, February 23, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the North Bend Central High School Auditorium. There will be a reception following.

R.:W.: 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 Senior Warden Les Seiler announced that the 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place in Hastings, Nebraska, at the Masonic Center on February 3, 4 and 5, 2005.

Grand Junior Warden Michael G. Birnstihl moved for approval to hold the 149th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska on February 2, 3 and 4, 2006. 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 8 at 8:30 a.m.

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Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 8, 2003

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 146th 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 8, 2003.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Jack Nichols invoked the blessing of Deity.

M.:W.: Michael Jones announced that the preliminary total of the proceeds raised in the silent auction was \$5,200.00. The total proceeds will be divided equally among the three youth groups.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
Kenneth Friend, Chairman

Due to the absence of Kenneth Friend, Thomas Brazer, presented the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 25, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Committee members present were Chairman pro-tem Tom Brazer, David Emry, Jack Frahm and J.L. Spray. Also attending were Michael

Jones, Grand Master, Kenneth D. Beebe, Deputy Grand Master, Les Seiler, Grand Senior Warden, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

A motion to accept a balanced budget for 2003 was made by Tom Brazer. The motion was seconded and approved. This budget will be presented at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Meeting to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, February 6 - 8, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kenneth Friend, 314, Chairman
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11
 David A. Emry, 11
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 J.L. Spray, 19

<i>Lodge Income</i>	<i>2003 Budget</i>
4010.00 Fees	\$1,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$8,047.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$32,188.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$8,047.00
4140.000 Dues-Education Publication - NE Mason	\$8,047.00
4160.000 Dues-Perpetual Membership	\$3,500.00
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$193,128.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - Perp	\$1,500.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$3,750.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$3,571.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$13,537.00
4600.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$300.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$276,615.00
<i>Sales Income</i>	
4400.000 Supplies	\$14,000.00
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$58,500.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$5,500.00
4620.600 Sale of Banquet Tickets (Memb. Banquet)	\$6,938.00
4620.400 Sale of Other MealTickets (GM's Banquet)	\$6,875.00
4625.40 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$206.00
4625.50 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$863.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$1,760.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,438.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$1,500.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$800.00
Wardens and Deacons School	\$2,000.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$101,380.00
<i>Participatory Income</i>	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$10,000.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$12,500.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$12,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$34,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$412,495.00

Annual Communication	
5103.400 Per Diem	\$1,800.00
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,400.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$7,350.00
5111.400 Entertainment--Grand Master's Banquet	\$500.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$3,600.00
5130.400 Grand Lodge Banquet	\$6,375.00
5131.400 Grand Lodge Banquet-Beckham's Travel	\$500.00
5140.400 Entertainment of Guests	\$500.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$75.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$6,000.00
5171.400 Other Meals	
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$150.00
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,600.00
5177.40 Secretaries Lunch	\$825.00
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$1,600.00
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,375.00
5149.40 Archway Tour Tickets	\$0.00
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$150.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$800.00
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,350.00
5440.400 Printing & Copying	\$3,000.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$38,950.00
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	\$1,600.00
5220.425 Meals	\$2,450.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying	\$400.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$4,450.00
Travel & Related	
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff	\$500.00
5200.100 Travel-Grand Master	\$1,700.00
5200.150 Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$1,000.00
5200.200 Travel-Grand Secretary	\$400.00
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	\$600.00
5210.000 Auto Allowance	\$400.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	\$5,500.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	\$1,200.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	\$1,000.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	\$1,000.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$700.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$4,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$125.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$1,500.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$400.00
5220.200 Meals-Gr Secretary	\$300.00
5220.250 Meals -Gr Custodian	\$200.00
5220.300 Meals-DGC's	\$100.00
5220.350 Meals-Other Officers	\$400.00
5230.000 Motels-GL Office Staff	\$500.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	\$2,000.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	\$750.00
5230.200 Motels-Grand Secretary	\$750.00

5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	\$500.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	\$2,500.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$100.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$900.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$600.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$400.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$400.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$1,250.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$1,200.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$3,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$35,875.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$6,000.00
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$77,550.00
6563.000 Salary-Temp Staff	\$2,000.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$1,000.00
Performance Incentive	\$2,250.00
6562.10 FICA-Employer Share	\$6,258.00
FICA-Employer Share-GC	\$250.00
6562.20 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$65.00
Unemploy Tax-Fed-GC	\$4.00
6562.30 Unemploy Tax-State	\$10.00
Unemploy Tax-State-GC	\$1.00
5370.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,327.00
5380.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$100.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$97,815.00
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage	\$300.00
5400.100 Office Rent	\$16,800.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$3,500.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$350.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$130.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$8,000.00
5415.100 Telephone-Gr Master	\$500.00
5415.200 Telephone-Gr Secretary	\$500.00
5415.250 Telephone-Gr Custodian	\$100.00
5415.350 Telepone-Other Officers	\$0.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$2,000.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$1,500.00
5435.000 Postage	\$8,500.00
5435.100 Postage-Gr Master	\$0.00
5435.150 Postage-Dep Gr Master	\$0.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	\$100.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$3,000.00
5440.100 Printing & Copying-GM	\$0.00
5440.150 Printing & Copying-DGM	\$0.00
5440.200 Printing & Copying-G Sec	\$0.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$200.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,750.00

5445.100 Office Supplies-GM	\$50.00
5445.200 Office Supplies-GS	\$0.00
5445.250 Office Supplies-Gr Cust	\$0.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,200.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,500.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$1,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$500.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$35,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge	\$75.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$3,000.00
5500.000 Supplies-Printed (Lodge)	\$5,000.00
5505.000 Supplies-Other	\$6,000.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$200.00
5510.000 Supplies-Pins	\$1,750.00
5515.000 Secretary's Desk Book Exp (printing)	\$1,800.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$2,000.00
6700.000 Bad Check Expense	\$0.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$122,605.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$449.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$28,500.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$3,571.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,351.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$13,445.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$2,443.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,000.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$53,759.00
Committees	
XXXX.100 Jurisprudence-Committee	\$0.00
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$2,100.00
5200.450 Travel	
5220.450 Meals	
5230.450 Motels	
5240.45 Conv & Conf	
5440.450 Printing & Copying	
5435.450 Postage	
5470.450 Dues	
XXXX.475 Appropriations Committee	\$0.00
5220.475 Meals	
XXXX.525 Committee On Work	\$350.00
5200.525 Travel	
XXXX.550 Relief Committee	\$750.00
5835.550 Masonic Relief	
XXXX.600 Trial Commissions	\$100.00
5200.600 Travel	
XXXX.625 Grievances	\$0.00

XXXX.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm	\$75.00
5220.650 Meals	
XXXX.675 Finance Committee	\$0.00
5220.675 Meals	
XXXX.700 Public Relations Committee	\$1,200.00
5220.700 Travel	
5440.700 Printing & Copying	
5650.700 Other Administrative	
XXXX.710 Grand Marshal Exp	\$1,000.00
5650.71 Other Administrative	
XXXX.725 Band Clinic	\$60,100.00
5650.725 Expenses	
XXXX.750 Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5220.750 Meals	
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.750 Other Administrative	\$200.00
XXXX.800 Membership committee	\$1,000.00
5650.800 Other Administrative	\$500.00
5200.800 Travel	
5440.800 Printing & Copying	
5520.800 Awards & Rec	
XXXX.825 General Session/Social Comm	\$0.00
5220.825 Meals	
XXXX.900 Awards Committee	
5520.900 Awards & Recognition	\$150.00
XXXX.910 Freemasonry & Religion Comm	\$0.00
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$500.00
5210.950 Auto Allowance	
5230.950 Motel	
XXXX.995 Masonic Renewal Committee	\$0.00
5240.900 Conf & Conv Fees	
XXXX.960 George Washington Memorial Committee	\$465.00
5650.960 Other Administrative	
XXXX.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Expense	
5650.97 Other Administrative	\$200.00
Wardens and Deacons School	\$2,000.00
Internet and Computer Committee	\$100.00
Fraternal Relations Committee	\$100.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$77,390.00
Contributions	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$8,047.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$32,188.00

5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$8,047.00
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$2,100.00
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$1,850.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$1,850.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$1,850.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	\$1,250.00
5835.000 Masonic Relief Association	\$100.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$57,282.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$488,126.00
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-\$75,631
<i>Investment Income</i>	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB – Omaha (5.95% of \$1,281,219)	\$76,233
4800.000 Gain on Sale of Investments (Loss)	
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$76,233
ADJ. BALANCE PLUS INVEST. INCOME	\$602

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

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

It is my privilege to pay tribute to all our Masonic brethren who have departed this life since we last met and have gone on home to that Celestial Lodge above, eternal in the heavens.

Again, our roster of members has decreased, this time by 565 brothers. These brothers have answered the eternal call from that Supreme Architect of the Universe. Their trust was in God and with great confidence has realized that the All Seeing Eye would guide them to that silent abode, that peaceful harbor, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. No traveler ever returns.

It is good to be remembered,
In this world so full of care;
When our fleeting days are numbered,
And life's burdens hard to bear.
Just to know there's someone thinking,
Wondering how you really are;
When your heart is almost sinking,
'Neath the waves of dark despair.
To feel a hand that's firm and tender,
Guiding as you travel on;
And a still small voice to render,
Words of cheer, 'till day is gone.

It's so good to be remembered,
For the good that we have done;
When this life on earth has ended,
And in peace we slumber on.

By Worshipful Brother W.O. Samuelson (1967)

To know these brothers was our privilege; we are better persons for having walked with them during their pilgrimage of life, and during their trials and tribulations. Now they have gone on to that last slumber of death to the destiny of all mankind. The Lord said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Our brothers will continue to live on in our memories ever so fondly.

We shall especially miss our Past Grand Master, Robert Metcalf, who departed this life on November 22, 2002. He was tremendously involved in the Grand Lodge, Eastern Star and the other appendant bodies. He was a great believer in the craft. Robert Metcalf served as your Grand Master during 1984-85.

Brother Herman O. Hansen, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, and brothers Joe Chrisman and Robert Carter, Deputy Grand Custodians, passed away during the year as well and will be missed.

I also want to recognize and acknowledge the passing of Thelma Verbeek. She was an outstanding lady who loved life and devoted it to God and her family. She was a part of Brother Jerry's life for more than 52 years and was the love of his life. Thelma passed away on November 16, 2002, and will be sorely missed by all those who knew her.

We also lost Alice Lallman, widow of Past Grand Master Norris W. Lallman. Alice passed away on January 23, 2003. She lived in Topeka, Kansas and was laid to rest in Hooper, Nebraska.

Let us remember and thank God for those whom we have loved but no longer see. Let us never forget the contributions made by those who have gone on before us. Let us give praise to the great God who created us, who blesses us daily and gives to the good grace of life and the mystery of love.

In closing, brethren, we should remember that life is ever too short! Before we know it, the last grain of sand in our hourglass of life will flow through, and we, too, will be traveling to the Celestial Lodge above and the great Grand Master of the Universe will be calling us from our labors on earth to everlasting refreshment into the paradise of God.

(Taped musical selection by Sister Barbara Crowe, Past Grand Organist, Order of Eastern Star)

Brethren, let us pray.

Precious Heavenly Father of all grace and glory, we remember on this day all those who have completed their earthly journey. We thank you for giving them to us, their brothers, their families and their friends. We thank you for letting us know them as a friend and

companion on our pilgrimage through this life. Now we would ask that you continue to watch over us, bless us, and console us as we mourn those whom we have lost. Precious Father, protect us, guide and direct us all the days to come that we may continue our course of life in the faith that we may be ready and prepared when our day of reckoning arrives. We ask all this in your most holy and precious name.

Amen.

Most Worshipful Sir, I move for the adoption of this report of the Necrology and Masonic Memorial Service Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran L. Crowe, 56, Chairman
John F. Dale, 126
Ted McNeese, 210
Jack D. Nichols, 265, Grand Chaplain

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 Michael E. Jones 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 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 15 Past Grand Masters, 25 Deputy Grand Custodians, and 46 non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report, there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered. There are 83 Worshipful Masters in person and 31 by proxy. There are 47 Senior Wardens in person and 37 by proxy. There are 41 Junior Wardens in person and 37 by proxy. There are 75 Secretaries in person and 31 by proxy.

There are no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered from the following lodges: 36, 73, 127, 154, 200, 201, 218, 222, 236, 248, 250, 271, 291 and 311.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from the following lodges: 36, 73, 127, 201, 222, 236, 248, 271, 291 and 311; and for three years from 36, 222, 248, 271, 291 and 311; and for five years from 271.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present representing the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota and North Dakota.

We are also pleased to have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic Related Organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, 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 309 present at the Grand Master's Dinner Thursday evening; there were 441 at the Public Opening Friday morning and 428 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 Michael Jones, and I want to personally thank the other brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the Registration table to make this an enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are: Frank Dougherty, William Hurst, Norris Rusmisseil and Phil Edwards. We truly missed Doyle Berg, who is home recovering from a broken hip, and hope to see him back next year. 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. Rusmisseil, 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

M.:W.: Grand Master Michael E. Jones spoke briefly about the goals set for 2002 and the accomplishments achieved:

“It’s in printed form, so I won’t read it to you. Let me ask that you give me the latitude to share a couple of factual items that we could not compile in time for the printing. There were certain goals set out for 2002 and I have a summary chart that was prepared. I hope that many of you would have looked at the Honor Board that was posted outside the Persimmon Room. It’s a measure of the activity of your lodges.

I’ve listed the twelve things that are factual in nature.

1. Many lodges did host new activities this year, but not all did.
2. We were not successful in achieving a 10% growth as a whole, although some lodges did so. We did reduce our loss rate by 49% compared to the last ten years. That ten years average has been 622 net loss. This year's net loss was 319. Non-payment of dues continues to be the biggest component of that net loss.
3. Many lodges have road signs at their communities, but not all do, yet.
4. Many lodges have special functions for our widows, but not all lodges do, yet.
5. We had a great increase in attendance by the Masons at our youth meetings and functions and that came to me from our youth group leaders.
6. We exceeded a 10% increase at Grand Lodge this year.
7. We did not have any consolidations.
8. We held the first Grand Master's golf tournament with \$6000 in proceeds going to the charities.
9. We did fund and award the first Past Grand Masters' and Widows Scholarship.
10. We did not charter three new subordinate lodges.
11. We did finalize a new vision statement and a Nebraska Masonic Motto.
12. We did collaborate the efforts of the Public relations, education, membership and lodge advisory committees.

Moreso, however, I feel we've seen renewed enthusiasm and increased interest in masonry in Nebraska. We are blessed with a strong sense of unity in our jurisdiction and our Masonic Family. Many are discovering that Masonry offers that haven and refuge where we can find brotherly love truly prevailing. I'm about to feel the weight of this collar lifting. I reflect on the apron lecture in the Entered Apprentice degree. I did wear it with pleasure and hopefully with honor to my fraternity. It's been an unequaled privilege to serve as your 136th Grand Master. I tried my best. Thank you."

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:

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

Brethren:

In compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:Mof Nebraska, and with great pride, pleasure, and humility, I present this written address for the 146th Annual Communication. Legislative proposals I have tendered as Grand Master, consisting of nine Recommendations, were forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee and Subordinate Lodges not less than 45 days prior to the 146th Annual Communication as set forth in Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. These Recommendations were presented at all Area Meetings held in the fall of 2002.

Contained in this Address and its subsequent supplement are summaries of the official acts of your 136th Grand Master. These summaries include, but are not limited to, dispensations, subordinate lodge bylaws revisions, reinstatements, visitations and other official acts.

We extend our hand of brotherly love to all visiting dignitaries, Brother Masons, ladies and guests. We value the friendships we have been blessed to make with all of you over these past years. We treasure those times we have been able to be together in a Masonic setting. It is our hope that you can enjoy many Masonic Moments while you are with us, safe travel home, and numerous Masonic Memories upon which you can reflect.

I appreciate the attendance of each and every delegate. It is in your hands that our future will be directed through your exercise of the ballot. We hope you find the experience rewarding and educational. For all Masons in attendance, we hope you can return home reinvigorated and enthused by Masonry! This is your communication – please soak up all that you can.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There are countless people to whom I am forever indebted for the opportunities that culminated in becoming a Grand Master. There is an equally large number of people who have been supportive throughout this fourteen-year journey. Thank you each and every one! No doubt I will omit the names of many, but if that is the case, it was not intended.

First, thanks to Dad Jones and Pop Merchant and our ancestors for giving Joanie and me our Masonic heritage. Next, I lift up sincere gratitude to the officers and members of Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 of Stratton, and Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City. Through these Lodges, I have been allowed to experience Masonry and the numerous pathways it presents. I am proud of all of you and look forward to watching you open this Annual Communication. Your joint participation using this new format for opening Grand Lodge will be one of my fondest Masonic Memories.

Becoming a member of the Grand Lodge Officers Corp started in 1988 when M.:W.: Paul R. Eveland, PGM, asked me to serve as his Grand Chaplain. Thus began a number of years serving for and serving with great Masons. My thanks also go out to Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters John M. McHenry, James N. DeMoss, James L. Eatmon, Donald L. Pohlman, Steven F. Mattoon, Jerry L. Rittenburg, V. Kaye Ramsey, Kenneth G. Fleming, Don E. Rasmussen, Dwight E. Smith, James F. Brown, Jr., and Philip A. Lorenzen. Represented above is a collection of strong leaders who, through their vision and genuine love of Masonry, opened the doors through which we were able to travel.

I am equally grateful to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee and all Past Grand Masters for their wise counsel and encouragement.

I offer a special thank you to my Masonic father, M.:W.: Ken Fleming, for appointing me to the advancing line and for the marvelous opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction. I have tried my best to uphold the integrity and honor brought to the office of Grand Master by my Masonic lineage, consisting of M.:W.: Brothers Ken Fleming, James L. “Sonny” Eatmon, and Wayne G. Luenenburg.

There are no adequate terms I can use to express my appreciation to the 2002 Grand Lodge Officer Corps. It has been my intention to have all of you gain an “ownership interest” in your office. I appreciate the time, energy, enthusiasm, financial sacrifice, and devotion given our fraternity this year. On the very most personal level, thank you for your individual support and the involvement of your ladies as we saw our Masonic

Family pursue the “M&M’s” this year. My list of Masonic Memories is lengthy and forever filled with all your faces.

Every member needs to openly thank the Grand Lodge Office staff, consisting of Michelle Fulmer, Office Manager, Carol Schroeder, Administrative Secretary, and Jean Holt, Office Assistant. Their efforts have resulted in an efficient, pleasant, and professional Grand Lodge Office. I offer my heartfelt thanks for your service, ideas, and smiling faces. You have added many pages to my book of Masonic Memories.

And now, to my family – words will not adequately express my feelings. Grant, Stephanie, and Greta grew up meeting many new “aunts and uncles” through Masonry. I am proud that each of you belongs to some component of the Masonic Family. I hope you have learned Masonry in action through your exposure to the events we have attended together over the years. I am proud of each of you and love you all very much.

The following comments about Joanie, the love of my life, may appear biased, but I’m sure, once examined, you will agree as to their accuracy. It is my opinion that Joanie is the strongest ambassador for Masonry I could have been paired with. Her genuine, personal interest in each and every person she meets, together with her contagious smile, are doses of good medicine for Masonry. Through her influence, we have seen we can allow “the child in all of us” to come out from time to time and not at the expense of decorum or respect for our fraternity. Her ability to engage all who have come to know her in serious discourse or jovial laughter, as the situation may dictate, illustrate the best in Masonry – purpose and fellowship. This ambassadorship has traveled within and outside our state. Thank you for instilling a true sense of family wherever we have traveled and with whoever we have engaged. You have been an exemplary first lady of Nebraska Masonry – I am extremely proud of you and love you very much. We have countless Masonic Memories to cherish.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

W.:B.: Ben Hughes	England
W.:B.: Rex Rehmer	Mexico, Tamaulipas
W.:B.: John Hinkel	North Carolina
W.:B.: Robert A. Jones	Senegal, West Africa
W.:B.: Howard Whitmore	Turkey
W.:B.: Tren Miller	Romania
W.:B.: Max H. Miller	Russia
W.:B.: Sid Stewart	Nevada

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

Accompanying your Grand Master to the Conference of Grand Masters were R.:W.: Kenneth Beebe, Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Les Seiler, Grand Senior Warden; and R.:W.: Reginald Kuhn, Grand Secretary. The conference was hosted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and held in Milwaukee, February 16-20, 2002. I was proud to represent our Jurisdiction as one of the members of the Conference Committee.

It was under the initiative of your Grand Lodge Officers four years ago that the conference includes breakout meetings for junior officers who are progressing through the chairs. This development has resulted in greater planning, sharing of ideas, and better acquaintance among the various jurisdictions. This year’s keynote presentation was a direct result of building upon last year’s conference. I was extremely proud to introduce W.:B.: Larry Jacobsen, Past Master of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha, who presented a program on strategic planning. By comparison, the Nebraska Grand Lodge is far ahead of many jurisdictions in future planning. Nevertheless, we always bring home useful ideas and beneficial information for consideration in our Grand Lodge programming. It is also noteworthy that we field numerous questions, as other Grand Lodges monitor our progress and innovations.

CORNERSTONES

Perhaps the most public forum we have at our disposal is the cornerstone ceremony. To be able to showcase this ceremony while acting in concert with a host subordinate lodge and a community affords the fraternity immeasurable goodwill and a chance to bring a greater understanding of Masonry. Tying the past, from which the ceremony originates, to the present, with anticipation for the future, helps us appreciate what has been and what is yet to come.

We had occasion to place nine cornerstones this year. In each instance, the Grand Master was formally received and the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies welcomed by each host lodge. We hereby officially extend our appreciation to the Master, Officers, and Brethren of each lodge. We also thank members from neighboring lodges who attended and supported their Brothers. Lastly, a heartfelt thanks is extended to the ladies who prepared meals and refreshments for all to enjoy.

March 16: Boone County Fitness Center
Host Lodge: Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion
Master: W.:B.: John H. Darling
Special Thanks:..... Jim Wolfe Family

May 5: Kimball County Hospital Addition
Host Lodge:James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294, Kimball
Master: W.:B.: Kenneth D. Kleinholz
Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: John B. Ferguson and Mike Nelson

May 27: St. Paul Community Swimming Pool
Host Lodge: St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul
Master: W.:B.: Paul R. Swanson
Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: James Ross

September 8: Gordon Memorial Hospital-Surgical and Emergency Room Addition
Host Lodge:Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon
Master: W.:B.: James D. Smith
Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: Les Evert, DGC

- October 6: First United Methodist Church
 Host Lodge: Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron
 Master: W.:B.: Everett G. Roop
 Special Thanks:..... B.: Craig Pope and W.:B Vaughn Bowen

- October 17: Cheyenne County Child Development Center
 Host Lodge: Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney
 Master: W.:B.: Jason L. Minshall
 Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: Paul Sheaman

- October 20: Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College
 Host Lodge: Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron
 Master: W.:B.: Donald R. Foulk
 Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: Dale W. Anderson, Grand Orator

- October 20: Maintenance Services Building, Chadron State College
 Host Lodge: Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron
 Master: W.:B.: Donald R. Foulk
 Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: Dale W. Anderson, Grand Orator

- October 27: La Flesche Cottage, Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, Geneva
 Host Lodge: Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva
 Master: W.:B.: Charles H. Weintz
 Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: Daniel Scarborough

- January 19: Wayne Community Activity Center
 Host Lodge: Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne
 Master: W.:B.: Curtis F. Jeffries
 Special Thanks:..... W.:B.: Bob Keating

DECISIONS

On January 16, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-612 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I issued a directive to the Masters of all Subordinate Lodges not to read a letter dated January 3, 2003, from W.:B.: Robert Prokop as a part of regular lodge business. Said letter from W.: B.: Prokop was sent to all Secretaries without prior permission from the Grand Master.

On January 16, 2003, I issued correspondence to the Secretaries of all Subordinate Lodges responding to a letter dated January 3, 2003, from W.:B.: Robert Prokop.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

Throughout this Masonic year, I have lifted up the dedication, time, and effort of our Deputy Grand Custodians. I respectfully consider these Brethren as the “foundation stones” for our Masonic Edifice. They are instrumental in assisting our lodges at the very grass roots level. The fraternal bonds they create with the membership of their districts epitomizes the true sense of brotherhood. It was my distinct privilege to commission the following Brothers as Deputy Grand Custodians:

W.:B.: Joseph D. Chrisman on February 10, 2002, District No. 33
W.:B.: Ashley Story on August 6, 2002, District No. 13
W.:B.: Jim Taylor on September 13, 2002, District No. 15
W.:B.: Dean Papenhagen to be commissioned Friday, February 7, 2003

Whenever you see a Deputy Grand Custodian, take the time to personally thank him for all he does for us.

It was an honor to attend the Deputy Grand Custodian's School on September 13, 2002. To have the combined knowledge and interest of all these Brothers, assembled together to review and examine our work, was very enjoyable. Under the direction of our Grand Custodian Jerry Verbeek, the Deputy Grand Custodians came together to be sure there is consistency of work within our Subordinate Lodges. The close harmony of the Deputy Grand Custodians with the Nebraska Work Committee under the leadership of M.:W.: Charles Amidon, PGM, was exhibited throughout the school. As you may well imagine, their reception of the Grand Master was very well done. On behalf of all the Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren across Nebraska, thank you for your contribution to Masonry.

FIRST NEBRASKA MASONIC SUMMIT – UNITY – APPENDANT BODIES

One of the most encouraging developments in Nebraska is the ongoing and growing Masonic unity we enjoy. It has been a pleasure to be involved with virtually each appendant body some time throughout the year. We can be extremely proud of deep and abiding respect and support our various Masonic bodies have for one another.

It became very obvious that our state had an opportunity for enhanced unity and a chance to open new doorways to increased cooperation, communication and goal setting. We grasped that opportunity through the first Masonic Summit. This brainstorming meeting of the leaders of each and every appendant body resulted in an initial list of goals, as well as interest to continue joint planning and visionary thinking. It is this approach, all of us working in concert, that will result in stronger, longer lasting, and effective growth of all of our Masonic Family.

Everywhere Joanie and I traveled to attend appendant body functions, we were shown great hospitality and sincere courtesy. To all the organizations, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Each active member of the various appendant bodies has a deep and abiding dedication to their respective organizations. It is that strength of commitment on the individual basis that lends strength to Masonry as a whole. Working together, helping each other and respecting each other, all Masonic tenets, will certainly guarantee us future success.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL EVENT

Two hundred fifty years ago on November 4, 1752, M.:W.:B.: Washington began his journey in Masonry. To commemorate that event, the Grand Lodge sponsored a statewide celebration, hosted by Hastings Lodge No. 50, under the leadership of W.:B.: Monte Bloyd, Master. The activities began on October 25th and concluded on October 27th. Following a social time on Friday night, Saturday was filled with activity. The ladies were offered numerous options for activities in and around Hastings. A Master Mason degree was conferred in Colonial costume with assistance from the Heroes of '76.

The evening banquet was attended by 110 who enjoyed the food and fellowship. Special acknowledgement is given to W.:B.: Monte Bloyd and W.:B.: Glen Jorgenson, Secretary, and all the Brothers who conferred the degree. A great deal of planning and numerous man hours were expended to assure a quality event. The commemorative aprons will be treasured by all who received one.

We congratulate M.:W.:B.: Warren D. Lichty, PGM, for being elected National President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. We look forward to February 2003 when Nebraska will be recognized in the Grand Lodge Month Program at the Memorial. We will be displaying artifacts and memorabilia from our jurisdiction at the Memorial. Our Grand Lodge Memorial Association Committee is already assembling the items for the display. We appreciate M.:W.:B.: Lichty's leadership and longstanding involvement within the Memorial Association.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

It was a unique privilege to be able to present the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Arthur Friesen, Sr. of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 on March 7, 2002. Brother Friesen has been a member in good standing for 78 years.

When a Mason receives his white leather apron, he is told the lambskin or white leather apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. We are instructed to keep its surface unspotted by the world. It was an honor to compliment the badge of a Mason worn by Brother Friesen with the Gold Jordan Medal, that distinction given our Brother with the most continuous years of membership.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

During recent years, it has been a goal that the various Grand Lodge Committees become more productive and contributory to the Nebraska jurisdiction. It is pleasing to see progress toward that goal. The Grand Lodge Leadership has searched diligently to find those dedicated Brothers to serve on the Committees. I hope those of you called to serve were proud to be asked, because it was not by happenstance. We need energetic, hardworking, and visionary members on our committees. To all of you who have served this past year, your Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge Officers, and Grand Master, thank you. Of special note this year were the efforts of the Youth Committee, as their many years of planning culminated at the first Youth Leadership Conference. I also want to extend special thanks to the Credentials Committee that so efficiently help us all with Registration for Grand Lodge each year. This group of Brothers have served tirelessly for many years. We truly appreciate your time and assistance.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning February 1, 2002 to the beginning of the 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 2002

- 1 2002 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Kearney
- 2 2002 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Kearney

- 9 2002 Grand Lodge Officers' meeting, David City
- 9 Grand Master-elect's Installation Dinner, Winfield's, David City
- 10 2002 Grand Lodge Officer Installation, David City
- 11 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 13 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting, Fremont
- 13 Alma Chapter No. 20, OES, David City
- 15 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 16 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 17 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 18 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 19 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 20 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 21 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 22 Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, George Washington Banquet
- 27 Planning meeting All Masonic Family Outing, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 27 National Sojourners meeting, Omaha
- 28 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln

MARCH 2002

- 2 Tehama Shrine Potentate's Ball, Hastings
- 5 Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 6 Visitation Bethel No. 51, Job's Daughters, David City
- 7 Gold Jordan Medal presentation to Brother Art Friesen Sr. & 50-year pin presentation, Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Fairbury
- 9 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball, Omaha
- 11 Visitation Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna
- 13 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting, Fremont
- 13 Planning meeting, All Masonic Family Outing, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 13 Visitation Bethel No. 18, Job's Daughters, Omaha
- 14 Kansas Grand Lodge, Salina
- 15 Kansas Grand Lodge, Salina
- 16 Kansas Grand Lodge, Salina
- 16 Cornerstone, Boone County Fitness Center, Albion
- 19 Entered Apprentice Degree practice, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 20 Masonic Membership meeting, Sesostri Shrine, Lincoln
- 20 Personal meeting with a Brother Master Mason
- 23 Dodge County Masonic Association meeting, North Bend
- 24 Sat-Ra Temple, Daughters of the Nile Installation, Omaha
- 26 Entered Apprentice Degree Practice, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 28 Confer Entered Apprentice Degree, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City

APRIL 2002

- 2 Planning meeting, All Masonic Family Outing, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 4 York Rite Convention, Columbus
- 5 York Rite Convention, Columbus
- 6 York Rite Convention, Columbus
- 8 Visitation Bethel No. 53, Job's Daughters, Papillion
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting, Fremont
- 11 Minnesota Grand Lodge, St. Cloud
- 12 Minnesota Grand Lodge, St. Cloud

- 13 Minnesota Grand Lodge, St. Cloud
- 14 Naamah Temple Daughter's of the Nile Installation, Hastings
- 16 Planning meeting, All Masonic Family Outing, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 16 Table Lodge, George W Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 18 Visitation Bethel No. 1, Job's Daughters, Omaha
- 19 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 20 Grand Master's Class, Job's Daughters, Hastings
- 21 Grand Master's Class, Job's Daughters, Hastings
- 22 Line Officers Meeting, North Bend
- 24 National Sojourners meeting, Omaha
- 25 Visitation Hiram Club, Scottish Rite Temple, Lincoln
- 25 50- year pin presentation to Bro. Raymond A.C. Johnson at Bryan Hospital, Lincoln
- 25 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 27 Fremont Lodge No. 15 Poker Run – manned David City Station (until postponed)
- 29 Masonic Unity Meeting, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 30 Visitation Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo

MAY 2002

- 2 Third Degree, Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield
- 4 Cornerstone, Kimball County Hospital Addition, Kimball
- 5 Cornerstone, Kimball County Hospital Addition, Kimball
- 7 Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 8 Alma Chapter No. 20, OES, David City
- 12 Delivery of widow's flowers for Mother's Day, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 14 Grand Chapter, OES, Lincoln
- 15 Visitation Bethel No. 51, Job's Daughters, David City
- 16 Grand Chapter, OES Installation, Lincoln
- 19 All Masonic Family Outing, Omaha
- 20 Oliver Lodge No. 38, Prospect Night-Cookout, Seward
- 21 Past Master's Night, 50-year pins, McCook Lodge No. 135
- 23 Annual Awards Night, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln,
- 27 Cornerstone, St. Paul Swimming Pool, St. Paul

JUNE 2002

- 1 Red Cross of Constantine National Convention Grand Banquet, Omaha
- 2 Reception for Donna Carmichael, Worthy Grand Matron, McCook
- 3 Bethel No. 51, Job's Daughters, Hawaiian Supper for Masons, David City
- 4 Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 8 Shrine Soccer Classic, Hastings
- 9 Reception for Don Jelinek, Worthy Grand Patron, Lincoln
- 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting, Fremont
- 12 Alma Chapter No. 20, OES, David City
- 14 Rainbow Assembly, Crete
- 15 Rainbow Assembly, Crete
- 20 2003 Annual Communication Planning Meeting with Ramada Inn staff, Kearney
- 22 Imperial Shrine, Vancouver
- 23 Imperial Shrine, Vancouver
- 24 Imperial Shrine, Vancouver
- 25 Imperial Shrine, Vancouver

- 26 Imperial Shrine, Vancouver
- 26 Grand Bethel, Job's Daughter's, North Platte
- 27 Grand Bethel, Job's Daughter's, North Platte
- 28 Grand Bethel, Job's Daughter's, North Platte
- 29 Grand Bethel, Job's Daughter's, North Platte
- 30 Fremont Lodge Poker Run – manned David City Station

JULY 2002

- 2 Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 4 Independence Day Parade, Oshkosh
- 9 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting
- 9 North Bend Lodge No. 119, Steak Fry
- 12 Visitation Robert W Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff
- 13 Oregon Trail Days Parade, Gering
- 13 DeMolay Conclave, North Platte
- 16 Trip to Chicago Shrine Hospital, Chicago
- 16 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 17 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 17 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 18 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 18 Ken Ferguson 50-year pin presentation, Lincoln
- 19 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 19 Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Omaha
- 20 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 20 Shrine Football Game, Band Performance, Lincoln
- 27 Humanitarian Award Presentation to W.B. Robert Merchant, Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne
- 30 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln

AUGUST 2002

- 3 First Nebraska Masonic Summit, Lincoln
- 8 Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun, 50-year presentations, widow's night
- 9 OES Area Meeting, Omaha
- 10 Host Prince Hall Social, Mahoney State Park
- 11 All Masonic Picnic, Hastings Lodge No. 50 & Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings
- 12 Visitation Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice
- 17 Sporting Clay shoot, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 17 Outdoor Degree, Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola
- 18 4-H Achievement Day, Children's Home, Fremont
- 22 Planning Retreat, Fremont
- 23 Planning Retreat, Fremont
- 24 Planning Retreat, Fremont
- 24 Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Island
- 25 York Rite Picnic, Grand Island
- 27 Table Rock Lodge No. 108, Table Rock

SEPTEMBER 2002

- 2 Labor Day Parade, Schuyler
- 3 50-year pins to Leo Aldrich, Composite Lodge No. 81 and Richard Bruner, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City

- 4 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 4 Visitation Bellevue Lodge No. 325, 50-year pin to James G. Franklin
- 8 Cornerstone, Gordon Memorial Hospital Surgical & Emergency Room Addition, Gordon
- 11 Northeast Nebraska Masonic Association, Wisner
- 12 Central States Shrine VIP Dinner, Omaha
- 13 Custodial School, Grand Island
- 14 Central States Shrine Parade, Omaha
- 14 Caring Club Dinner, Plattsmouth Home, Plattsmouth
- 15 Supreme Queen Nile Visitation and Naamah Temple 50th Anniversary, Hastings
- 17 Waterloo Lodge No. 102 Past Master's Night, Elkhorn
- 21 First Annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament, Scottsbluff
- 22 125th Anniversary, Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola
- 23 Missouri Grand Lodge, Columbia
- 24 Missouri Grand Lodge, Columbia
- 27 First Annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament, Lincoln
- 28 Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney
- 29 Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney

OCTOBER 2002

- 1 Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 2 Visitation Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 2 Visitation Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 3 Conferred EA Degree, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 6 Cornerstone, First United Methodist Church, Hebron
- 7 Visitation Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Banquet, Plattsmouth
- 8 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting
- 9 Visitation Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus
- 13 Grand Master's Humanitarian Award presentation to Arthur S. Dye, Hastings Lodge No. 317, Hastings
- 14 Attended MM Degree for Barry Carlson, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 15 Lincoln Lodge No. 19 Table Lodge, Lincoln
- 17 Visitation Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward
- 18 Omaha Area Grand Master's Breakfast, hosted by Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha Home for Boys
- 19 Cornerstone, Cheyenne County Child Development Center, Sidney
- 20 Double Cornerstone, Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center and Maintenance Services Building, Chadron State College
- 22 Conducted Area Meeting (Area 4), Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper
- 24 FC Practice at Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 25 Social Gathering for George Washington celebration, Hastings
- 26 Statewide Celebration of George Washington's 250th Anniversary, Hastings
- 27 Cornerstone, LaFlesche Cottage-Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, Geneva
- 28 Visitation Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 and Banquet, Stratton

NOVEMBER 2002

- 2 Joint Social, Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Chapter OES Officers, Lincoln
- 5 Visitation Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 6 Visitation Purity Lodge No. 198 and Annual Soup Supper, Imperial

- 8 Met with Nebraska Wesleyan President and VP about cornerstone ceremonies
- 10 Polk Lodge No. 311, Bronze Jordan Medal and 50-year pin presentations
- 11 Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 11 Vacant Chair Ceremony by Lincoln Lodges, Lincoln
- 12 Three FC Degrees conferred at Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 13 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Strategic Planning Meeting, Schuyler
- 13 Alma Chapter No. 20, OES, David City
- 16 Red Cross of Constantine, York
- 16 Reception for Associate Grand Guardian, Gene Wehrbein, Plattsmouth
- 18 Albion Lodge No. 78, Friendship Night, Albion
- 19 Visitation Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden
- 20 Funeral Service for Thelma Verbeek, Fremont
- 20 MM Degree for Tyler Weers, State Master Councilor, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 21 MM Practice at Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 22 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 25 Funeral Services for Past Grand Master, Robert A. Metcalf, Lincoln
- 25 Grand Lodge Office, Lincoln
- 26 MM Practice, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 30 Sesostris Shrine Potentate's Winter Gala, Lincoln

DECEMBER 2002

- 2 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Philadelphia
- 3 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Philadelphia
- 4 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Philadelphia
- 5 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Philadelphia
- 6 Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Philadelphia
- 9 Visitation Justice Lodge No. 180 and Soup Supper, Benkelman
- 11 Alma Chapter No. 20, OES, David City
- 12 Three MM Degrees, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 14 Plattsmouth Home Open House, Plattsmouth
- 17 Visitation Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler
- 19 Induction into Heroes of '76, Fremont
- 21 Fraternal Relations Committee Meeting
- 27 Saints John Lodge of Education No. 331 Bi-annual Meeting, Omaha

JANUARY 2003

- 3 Tangier Shrine Installation, Omaha
- 4 Sesostris Shrine Installation, Lincoln
- 5 Tehama Shrine Installation, Hastings
- 6 Attended funeral for brother of Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City
- 6 Install Officers Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
- 8 Alma Chapter No. 20, OES, David City
- 9 Joint Installation, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 & Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 11 Covert Lodge No. 11 Installation, Omaha
- 11 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 Installation, Omaha
- 11 Shiloh Lodge No. 327 Installation, Omaha
- 11 Bethel No. 1, Job's Daughters, Membership Rush Party, Omaha

- 12 Installing Officer at Joint Installation, Hastings Lodge No. 50 & Mid-West Lodge No. 317
- 14 Visitation Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth
- 18 Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Military Lodge Tribute, Long Pine
- 19 Cornerstone at Community Activity Center, Wayne
- 21 Visited a member of Mankato Lodge No. 87 in Kansas at Bryan/LGH East, Lincoln
- 22 Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 22 National Sojourners Meeting, Omaha
- 24 Scottish Rite Installation, Omaha
- 25 OES Installation for Mike Donham, Omaha
- 26 Lebanon Lodge No. 323 Installation, Columbus

FEBRUARY 2003

- 4 Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
- 6 Annual Communication, Kearney
- 7 Annual Communication, Kearney
- 8 Annual Communication, Kearney

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

This past year two Humanitarian Awards were bestowed as allowed in our jurisdiction. Both recipients, as nominated by their respective lodges, possess the qualifications required for consideration. Being the most coveted award in Nebraska, we enjoy the opportunities to learn about the numerous contributions the recipients and their families have given to Masonry, their communities and their friends. This year's recipients are added to the stellar list of fellow Brothers who have labored long and well in the quarries.

Over the past fourteen years, it has been my fortune to witness the presentation of a good number of Grand Master's Humanitarian Awards. One universal trait I have observed in each and every recipient is humility. Although each Brother was extremely active in his community, that activity was neither self-serving nor attention seeking. This year's recipients also fit that mold.

On July 27, 2002, W.:B.: Robert A. Merchant became the 23rd Brother to receive the award. Brother Merchant, "Pop" to me, is Past Master of Wayne Lodge No. 120. He owned and operated Merchant Oil Co. in the Wayne area for 41 years. Aside from being an active civic leader and World War II veteran, he was very involved in the Wayne United Methodist Church and his family.

W.:B.: Art Dye was presented the award on October 13, 2002. Art continues his devotion and labor on behalf of Masonry by serving as Deputy Grand Custodian for District No. 18. Art's exemplary dedication to the Hastings food pantry and Grace United Methodist Church are especially noteworthy. He is Past Master of Hastings Lodge No. 317.

In these two Brothers we find Masonry at its best.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Section 1-202–GRAND CUSTODIAN

Amend Section 1-202–GRAND CUSTODIAN by deleting the last sentence of the second paragraph. The deleted language being struck out:

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 40 Deputy Grand Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. ~~Local expenses and mileage for Schools of Instruction shall be paid by the subordinate lodge for which the School is held.~~

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Section 2-201–COMPOSITION

Amend Section 2-201–COMPOSITION to change the last sentence, with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

A subordinate lodge shall consist of the officers hereinafter provided for, and as many members as convenient, eight of whom shall be a constitutional number for the transaction of business; provided that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another subordinate lodge, under the provisions of Section 2-207 hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the subordinate lodge and preside therein, and the question shall be decided by a *two-thirds vote* ~~majority vote~~ of such members of the subordinate lodge as are present, even though less than eight.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Section 2-208–CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURE

Amend Section 2-208–CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURE to change the last sentence, with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

If, after due notice as provided by Section 2-207 and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication the Grand Secretary shall give due notice to all members of the subordinate lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or any officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there is a quorum present as defined by Section 2-201, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if *two-thirds* ~~the majority~~

vote of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Section 2-501–MEETING PLACES

Amend Section 2-501–MEETING PLACES to change the second sentence, with the new language italicized:

A subordinate lodge cannot meet in a private house, in a hall over a saloon, or over or in a public dance hall. *“A lodge room in a dedicated hall may never be used as a public hall or for public dancing. It may, however, be used by other orders if their principles are not unmasonic.*

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Section 1-321–GRAND LODGE OFFICES

Amend Section 1-321–GRAND LODGE OFFICES to change part (c)(8), with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

- (a) No change.
- (b) No change.
- (c)(1)-(7) No change.
- (c)(8) *issue monthly invoices to each Subordinate Lodge of any outstanding bills (not including dues or assessments) due the Grand Lodge; and notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty first day of December of each year; and*
- (c)(9) No Change.
- (d) No Change.
- (e) No Change.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Section 2-605–LODGE DUES

Amend Section 2-605–LODGE DUES by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of ~~March June~~ of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On *March 1, June 1*, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before *April 30, September 30* of the same year. If

such member fails to pay his dues on or before ~~April 30~~ ~~September 30~~ of such year, he shall automatically stand suspended for non-payment of dues and an entry thereof shall be made in the minutes of the lodge at the first subsequent stated meeting. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Section 2-601–DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Amend Section 2-601–DUES AND ASSESSMENTS by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

1st Paragraph: No change.

2nd Paragraph: No change.

3rd Paragraph: Original:

~~Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2001 with an automatic dues increase in the amount of \$1.00 per year for the next 4 years, and for each member. The Grand Lodge shall use \$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member. In addition thereto, in the case of reinstatement of suspended members, the per capita tax for the year of suspension shall be paid to the Grand Lodge with the annual report for the calendar year of reinstatement. Before any Subordinate Lodge....affiliation.~~

3rd Paragraph: Revision:

Each lodge shall pay annually as part of its annual return due February 10th:

- (a) Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each initiation completed during the preceding calendar year;
- (b) *For each member during the preceding calendar year, a per capita tax as follows:*
 - (1) *Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2001, then*
 - (2) *Fifteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$15.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2002, then*
 - (3) *Sixteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$16.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2003, then*
 - (4) *Seventeen and 50/100 Dollars (\$17.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2004, then*
 - (5) *Eighteen 50/100 Dollars (\$18.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2005.*

Before any Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.

4th Paragraph: No change.

5th Paragraph: The amount due the Grand Lodge *is due on or before February 10th may be sent in at anytime between March 31 and April 15,* and the Grand Lodge Office Committee *may shall* add as a penalty One Cent (\$.01) per day for each member on the rolls as shown *on the account of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, which shall base the same upon the annual return as verified by the Grand Lodge Office Committee, in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge,* to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns complete to the Grand Lodge as provided by Section 2-310, and pay their *dues and assessments indebtedness* to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of ~~February~~ *April*.

6th Paragraph: When the completed *annual* returns of any Subordinate Lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Lodge Office Committee by ~~February 10~~ *April 10*, the Grand Master shall be notified of that fact, and the Grand Master shall, by himself, the Grand Custodian or Deputy Grand Custodian, or some other brother appointed by the Grand Master, make personal investigation of such lodge, and secure returns as complete as may be, and the Grand Lodge Office Committee shall charge upon the books of the Grand Lodge the expenses of such visitation to the Lodge, unless the Grand Master be satisfied that good reason existed for such delay, shall order others.

7th Paragraph: All *payments of dues and assessments settlements* shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, which shall base the same upon the *annual return as verified by the Grand Lodge Office Committee table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge.* Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall affiliate with a recognized lodge of Masons within one year of the date their Lodge became extinct, and if no affiliation is received by the Grand Lodge, said brethren shall be considered suspended for non-payment of dues.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

Section 1-406-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Amend Section 1-406-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

The per capita tax ~~of Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)~~ shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education <i>Publication Newsletter</i>	.50
To the General Fund	

<i>commencing January 1, 2001</i>	<i>11.00</i>
<i>commencing January 1, 2002</i>	<i>12.00</i>
<i>commencing January 1, 2003</i>	<i>13.00</i>
<i>commencing January 1, 2004</i>	<i>14.00</i>
<i>commencing January 1, 2005</i>	<i>15.00</i>

The Initiation Fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

Section 1-314-NEBRASKA WORK

Amend Section 1-314-NEBRASKA WORK, part (b) by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

- (a) No change.
- (b) The committee shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by *Macoy Publishing Company of Virginia 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)-(h) No change.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On February 11, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 to increase their annual dues.

On February 26, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to increase their annual dues.

On February 28, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Golden Rule Lodge No. 236 to increase their annual dues.

On February 23, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 to restate Section 2, Article V regarding candidates who are not initiated within six months of being elected.

On February 23, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, to repeal and rescind Section 3, Article V of the lodge bylaws.

On February 23, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 to change language referring to Brother Lininger as Most Worshipful George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

On March 23, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 to remove language referring to regular communications not taking place in the months of July or August.

On March 23, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hooper Lodge No. 72 to increase their annual dues.

On March 28, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Custer Lodge No. 148 to increase their annual dues.

On April 4, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 to restate Article IV, Sections 1 and 4 with regard to the Audit and Membership Sustaining Committees to align them with the provisions of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On May 3, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 to remove language referring to regular communications not taking place in the months of July or August.

On May 3, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 to remove language referring to regular communications not taking place in the months of July or August.

On May 12, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wymore Lodge No. 104 to increase their annual dues by one dollar each year up to and including the year 2006.

On May 13, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wymore Lodge No. 104 to increase degree fees charged by the Lodge.

On May 23, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 to delete Section 4, Article 5 of their Lodge bylaws with regard to certain members being exempt from payment of dues.

On June 4, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Composite Lodge No. 81 to increase their annual dues.

On June 7, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Centennial Lodge No. 326 to remove language referring to regular communications for the months of July and August taking place at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

On June 17, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nelson Lodge No. 77 to increase their annual dues.

On July 9, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wymore Lodge No. 104 to change Section 1, Article 5 to more closely align the wording to that of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On July 14, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 to increase their annual dues.

On July 17, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of St. Paul Lodge No. 82 to increase their annual dues.

On July 17, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256 to delete Section 2, Article 1 referring to the Lodge going dark the months of June, July and August.

On July 17, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Miloma Lodge No. 328 to remove language referring to regular communications not taking place in the months of July or August.

On July 17, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Landmark Lodge No. 222 to increase their annual dues.

On August 14, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Acacia Lodge No. 34 to increase their annual dues.

On September 6, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to increase degree fees charged by the Lodge.

On September 6, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to increase their annual dues.

On October 5, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to increase their annual dues.

On November 11, 1002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Comet Lodge No. 229 to increase their annual dues.

On November 17, 2002, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Shiloh Lodge No. 327, a copy of which is on file in the Grand Lodge Office.

On December 14, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Euclid Lodge No. 97 to change the day of their regular monthly communication.

On December 14, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Euclid Lodge No. 97 to increase their annual dues.

On December 19, 2002, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Porter Lodge No. 106 to change the day and time of their regular monthly communication.

On January 10, 2003, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 to increase the fees charged for conferring of the degrees.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS

NONE.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

Through the unified financial support of the various organizations that comprise the Masonic Family, 252 students from across Nebraska were given scholarships to attend the 8th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. According to many students, this band camp experience has become the marquis event to attend. We can be very proud of this program not only for what it offers the students, but also what it offers Masonry. We tip our hats to the instructors, Grand Lodge Office staff and many chaperones (all members of the Masonic Family), who made this year's event successful and safe. We enjoy a partnership with the Shrine as we work together to further the Shrine philanthropy and public awareness of Freemasonry. I hereby personally thank the Shrine Bowl Committee for allowing me to speak from the field of Memorial Stadium to the attendees of the Shrine Bowl. I appreciate the expression of unity this opportunity afforded. Finally, thank you to all the band students who gave of their time, talent, and effort. It was pleasing to showcase young adults who represent what is right about our youth.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The partnership enjoyed by the Order of Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is a great example of unity. Together we can be proud of the safe, secure, and loving environment provided to the children. W. : B. : Ben Harvey continues to provide strong, wise, and loving leadership to our home in its day-to-day operation. Through his leadership, the staff and support personnel provide an excellent environment to nurture the children. We all applaud the members of the Board of Directors as they look to the future in planning the continued success we have enjoyed over the past years. With their implementation of strategic, long-term planning this past fall, we anxiously look forward to new services and programs the Board will be unveiling. I assure you that all the leaders within the Children's Home are dedicated, talented, and visionary people. With these components of success in place, the children now and in the future will receive outstanding guidance, care, and loving attention.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

AWESOME – This was the term I used to relate to all our youth just how they need to view themselves. The members of our youth groups are choosing the road less traveled. They rely on their Masonic youth peers to help bolster their resolve to make good decisions regarding school, family, alcohol, drugs, pre-marital sex, and other social pressures they face each day.

Having visited DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters statewide meetings, I found energetic, poised, gifted, and proud young adults. I also found them looking at our adult organizations with questions, confusion, challenges and interest.

Increased awareness and attention to the youth groups was one of my personal goals this year. We still have a ways to go as demonstrated at the Masonic Leadership Summit held

in August. The three young adult leaders represented their respective organizations very well. The adult leadership of our Masonic Family organizations discovered there is a lot to learn about our youth groups. Likewise, the youth have a lot to learn about Freemasonry. One step in that educational process was the first statewide Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

The Youth Leadership Conference brought members and adults from all three organizations to one place, at one time, to share a weekend. The communication lines opened as a result of the Conference, not to mention the information, skills, and strategies presented, will surely result in great strides in membership, interest, knowledge, and activities. This weekend was a superb example of Masonic Unity, as virtually all parts of our Masonic Family had a role to play.

Our challenge lies in the development of well-trained, committed, and interested adults. Future success of our youth groups will be dependant on the strength of the youth leaders themselves, together with dedicated adults. The lack of adult interest and volunteerism will be the determining factor in the fate of the youth organizations. We also need to allow the youth to “own” their organizations. The adults must be mentors and advisors. I remind us all: it is their organization, not ours; we need only help steer the ship, not power it.

To the youth, I am proud to have met you all and to have participated in your activities. You are truly marvelous young adults. I ask you to remain focused on the path less traveled and committed to making the right choices. To the adults in our various Masonic organizations, I would suggest we have a very clear role to fulfill. Our youth are asking us for our personal time. What a great compliment and opportunity! We need to heed the call and respond.

I have enjoyed the friendships formed with all of you and will forever remember the numerous activities we have shared. I will especially remember, along with my classmates, the first Grand Master’s Class initiated into Job’s Daughters.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

As members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, we all need to stand tall and proud of our Nebraska Masonic Home. The staff, under the direction of Mary Stapp, Administrator, delivers loving, personal care to each and every resident that could not be matched by any other facility. The dedicated, professional, and visionary leadership of the Board of Trustees, led by W.:B.: James Erixon, gives us sound, yet progressive, direction. I am most impressed with the cross-section of talent and expertise that collectively results in tremendous decision-making ability by the Board. The attention given to the residents by the Board, Administration, Staff and Volunteers is providing a truly loving environment. No better demonstration of the tenets of Masonry can be found than at our Nebraska Masonic Home.

NECROLOGY

On Saturday morning the Masonic Memorial Service Committee, under the leadership of W.:B.: Fran Crowe, Chairman, will deliver a tribute to the memory of our Brethren who

have passed to that celestial lodge above. Through this tribute, we again demonstrate our past esteem for them and our fidelity to the principles of our Fraternity.

We mourn the loss of our Brothers, overtaken by that fate that will overtake us also. But by the grace of God, our faith is well-founded. The evergreen reminds us of our faith in the immortality of the soul. And we rejoice for our Brothers who have heard the welcome words from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The list of Brothers lost to us includes Robert L. Carter, Jr., Deputy Grand Custodian, District No. 13; Joseph D. Chrisman, Deputy Grand Custodian, District No. 33; Herman O. Hansen, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus; Monte Olmstead, Past Deputy Grand Custodian, and M.:W.: Brother Robert A. Metcalf, Past Grand Master 1984-1985. Collectively, we will deeply miss these and the other 560 members of our Craft.

Also on our hearts is the loss of Thelma Verbeek, wife of Grand Custodian, W.:B.: Jerry Verbeek. As a member of the Grand Lodge family, we came to love, appreciate, and admire Thelma.

To the families and friends, we express our heartfelt sympathy and sincere and affectionate consolation.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 18, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Plainview Lodge No. 204 of Plainview to install their 2002 Junior Warden out of time.

On February 18, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wahoo Lodge No. 59 of Lincoln to install their 2002 Tyler out of time.

On February 18, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 to confer the three degrees of Masonry on more than fifteen candidates at their one-day event. Such dispensation supplements prior dispensation granted by M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen dated December 17, 2001.

On February 20, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 of Nebraska City to install their 2002 Chaplain and Senior Deacon out of time.

On February 26, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mason City Lodge No. 170 of Mason City to install their 2002 Junior Warden out of time.

On February 26, 2002, 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 April 13. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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 March 4, 2002, as provided by Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Capital Lodge No. 3 of Omaha to hold a special meeting on March 8, 2002, for the purpose of conducting business.

On March 7, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Plainview Lodge No. 204 of Plainview to install their 2002 Senior Deacon out of time.

On March 8, 2002, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Scottish Rite to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masters, Wardens and Secretaries for the purpose of promoting the All Masonic Family Day.

On March 12, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to participate in the Bethany Days Parade on April 27, 2002 in Lincoln.

On March 17, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Samaritan Lodge No. 158 of Chadron to install their 2002 Senior Warden out of time.

On March 20, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Bellevue to move their charter on April 16, 2002 to Anthony's Restaurant for the purpose of conducting a Table Lodge.

On March 22, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Thistle Lodge No. 61 of Lexington to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 20. 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 five;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home; and
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

On March 22, 2002, 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 April 20. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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 March 25, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Golden Rule Lodge No. 236 of Allen to install their 2002 Remaining Officers out of time.

On April 2, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on May 11. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On April 2, 2002, 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 July 13. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

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 April 8, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294 of Kimball to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on April 13, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

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

On April 9, 2002, in reference to Section 3-102, I confirmed it to be permissible for the High Twelve appendant body to have a presence in the Nebraska jurisdiction.

On April 9, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Hickman to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 20. 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 five;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home; and
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

On April 19, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 of Bellevue to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 12, 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;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home; and
- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

Bellevue Lodge No. 325 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Bellevue area.

On April 19, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to 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 April 20, 2002, the number of candidates to be limited to not more than thirty. This dispensation supplements dispensation granted on March 22, 2002.

On April 19, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 of Columbus to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on May 11, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On May 3, 2002, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to obtain a set of mailing labels for all members in zip codes 68845, 68947, 68948 and 68959 for the purpose of inviting them to a friendship night.

On May 10, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Franklin Lodge No. 264 of Franklin to participate in the June Jamboree Parade on June 1, 2002 in Franklin.

On May 28, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to move their charter on June 29, 2002 to the Scottish Rite Cathedral, located at 202 S. 20th Street in Omaha for the purpose of holding a One-Day Conferral.

On June 3, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Hickman to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on June 15. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

On June 3, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 of McCook to participate in Flag Day Services in conjunction with the McCook Elks Lodge No. 1434 on June 9, 2002, and to be allowed to wear Masonic Aprons and Jewels at such public event.

On June 6, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to move their charter on June 15 or June 29, 2002 to a former lodge building in Orleans, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding a Jordan Medal presentation.

On June 12, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on June 29. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

Shiloh Lodge No. 327 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 June 14, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to North Bend Lodge No. 119 of North Bend to move their charter on February 23, 2003 to North Bend Central High School for the purpose of installing the 2003 Grand Lodge Officers.

On June 14, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 13. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

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

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

On July 3, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 of McCook to have a float in the Annual 4th of July Parade in Culbertson.

On July 9, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Osceola Lodge No. 65 of Osceola to move their charter on August 17, 2002 to an outdoor venue for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On July 12, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Arcana Lodge No. 195 of Gordon, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 or Hay Springs and Samaritan Lodge No. 158 of Chadron to have a joint float in the Fur Trade Days Parade in Chadron on July 13, 2002.

On August 5, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Albion Lodge No. 78 of Albion to participate and have a float in the Boone County Fair Parade on August 11, 2002.

On August 7, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney to have a float in the local parade on October 5, 2002.

On August 8, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Thistle Lodge No. 61 of Lexington to move their charter on August 13, 2002 to a pasture south of Lexington for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge meeting and cream can supper.

On August 9, 2002, 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 August 24. 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 five;
- b. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree; and
- c. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- d. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon his return home; and

- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral.

On August 19, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on August 19, 2002, and the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on August 26, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On August 26, 2002, in accordance with the request of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 of Grand Island, I granted permission for Ashlar Lodge to sponsor the annual Robert W. Boon Thanksgiving Memorial Food Truck to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Home.

On August 30, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to participate in a Labor Day Parade in Schuyler on September 2, 2002.

On August 30, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Composite Lodge No. 81 of Rising City to move their charter on September 3, 2002, to the Lodge Hall at Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City for the purpose of holding a joint meeting for the presentation of year pins.

On September 11, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 16. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

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

On September 11, 2002, 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 September 19, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On September 11, 2002, 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 September 19, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On September 11, 2002, 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 September 26, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On September 12, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 of Bellevue to change the date of their one-day conferral from October 12, 2002 to October 26, 2002.

On September 13, 2002, 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 16. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

- e. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral; and
- f. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance who completed the work, and will notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

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 16, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on September 16, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On September 16, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on September 23, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On September 16, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on September 18, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On September 18, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney to move their charter on September 21, 2002 to a location on the Platte River, 2 miles south of I-80 in Kearney County, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an annual outdoor Master's Degree.

On September 20, 2002, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 of McCook to have a float in the Heritage Day Parade in McCook on September 28, 2002.

On October 2, 2002, according to Section 2-1209, I gave permission to Wallace Lodge No. 279 of Wallace to allow a Past Master of a Lodge in the Wyoming jurisdiction to confer the Master Mason degree on his son, as long as certain conditions were met.

On October 8, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on November 9. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Kearney area.

On October 10, 2002, 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 10, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 10, 2002, 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 October 17, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 10, 2002, 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 October 24, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 15, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 28, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 15, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 21, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 15, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 23, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 15, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on October 16, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 17, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on November 12, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On October 28, 2002, according to section 2-704, I gave permission to the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation to obtain a list of all deceased Nebraska Masons from January 1, 1985 to the current date for the purpose of updating their database.

On November 6, 2002, as provided by Section 2-502, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to move its charter on February 7, 2003, for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons at the Grand Lodge Session.

On November 6, 2002, as provided by Section 2-502, I approved the request of Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 of Stratton to move its charter on February 7, 2003, for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons at the Grand Lodge Session.

On November 13, 2002, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Tangier Shrine Center to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons in lodges in the Omaha area for the purpose of updating their files of new members in the last two years.

On November 13, 2002, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Mosaic Lodge No. 55 of Norfolk to elect their officers for the year 2003 out of time, on December 3, 2002.

On November 22, 2002, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Covert Lodge No. 11 of Omaha to install their 2003 Junior Steward out of time.

On November 22, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 12, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On November 22, 2002, 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 June 15, 2003. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

During the conferral of each degree, each candidate will:

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

In addition, the following conditions will apply:

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

On December 13, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 18, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On December 13, 2002, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 14, 2002. During the conferral of the Degrees, each candidate will:

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

On December 31, 2002, according to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to obtain a list of all Master Masons living in the Norfolk are who are not members of Mosaic Lodge for the purpose of contacting those members and inquiring of their interest in dual membership.

On January 8, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 of Ashland to install their 2003 Treasurer and Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 16, 2003, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to sell commemorative lapel pins marking the 150th anniversary of that lodge.

On January 17, 2003, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City to install their 2003 Secretary, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal and Chaplain out of time.

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

I was honored to have M.:W.: Brother Johnny Cummings, Grand Master, M.:W.: Brother Norman C. Hall, PGM, his lady Eloise and daughter Ashley, and Brother Russell Hobson and his lady Anne Marie in attendance at the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. With blizzard conditions having descended the night before, I know full well the efforts made by all who attended. To these individual Brothers and their families from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, I offer my sincere thanks.

On July 19, 2002, it was my pleasure to attend the Annual Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. After being received as Grand Master, I enjoyed bringing greetings and sharing remarks. I greatly appreciated the fellowship we shared. I also want to make special note of the ongoing help given by Brother Russell Hobson as a chaperone for the Masonic All-Star Marching Band program. Brother Russell has devoted many hours as a camp chaperone over the past number of years.

Having been hosted by our Brother Masons from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in 2001, it was our honor to host their members at a social gathering on August 10, 2002, at Mahoney State Park. The planning of the evening activity was under the direction of John Parsons, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and Russell Hobson, Grand Historian of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Delicious food and warm fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance. It was a great pleasure to exchange toasts with M.:W.: Brother Johnny Cummings, Grand Master. All Masons in Nebraska should delight in the true practice of brotherly love as demonstrated whenever we have the occasion to meet together. To all Masons F.: & A.:M.: and A.:F.: & A.:M.:, I am proud to call you Brother!

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 21, 2002 Scott A. Littlejohn..... Mitchell No. 263
- February 21, 2002 James D. Cline John J. Mercer No. 290
- February 26, 2002 Randy Bishop..... Western Star No. 2

March 8, 2002	Paul L. McCarthy.....	Nebraska No. 1
March 8, 2002	William D. Brantley.....	Lancaster No. 54
March 8, 2002	Dana E. Douglass.....	Miloma No. 328
April 4, 2002	Harry H. Foulks.....	John J. Mercer No. 290
April 7, 2002	Bobby H. Burlison.....	Bellevue No. 325
May 12, 2002	Ricky L. Riedel.....	George Washington No. 250
May 12, 2002	Raymond E. Sankey.....	Hickman No. 256
May 20, 2002	LaVern G. West.....	Alliance No. 183
May 23, 2002	Harlan C. Falk.....	Florence No. 281
May 23, 2002	Richard A. Draper.....	Lincoln No. 19
May 23, 2002	Richard Minnick.....	Bartley No. 228
June 4, 2002	Ronald C. Hutson.....	Scotts Bluff No. 201
June 30, 2002	Vaughn M. Wright.....	Lancaster No. 54
August 14, 2002	Hans P. Stibolt.....	Frank Welch No. 75
August 14, 2002	Randall Sears.....	Rob Morris No. 46
August 14, 2002	Robert L. Sutton.....	Palisade No. 216
September 4, 2002	Dan Heitman.....	Mosaic No. 55
November 7, 2002	Earl W. Owens.....	Capitol No. 3
November 11, 2002	Jack D. Horsham.....	Mid-West No. 317
November 22, 2002	William N. Wood.....	Centennial No. 326
December 12, 2002	Richard O. Rolofson.....	Oliver No. 38
December 12, 2002	Kenneth M. Murray.....	Shiloh No. 327
December 14, 2002	Daniel J. Screws.....	Thistle No. 61
December 23, 2002	Scott A. Effenbeck.....	Hebron No. 43
December 30, 2002	Joy K. Dodd.....	Western Star No. 2

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on October 2, 2002, I appointed a replacement member to the trial commission originally appointed by M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen in 2001 for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial in a matter involving Plainview Lodge No. 204 and a member of that lodge.

As provided by Section 1-301 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, on November 5, 2002, I appointed a replacement member to the trial commission originally appointed by M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen in 2001 for the purpose of conducting a Masonic trial in a matter involving Euclid Lodge No. 97 and a member of that lodge.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were approved:

April 2, 2002	Schadd Gray to	Daylight Lodge No. 660, Iowa
April 2, 2002	Jeff Wead to	Minerva Lodge No. 98, Ohio
April 15, 2002	Gene Hightree to	Weston Lodge No. 562, Iowa
April 25, 2002	Donald R. Wakefield to.....	Triangle Lodge No. 643, Iowa
May 2, 2002	Leland Thomas Curry to	Morningside Lodge No. 615, Iowa
May 2, 2002	Larry Eugene Curry to	Morningside Lodge No. 615, Iowa
November 8, 2002	Christopher M. McVay to	Bluffs City Lodge No. 71, Iowa

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

For a number of years, the Youth Committee has planned a leadership conference designed for the benefit of the three youth groups. That planning culminated in the first Youth Leadership Conference on September 28 and 29 in Kearney. The Conference was a resounding success, as national level speakers made presentations to youth and adult leaders. The 433 individuals who took advantage of the Conference were treated to laughter, seriousness, reflection, fellowship and inspiration. The programming and dress code were geared toward the youth and it resulted in great acceptance. Thank you to the members of the Youth Committee, the chairman Brother Rob Kinsey, and all the adults who helped plan, organize, and conduct the Conference. Because of the overwhelming responses received, a second conference is being planned for 2005.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

In the Master's Degree, we are asked: "From whence come you and whether are you traveling?" I appreciate the opportunity to address that question as it relates to the Craft in the Nebraska jurisdiction.

We have arrived at this point in history having been blessed with dedicated Masons who, through the generations, have constructed a marvelous Masonic edifice of which we can be proud. The leaders who guided us were devoted and committed to furthering the causes and influence of Freemasonry. To those Past Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters, we will be continually indebted.

In recent years, we have developed a strategic plan to better guide the course we choose to follow. We have been proactive in our planning because if we fail to control the future changes we implement, changes will nevertheless occur which we may not find pleasant. This approach has allowed us to be innovative and responsive, yet rooted in the tenets the fraternity embraces.

It is exciting to report that many advances have been made. This year brought aggressive membership recruitment, new lodge activities and programs, and a greatly improved attitude within the Craft. I am most pleased with the turnaround of our attitudes. I see a great sense of pride, enthusiasm, and dedication. We are seeing a renewed swagger in our step. This attitudinal change is the necessary first step toward overall future progress. It is great to see so many smiling faces, not just while we are attending our respective Masonic meetings, but out in the public forum as well. This projects to members and non-members alike that it is fun to be a Mason.

This is all crucial, as we are at an exact point in history when we have an opportunity to regain tremendous prominence and growth. A renewed sense of values and depth of purpose is upon us – right this moment.

This brings us to "whether are we traveling?" In looking at our Masonic edifice, I see a need for some simple tuck-pointing. We must employ a better use of the implements of Masonry, but more especially, the trowel. As we cement our members by giving them responsibilities, knowledge and leadership skills, cement the leaders of the Lodges by requiring the execution of their respective duties, and cement all the components of the

Masonic Family through unity, we will see our edifice standing strong for generations to come.

We have in our future leaders of the Grand Lodge men of vision and persistence – mandatory qualities for leading us. Give them your support and commitment, as it will result in many positive outcomes.

CONCLUSION

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your 136th Grand Master. Words do not do justice to describe all the courtesies extended to us. It has been the goal of Joanie and I to foster a sincere and genuine sense of family with all of you. Every Masonic organization's members have deep and abiding loyalty to their respective causes. Collectively, these programs and interests result in Masonry in action. Together we enhance our presence in our communities, state, and nation.

For the “mother ship,” the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, we promoted the four Masonic M&M's: Masonic Messages, Masonic Memories, Masonic Membership, and Masonic Motivation. We leave to your judgment the results of these efforts.

As I come to the end of this fourteen-year journey, I pass this duty by simply stating I have tried my best. Thank you for a full book of Masonic Memories.

God Bless each and every one of you, God Bless our Masonic Fraternity, and God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones
Grand Master

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

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



M.:W.: Alvin Wahlert, Grand Master of South Dakota, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Russell G. Reno, Chairman

Before moving for the adoption of the printed report, Committee member Steve Alvis spoke about the goals set forth at a previous meeting of the Public Relations Committee:

1. By the end of 2003 produce radio public service announcements to speak about Masonry and affiliated bodies with a statewide perspective tailored towards Masons, OES and last, but not least, our youth groups. We've already started that procedure and committee will be pulled together to move forward with it very shortly.
2. By the end of 2003, send out information to subordinate lodges on how to gain press coverage at local events.
3. By the end of 2003, have lodges and chapters increase communications with members by letters or newsletters.
4. Have a Masonic speakers bureau established that will be available to local organizations. We're hoping to work with the Grand Lodge office to develop that to be able to send Blue Lodge representatives to speak throughout Nebraska.

(Printed Report)

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continued in 2002 to promote Masonry in Nebraska.

The Grand Lodge office continued to send form news releases to Nebraska lodges for their use to publicize installation of officers, scholarships, and presentations of membership year pins and Jordan Medals.

Assistance was provided by the committee at the Eighth Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band clinic in coordinating news media coverage. Letters were prepared and sent to Senior Wardens, encouraging them to include sponsorship of a student in their plans for 2002.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Russell G. Reno, 297 & 183, Chairman
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Stephen C. Alvis, 210
Richard Todd Simpson, 327
Ed Bennett, 61

Brother Steve Alvis made a motion for the adoption of the Public Relations Report. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Michael G. Birnstihl, 314, President

I had the opportunity and privilege to serve as the President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation for the past two years. M.:W.:B.: James F. Brown, Jr., the previous

president, left the Foundation in good order, with a new home located at 1240 N. 10th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation is a 501-c(3), non-profit corporation, established in 1985 to operate as an "education, cultural, historical, literary and charitable foundation exclusively for the promotion, support and maintenance of Freemasonry and for the benefit of the public at large." The Foundation has served as the administrator for the Pierce and Kimball Scholarships for many years and in 2001-2002 administered funds for the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. The Foundation also began administering the Past Grand Master's Scholarship Fund established by M.:W.:B.: Michael E. Jones in 2002. Donations for four Masonic All-Star Band Scholarships were made in 2002. The Foundation maintains a Masonic Library and Museum occupying a portion of the building at 1240 N. 10th Street.

Since February 2001, the Foundation has embarked on a ten-year annual fundraising endeavor entitled "A Dime a Day," after a motion was made by M.:W.:B.: James F. Brown, Jr. during the 2000 Nebraska Masonic Foundation meeting. The initial fundraising effort was met with good response from the Brethren, however, the costs of marketing the effort far outweighed the contributions.

In November 2002, the Foundation continued its "Dime a Day" efforts, this time without outside involvement. It is hoped that the response from the Brethren will be significant. To date, the response has allowed the Foundation to place three new display cases and furniture in the museum. The display cases, designed by Brother Galen Fritchie, were built free of charge by W.:B.: Jerry Rauch and Brother Bill Gekas, with the Foundation purchasing materials. Library professionals have volunteered their time to catalog the volumes, documents, periodicals and artifacts of the library and museum. Climate controlled storage has been secured for the Foundation's artifacts and documents while efforts are underway to obtain two Masonic collections for the museum.

The Foundation benefited from the proceeds of the First Annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament, held in Gering and Lincoln, Nebraska. The tournament, initiated by M.:W.:B.: Michael E. Jones, promises to continue each year to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. In 2003, the Foundation will be applying for grants from other foundations to assist in its benevolent endeavors.

During the annual meeting of the Foundation, held on Thursday, February 6, 2003, the members voted to have the Foundation organize a Masonic fundraising effort for the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial, a 501-c(3) corporation. The endeavor will be coordinated with the subordinate lodges of the Grand Lodge. The Foundation will encourage lodges to hold a fundraiser for the memorial to the Nebraska law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, which will be located at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. Money raised by the lodges will be maintained by the Foundation and a check presented to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial Committee, on behalf of the Masons of Nebraska, during the Grand Communications of 2004.

The museum and library, which is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, was the location of an open house held on November 23, 2002, at which W.:B.: John

Parsons, Grand Historian, talked on Masonry in Nebraska. Four Brethren and a citizen were in attendance. There will be two open houses scheduled during 2003 where a guest speaker will be featured. The open houses will be advertised in the local Lincoln newspaper and The Nebraska Mason.

The Foundation will gladly accept donations through wills, bequests, and living trusts. Donations will be used to increase the Foundation's portfolio, retire the debt and for the educational, cultural, historical, literary and charitable activities of the Foundation. Any Mason contributing to the Foundation is a member and entitled to attend the annual meeting held on Thursday prior to the Grand Communication each year.

The total assets/liabilities and equity of the Foundation are \$499,610.55, as of December 31, 2002.

The Foundation's Board of Directors elected the following Foundation officers for the year 2003.

President	R.: W.: B.: Michael G. Birnstihl
Vice President	M.: W.: B.: Dwight E. Smith
Secretary/Treasurer	R.: W.: B.: Ivan A. Vrtiska

I would be happy to answer any questions from the Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael G. Birnstihl, President

R.:W.: Mike Birnstihl made a motion that the Report of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.:Grand Master Jones asked R.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Brethren:

It is a humbling privilege for me to address you this morning and to outline some thoughts for our activities for the coming year. Masonry in Nebraska has been well served and well led this past year by M.:W.: Mike Jones. Many of the improvements made have been the result of his willingness to set a standard before us. Others have been the result of the foresight and hard work of previous Grand Masters and other officers and committee members. Many take more than a year to bring to fruition. This year it is our mission to build on past successes and to strengthen areas of weakness.

I have pride and great confidence in the team of Officers of this Grand Lodge. Our directorate form of leadership insures that policies and programs are thoroughly discussed and that varying viewpoints are heard before consensus is reached. Ideas that need time to work can be left in place and those that are not successful can be challenged and if necessary, removed.

I am equally proud of the 104 Brothers who have agreed to serve on committees. Their work in support of Nebraska Lodges is remarkable. It is, however, your work as officers and members of those lodges to ensure their success.

M.:W.:B.: Jones threw out a challenge last year to bring new members into the Fraternity. Did we meet the challenge? Some Lodges did, those that took the challenge seriously and went to work. Many more came close.

It has been said that work is a four- letter word, but it is not a word unfamiliar to Masons. We receive working tools. We are described as those who can best work and best agree. We work and receive Master's wages. We have wrought in the quarries. We are admonished to do "good work, true work, square work." Membership is simply too important not to receive our best effort.

There are good signs. As of December 31, 2002, with most, but not all Lodges current with their reports we show raising of 399 compared to 284 in 2001, an increase of 40% and a 31% increase over the average of the previous 5 years. The work pays off. It is now our challenge to use this momentum to build on what has been shown to be possible. All it takes is work, that four letter word.

Part of the membership effort is to control suspensions. An excellent tool is the Millennium Fund concept and it has been discussed in the Fall Area Meetings. Some Brothers who have been suspended just were not contacted. No dues notice was sent or no follow up call was made. Some were never enrolled and bonded to their Lodge after their raising. Some were truly unable to pay their dues. We want to reinstate past suspended Brothers but it is more important to prevent future suspensions by seeing that none go away dissatisfied. Isn't that the Senior Warden's job? Look at your situation and see what might be improved.

We have a focused and aggressive Membership Committee within the Grand Lodge. Every Lodge can expect to be contacted and offered specific ideas designed to help get you into a productive membership mode. Each Lodge is being asked to set their own goal but the Grand Lodge goal will remain at raisings equal to 10% of our January 1, 2003 membership. It is easy for each Lodge to figure its fair share and it is an attainable goal for most Nebraska Lodges.

A key element in membership is enrolling and bonding the new member to the Fraternity. The Masonic Education committee has been hard at work to help you fold new brothers into the Fraternity through a fuller understanding of what Masonry is, what its history has been and what is its vision for the future. Please call on this committee to help you in planning the educational portion of your meetings.

Lodges have been asking for help in publicizing their activities. The Public Relations Committee has goals of providing Public Service Announcements, press kits, a Masonic Speakers Bureau and help in producing Lodge newsletters. All will be available to Lodges to help them inform their members and the public of their activities. Unfortunately some members only hear from their Lodges at dues time, if at all. It is imperative that we do a better job of communicating inside as well as outside of the Lodge.

Lodges sometimes experience difficulties in maintaining an active program. There is help available through the Lodge Advisory Committee. We will soon have in place a system to assist Lodges in renewing their level of activity through assessment of and response to specific problem areas. If your Lodge is in need of such services I encourage you to contact the Committee immediately. A step-by-step renewal plan is available. Work with this committee is a primary alternative to consolidation.

We have very capable and motivated committees to help make your job easier. They are in place to serve you and to help you meet your responsibilities as a Lodge officer. Please make use of them. They are located all across the state and their names are listed in this book that is distributed to every Lodge. Most of them are here and you can contact them directly or let me know and I will get you connected.

As for Lodge activity I am asking you to increase the level of activity both inside and outside the Lodge. With more activity the brotherhood is strengthened as we get used to working together. Plan to expand your activity both internally and externally as you do more for your Brothers and more for your community. Doing more may mean just doing something. In the calls made to Worshipful Masters this past year we had 48 different items listed as new activities. Included were flea market sponsorship, sandwich stand, picnic, fishing trip, poker run, motorcycle rally, soup supper, highway pickup, youth recognition, popcorn at the High School on Fridays, flag football, and spaghetti feed fund raiser. One Lodge even listed "Degree Work" as a new activity and I am proud of them for taking that step. As you can see we are limited only by our imaginations.

A new activity for the Grand Lodge is the Wardens and Deacons School that will be held in Hastings on March 15th. We will focus on 12 areas of leadership that will help Lodge officers lead with confidence and enthusiasm. There is information available here or check with your Lodge secretary.

Also there will be three task forces created this year, one to coordinate Masonic activities for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, one to examine improvements in service to Lodges and one to explore possible coordination of Public Relations efforts encompassing all Masonic organizations in Nebraska.

The second annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament will be held later this summer at two locations, one in the eastern and one in the western part of the state. Proceeds will benefit our two homes and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation. Dates and locations will be announced soon. We will appreciate your participation and that of your non-Masonic friends.

Finally, the Nebraska Masonic Foundation has made great strides. If you have not visited the Foundation's Museum and Library in Lincoln I encourage you to do so. And don't forget to help strengthen it with your monetary support.

Brethren, we have a moment in time like none other in recent history. Patriotism is running high and men are looking for the kind of stability that is offered by adherence to the principles of Masonry. Seizing the opportunity to build this great Fraternity now will insure its future and we will find it stronger one year from now.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I make the commitment for my effort and ask for your commitment in return.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

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

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2003, by Chairman Steven F. Mattoon, with the following members present: Jack H. Hendrix, John McHenry and Dwight E. Smith. Regrettably absent was M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer for health reasons. Also in attendance were all Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Masters Charles Amidon and Jerry Rittenburg.

Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska provides 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, M.:W.: Michael E. Jones, granted leave and waiver of the 15-day requirement for the written report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on January 27, 2003, 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 of delivery whether the Resolutions are in proper form. The Jurisprudence Committee is then to inform the Mason submitting said Bylaw revisions or Resolutions if said submissions are not in proper form, indicating why said submissions are not in proper form, and allowing an additional 30 day time period in which to place said submissions into proper form for presentation at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. No Resolutions were submitted at the conclusion of the 2002 Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

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 a ballot at this Session.

The complete revision of Bylaws of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 were reviewed by the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Committee noted that Article 1 regarding special meetings does not strictly comply with Section 2-503 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the Grand Master contact Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in order to request that they revise their Bylaws to conform to said Section 2-503 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

Upon further review of Section 2-503 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge the Jurisprudence Committee recommended to the Grand Lodge officers that Section 2-503 regarding special meetings be interpreted to allow funerals, installation, conferring of degrees, examinations for proficiency in the degrees and those matters specifically authorized in the Grand Lodge law or referred to a special meeting as called by the Grand Master.

All other decisions by the Grand Master we find to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry in Nebraska, and should be approved.

The Committee proceeded to elect John McHenry as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Jack Hendrix as Secretary of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended his year of service to the fraternity.

The Committee proceeded to thank M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer for his several years of service on the Jurisprudence Committee.

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 advise 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.



M.:W.: Jimmie D. Lee, Grand Master of Missouri, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn

This is the seventh annual report which I have had the privilege to present as Grand Secretary. Each year, as I write these brief words, I am reminded of the special bonds of our fraternal brotherhood and the great honor I count this opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge. The past year has been particularly exciting as I have seen and experienced a sense of renewal in many of our Lodges. The membership is to be commended for its willingness to take up the challenges, which the Grand Master laid before the fraternity. This is an exciting time to be a freemason in Nebraska, and I urge all members to become involved in the cause of recommitment.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor of my re-election as Grand Secretary. As the Grand Secretary, I have the privilege of serving with many of our members in the course of any one Masonic year. In addition, each year I have the opportunity to interact with dedicated and enthusiastic slates of Grand Lodge officers. I am impressed with the commitment demonstrated by so many members of the fraternity, and I am confident that the future leadership of Nebraska freemasonry is in competent hands.

I also want to thank the officers of our local lodges, with a special recognition to the lodge secretaries, for your efforts on behalf of our Fraternity and your lodge. Your cheerful service is a constant reminder of all that is good and right about Masonry. During this past year, preliminary work began on a revision to the Grand Lodge Secretary's Handbook, and this project will continue in full force during 2003. I hope this process will give lodge secretaries the tools they need to do their tasks effectively and efficiently.

The Grand Lodge office could not operate without the able help of Michelle Fulmer, Carol Schroeder, and Jeannie Holt. Without the support, hard work, and dedication of these women, the workings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would not take place. I hope that you will take time during the Grand Lodge session to personally thank them for their efforts. If you are ever visiting in Lincoln, please feel free to stop in and tour the office, especially our display of historical artifacts and Masonic library materials. I know that Michelle, Carol, and Jeannie will make you feel welcome.

In addition to visitations to lodges and various meetings of the Grand Lodge throughout the state during the past year, I attended the cornerstone ceremonies for the new hospital additions in Kimball and Gordon, the new child care center at Sidney, the United Methodist Church in Hebron, the Youth Development Center in Geneva, and the Mari Sandoz Center at Chadron State College. I also had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the Midwest Conference of Grand Masters and Secretaries held in St. Joseph, Michigan. I also attended the annual 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>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Number of lodges	163	160
Initiated	300	417
Passed	284	420
Raised	287	408
Affiliated	48	60
Dual Membership	33	58
Reinstatements	178	111
Consolidated	86	0
Other	1	3
Total Gains	<u>633</u>	<u>640</u>
Deaths	570	584
Demits	53	68
Suspensions	438	292
Withdrawals	1	3

Consolidated	86	0
Termination of Dual	13	21
Other	6	0
Total Losses	<u>1,167</u>	<u>968</u>
Net Membership Changes	(534)	(328)
Membership 12/31/00	17,042	
Membership 12/31/01	16,508	
Final Membership as of 12/31/02	16,180	

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

337	50-year pins presented
84	60-year pins presented
6	70-year pins presented

Again, may I express to the Grand Master, my fellow Grand Lodge officers, and 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 I hope that in some small way I have aided in the advancement of our great Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134
Grand Secretary

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

Grand Secretary Reg Kuhn made a motion to accept the 2001 and 2002 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Steven C. Smith, Chairman

In the absence of Steven C. Smith, Larry Zwart, a member of the Membership Committee, gave the report.

The year 2002 started off with the Membership Committee presenting the third annual membership awards to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice and Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway, and presenting the New Membership Recruiting Program at the Grand Lodge meeting in Kearney, Nebraska.

The Membership Committee's focus in 2002 was to achieve the following Grand Master's goals:

1. Increase membership 10% over December 2001
2. Limit the members who drop out or are suspended for non-payment of dues to less than 2%

3. By 2003, increase membership 25% over 1999 membership

The following action plans were implemented to achieve the above:

1. Utilization of the Membership Recruitment Plan
2. Promote a "Dad's Birthday Wish – Man to Man"
3. Target youth groups and 50-65 year olds
4. Use of the pamphlet *Who Are the Masons? And What Do They Do*
5. Use the video "Friend to Friend"
6. Each lodge to hold two functions per year. Lodges may jointly hold these with other lodges. These types of activities are called cluster lodge activities.
7. Re-institute the *Millennium Fund Plan* from Minnesota
8. Grand Master Michael E. Jones, sent a letter to each Master, along with a copy of the Membership Recruitment Program requesting the implementation of the above seven items.

I am pleased to inform you that measurable progress was made toward all goals. Many lodges had success with the Targeting Program, One Day Degree Sessions, Recruitment Letters and Recruitment Dinners, Masonic Unity Functions 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
 Larry Zwart, 11

Brother Lawrence Zwart moved for the adoption of the report of the Membership Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Gerald D. Verbeek

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 and rewarding experience to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office Staff, 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 70 lodges have been certified. To date 19 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:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (79)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (72)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (68)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (74)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (69)
Crete Lodge No. 37 (69)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (79)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (81)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (78)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (78)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (75)
Euclid Lodge No. 97 (73)
Arcana Lodge No. 195 (69)
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (69)
North Star Lodge No. 227 (70)
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (64)
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (71)
Cotner Lodge No. 297 (62)
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (79)

Brothers Monte R. Bloyd, Hastings Lodge No. 50, Samuel D. McCubbin, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Edward W. Nolte, Papillion Lodge No. 39, and John A. Sheffield 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.

The following brethren have completed 20 years of proficiency:

Kurt L. Blazek, Acacia Lodge No. 34/Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325
V. Kaye Ramsey, Past Grand Master, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290/Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Frank Veverka, Fremont Lodge No. 15
Albert A. Wise, Geneva Lodge No. 79

John M. McHenry, Past Grand Master, Lincoln Lodge No.19, completed his 25th year of proficiency.

The following brethren have completed 30 years of proficiency:

Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master, Frank Welch Lodge No.75
Thomas G. Nuss, Ashlar Lodge No. 33/Friendship Lodge No. 239
John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, completed his 35th year of proficiency.

The following brethren completed 40 years of proficiency:

Gary L. Beaman, Comet Lodge No. 229
Lawrence Bradbury, Pawnee Lodge No. 23
Theodore A. Bulling, Comet Lodge No. 229

The following brethren completed 45 years of proficiency:

Vern L. Andersen, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
 James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31
 Bruce C. Kaman, Oasis Lodge No. 271
 Jack Lefler, Comet Lodge No. 229
 Loren L. McNeal, Utica Lodge No. 96
 Deane H. Pettett, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

Harry A. Spencer Sr., Past Grand Master, North Star Lodge No. 227, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 - 72 years
 Ben D. Fussell, Geneva Lodge No. 79 - 54 years
 Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 - 53 years
 Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 - 53 years
 Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 - 52 years
 Justin F. Fauss, Mosaic Lodge No. 55 - 52 years
 James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30/East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 - 52 years
 Nels H. Ostergaard, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 - 52 years
 Collins L. Wilcox, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - 51 years
 Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 - 50 years
 Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 - 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 No. 1
 Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, Capitol Lodge No. 3-District No. 2
 Halsey D. Phillips, Bellevue Lodge No. 325-District No. 3
 James E. Cornish, Tekamah Lodge No. 31-District No. 4
 Ronald D. Grass, Tekamah Lodge No. 31-District No. 5
 Thomas R. Reed, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 and Omadi Lodge No. 5-District No. 6
 Lloyd F. Vrtiska, Table Rock Lodge No. 108-District No. 7
 John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4-District No. 8
 Lloyd I. Edwards, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110-District No. 9
 Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54-District No. 10
 Michael G. Birmstihl, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314-District No. 11
 Ashley H. Story, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314-District No. 13
 James R. Taylor, Shiloh Lodge No. 327-District No. 15
 Roger A. Deininger, Mid-West Lodge No. 317-District No. 17
 Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317-District No. 18
 Carl C. Plants, Lancaster Lodge No. 54-District No. 19
 Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Mid-West Lodge No. 317-District No. 20
 Wayne E. Beatty, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126-District No. 21
 Delmar A. Jones, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and Osceola Lodge No. 65-District No. 24

Richard W. Linnemeyer, Emeritus, McCook Lodge No. 135-District No. 25
 Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221-District No. 26
 Keith B. Leibhart, Custer Lodge No. 148-District No. 27
 Jack D. Nichols, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265-District No. 28
 Leslie A. Evert, Arcana Lodge No. 195-District No.29
 Richard H. Cooper, Mitchell Lodge No. 263 and Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265-District No. 30
 Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75-District No. 31
 Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180-District No. 32
 Harold C. Mueksch, Scribner Lodge No. 132-District No. 34
 Harold W. Noble, Bellevue Lodge No. 325-District No. 35
 Bruce A. Watkins, Liberty Lodge No. 300-District No. 36
 Albert A. Wise, Geneva Lodge No. 79-District No. 37
 Frank R. Harris, Emeritus, Nelson Lodge No. 77-District No. 38

During this Masonic Year two Deputy Grand Custodians and one Emeritus Deputy Grand Custodian laid down their working tools. They are: Robert L. Carter Jr., Joseph D. Chrisman and Herman O. Hansen.

I am pleased that we had the pleasure of commissioning three Deputy Custodians this year, Joseph D. Chrisman, Ashley H. Story and James R. Taylor. We will also commission Dean Papenhagen, Hastings Lodge No. 50 at Grand Lodge in February. He will replace Frank Harris, Emeritus, in District No. 38.

I am happy to report that W.:B.: Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, is continuing to serve our fraternity in District No. 2.

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. We are also blessed to have some very talented apprentice custodians who are very much a part of the total program to assist lodges in their areas.

Glenn W. Binder
 Richard L. Mauch
 Frank R. Harris
 Ben D. Fussell
 Ralph McNulty
 A. W. Clark
 D. Wayne Erickson
 Mervin E. Ransom Sr.
 Lynn Doty
 Eugene C. Sibley
 Richard W. Linnemeyer
 Vincent Rosenberger

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 10 schools of instruction. My thanks to all who assisted and attended these schools. I also had the privilege of participating in Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremonies and installation of lodge officers. My participation in

Grand Lodge and constituent lodge functions and degrees was limited this year by the illness and subsequent death of my wife Thelma. I offer a special "Thank You" for all the consideration and support I have received this year from the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office Staff and all Masons in Nebraska.

The annual custodians school was held in Grand Island on September 14, 2002. My thanks to M.:W.:B.: Charles W. Amidon, the Committee on work and all the Deputy Custodians for their support and work, not only at the school but also in the field. We were pleased to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones attend the school. We were honored to have him commission two new Deputy Grand Custodians, Ashley H. Story and James R. Taylor, and to present Gus Scolaro with his Grand Custodian Emeritus Apron. Twenty-eight attended the school and participated in the work. My thanks to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and W.:B.: Edwin Weber for his help. W.:B.: Weber remained near at hand during the school to keep the lodge hall in order and the required equipment available for our use.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones, for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15
Grand Custodian

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



M.:W.: Alan Malm, Grand Master of North Dakota, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Cullen F. Pilker, Chairman

The report was presented by R.:W.: Reg Kuhn.

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

Over the past 20 years, the international boundaries of the nations in Europe, Asia and Africa have undergone extensive changes. The political climate of the countries involved in those changes has also undergone radical transformations. Those factors have given rise to the emergence of new Masonic jurisdictions and the revival of some formal jurisdictions that have been dormant for many years. Some jurisdictional boundaries in those areas overlap others, making it extremely difficult to determine qualification of recognition. Furthermore, in at least one case, the interpretation of the rules for recognition, as delineated by the Committee for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America has been called into question. Until these factors have been dealt with and a clearer picture develops, the Committee on Fraternal Relations has chosen to proceed with caution and take a conservative approach in the granting of recognition to any of those jurisdictions to petition us. However, in this year's report, you

will note, the committee is recommending that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska recognize the Grand Lodge of Congo, the Grand Lodge of Cameroon and the Grand Lodge of Togo.

The printed report was then presented as follows:

The Committee on Fraternal Relations met on June 15, 2002 and again on December 21, 2002.

The bulk of the communications that passed through the Committee was passive or informational and required no formal action by the Committee. We will not use space here to review each and every one of them. Such communications are available for inspection from the Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee reviewed requests for recognition from several Grand Jurisdictions, which had been carried over from the last Grand Lodge report. Due to subsequent information received it is recommended that recognition be granted to The Grand Lodge of Congo, The Grand Lodge of Cameroon and The Grand Lodge of Togo. The Committee recommends full recognition on the basis that we recognize any other Grand Lodge. Requests for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Morocco, Bulgaria and Baja Mexico were tabled until further information is available regarding regularity and jurisdictional disputes.

The Committee reaffirms the recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil and approves their nomination for a Grand Representative to Nebraska.

Most Worshipful Mike Jones, Grand Master submitted the following nominations for appointment of Grand Representatives of respective jurisdictions. To the Grand Lodges of:

England, replace Harry Spencer with Ben Hughes, Oliver Lodge No. 38
Tamaulipas, Mexico, add Rex Rehmer, Fidelity Lodge No. 51
North Carolina, replace Cullen Pilker with John Hinkel, Utica Lodge No. 96
Senegal, West Africa, add Robert A. Jones, Corinthian Lodge No. 83
Turkey, replace Dale Anderson with Howard Whitmore, Composite Lodge No. 81
Romania, add Tren Miller, Lotus Lodge No. 289
Russia, add Max H. Miller, Geneva Lodge No. 79
Nevada, add Sid Stewart, McCook Lodge No. 135
The Committee recommends that these nominees be accepted.

The Committee agreed that timely reporting of the recognition of Grand Lodge Jurisdictions to the Masonic Service Association for the updating of recognition charts is essential and hereafter a copy of the recognition document be forwarded to the Masonic Service Association.

The Committee continues to recommend that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, with the agreement and cooperation of the Grand Lodge, PHA of Nebraska afford reciprocal recognition to each and every PHA Grand Lodge-USA that is recognized by their State or Provincial Grand Lodge who are members of the Grand Masters' Conference of North America.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children proved to be a convenient venue for our meetings and we thank Ben Harvey, Administrator for his hospitality. We also wish to extend our thanks to the office staff at the Grand Lodge Office for their help with mailing and research.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39, Chairman
 Kent B. Broyhill, 5
 David Eads, 6
 Robert Jones, 83
 Joseph Humphrey, 159
 Reginald Kuhn, 19 & 134, Ex-Officio

R.: W.: Reg Kuhn made a motion that the verbal and printed reports as presented be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leslie A. Evert, Chairman

The Lodge Advisory Committee has been working with lodges experiencing problems. During this past year several teams consisting of a Past Grand Master and a Deputy Custodian have been in contact with these lodges. The team's goal is to make recommendations to the lodge to improve the situation and to make a report to the Grand Lodge Officers for further assistance.

The following lodges are being reminded of their absence from Grand Lodge Communications:

Charity No. 53	Red Cloud	Two years
Wisner No. 114	Wisner	Two years
Solar No. 134	Clarks	Two years
Ogallala No. 159	Ogallala	Two years
Minnekadusa No. 192	Valentine	Two years
Cement No. 211	Wood River	Two years
Landmark No. 222	Herman	Two years
Laurel No. 248	Laurel	Two years
Seneca No. 284	Theford	Two years
Diamond No. 291	Orchard	Two years
Polk No. 311	Polk	Two years
Pawnee No. 23	Pawnee City	Three years
Lone Tree No. 36	Central City	Three years
Oasis No. 271	Morrill	Four years
Camp Clark No. 285	Bridgeport	Four years

Letters are being sent to lodge secretaries early in January, reminding them that all delegates to Grand Lodge must have a proxy with them. This is necessary to be counted as representative of their lodge, if they are not a Master, Warden or Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie A. Evert, 195, Chairman
Robert O. Rhodes, 96
Curt M. Edic, 268
Dale W. Anderson, 158
Joseph D. Chrisman, 279 (deceased)

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



W.: Brian Cotter, Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, brought greetings.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Jerry L. Rittenburg, Chairman

This is a very active committee. There were a number of meetings leading up to the band camp as well as time that individual members spent on projects to facilitate the camp. Their hard work before the camp and long hours during is very important to the success the camp enjoys.

This year the camp was not as large as the previous year. There were 246 band members who participated. There were very few problems either leading up to or during the time the band members were in camp. The weather was very hot and a few students had to leave practice early to get back into air conditioning. While this is unfortunate, it is expected and prepared for by the chaperones.

The Committee changed one of the activities. This year's activities were:

Tuesday evening a pizza party
Wednesday evening was free time at the University's Recreation Center
Thursday evening there was a dance at the Student Union
Friday evening the Shrine dinner (band played) then swimming at the Devaney Center
Saturday morning the band played in the Shrine Bowl parade then had lunch at Bethany Park. The afternoon was spent at the Scottish Rite staying cool; then to the stadium for the half time show.

The band had a practice Tuesday evening, then three times a day on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday they practiced twice prior to playing at the Shrine dinner.

This band appeared to jell faster than any band in the past. They began to sound very good by Wednesday. This may have been the best band camp so far.

Again this year, following the camp, a critique sheet was sent to the band directors, several chaperones, junior band assistants and band members. There was a good response, both in the number of critique sheets returned and the suggestions made. The

critiques could be returned signed or anonymously. The Committee met following the camp to consider the contents of the critique sheets and to give our own critique.

There are two continuing problems that have to be addressed each year. First, the problem of finding enough sponsors: we asked the Grand Master to send a second letter to Masonic lodges and other Masonic organizations soliciting additional sponsors. Many Masonic organizations that had sponsored band members in the past did not have band members from their community, so they did not contribute. That is understandable; but this is a statewide project and benefits Masonry across Nebraska. The second problem is the recruiting and training of chaperones. The University rules require that we have one chaperone for each fifteen students; our chaperones are with the students at all times. The band camp has never had serious problems and part of the reason is the number and dedication of the chaperones. We need more chaperones.

I want to thank all of the chaperones for their time and hard work during the camp. We could not have had a camp without them. The other members of this committee have my gratitude for sharing their time and talent to make this another successful band camp.

Thanks to W. B. Jack Lorenzen (Past Grand Tyler) for providing bottled water for the band members. This saved the Grand Lodge many dollars. Jack provided thousands of bottles of water and the band members really appreciated it.

Thanks to the Grand Lodge office staff for all they do to make the camp a success. They put in long hours both before and during the camp to make sure everything is in order and runs smoothly.

Our thanks to the sponsors for their generosity. This is a quality of Masonry that is legendary and continues to this day. Their contributions are the only thing that makes this project possible.

A very special thanks to the Scottish Rite, Valley of Lincoln, for allowing us to spend Saturday afternoon inside - also, for the great meal and cold drinks - they were appreciated by all!

Thanks to the Shrine Bowl Committee for their cooperation and allowing us to be a part of this great Masonic event, and for allowing the band to perform for the dinner on Friday evening. This is a great showcase for the band.

This report is respectfully submitted to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska with the hope that this entire project meets with the approval of the Grand Master, his officers, and the members of Grand Lodge.

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



M.:W.: Clifford C. Godsey, Grand Master of Iowa, brought greetings.



W.: Clarence Darling, Senior Grand Steward of Wyoming, brought greetings.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.: Grand Master Michael E. Jones explained the procedures that would be used for balloting on the Recommendations. All Recommendations will be voted upon by written ballot and individually counted by the tellers.

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Kenneth D. Beebe presided over the discussion of the Grand Master’s Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Amend Section 1-202–GRAND CUSTODIAN by deleting the last sentence of the second paragraph. The deleted language being struck out:

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 40 Deputy Grand Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. ~~Local expenses and mileage for Schools of Instruction shall be paid by the subordinate lodge for which the School is held.~~

With no discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Amend Section 2-201–COMPOSITION to change the last sentence, with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

A subordinate lodge shall consist of the officers hereinafter provided for, and as many members as convenient, eight of whom shall be a constitutional number for the transaction of business; provided that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another subordinate lodge, under the provisions of Section 2-207 hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the subordinate lodge and preside therein, and the question shall be decided by a *two-thirds vote* ~~majority vote~~ of such members of the subordinate lodge as are present, even though less than eight.

With no discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend Section 2-208–CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURE to change the last sentence, with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

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

After discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend Section 2-501–MEETING PLACES to change the second sentence, with the new language italicized:

A subordinate lodge cannot meet in a private house, in a hall over a saloon, or over or in a public dance hall. “A *lodge room in a* dedicated hall may never be used as a public hall or for public dancing. It may, however, be used by other orders if their principles are not unmasonic.

With no discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend Section 1-321–GRAND LODGE OFFICES to change part (c)(8), with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

- (a) No change.
- (b) No change.
- (c)(1)-(7) No change.
- (c)(8) *issue monthly invoices to each Subordinate Lodge of any outstanding bills (not including dues or assessments) due the Grand Lodge; and notifying each subordinate lodge of any indebtedness due the Grand Lodge before the first day of December of each year and the closing of all accounts of subordinate lodges on the thirty-first day of December of each year; and*
- (c)(9) No Change.
- (d) No Change.
- (e) No Change.

After discussion for clarification, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Amend Section 2-605-LODGE DUES by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

The dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of ~~March June~~ of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On ~~March 1, June 1~~, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before ~~April 30, September 30~~ of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before ~~April 30 September 30~~ of such year, he shall automatically stand suspended for non-payment of dues and an entry thereof shall be made in the minutes of the lodge at the first subsequent stated meeting. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

After discussion, the motion failed.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Amend Section 2-601-DUES AND ASSESSMENTS by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

1st Paragraph: No change.
2nd Paragraph: No change.

3rd Paragraph: Original:

~~Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation during the preceding calendar year, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2001 with an automatic dues increase in the amount of \$1.00 per year for the next 4 years, and for each member. The Grand Lodge shall use \$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member. In addition thereto, in the case of reinstatement of suspended members, the per capita tax for the year of suspension shall be paid to the Grand Lodge with the annual report for the calendar year of reinstatement. Before any Subordinate Lodge....affiliation.~~

3rd Paragraph: Revision:

Each lodge shall pay annually as part of its annual return due February 10th:

- (a) Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each initiation completed during the preceding calendar year;

- (b) For each member during the preceding calendar year, a per capita tax as follows:
- (1) Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2001, then
 - (2) Fifteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$15.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2002, then
 - (3) Sixteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$16.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2003, then
 - (4) Seventeen and 50/100 Dollars (\$17.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2004, then
 - (5) Eighteen 50/100 Dollars (\$18.50) commencing on the 1st day of January 2005.

Before any Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.

4th Paragraph: No change.

5th Paragraph: The amount due the Grand Lodge is due on or before February 10th may be sent in at anytime between March 31 and April 15, and the Grand Lodge Office Committee may shall add as a penalty One Cent (\$.01) per day for each member on the rolls as shown on the account of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, which shall base the same upon the annual return as verified by the Grand Lodge Office Committee, in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns complete to the Grand Lodge as provided by Section 2-310, and pay their dues and assessments indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of February April.

6th Paragraph: When the completed annual returns of any Subordinate Lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Lodge Office Committee by February 10 April 10, the Grand Master shall be notified of that fact, and the Grand Master shall, by himself, the Grand Custodian or Deputy Grand Custodian, or some other brother appointed by the Grand Master, make personal investigation of such lodge, and secure returns as complete as may be, and the Grand Lodge Office Committee shall charge upon the books of the Grand Lodge the expenses of such visitation to the Lodge, unless the Grand Master be satisfied that good reason existed for such delay, shall order others.

7th Paragraph: All payments of dues and assessments settlements shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Lodge Office Committee, which shall base the same upon the annual return as verified by the Grand Lodge Office Committee table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall affiliate with a recognized lodge of Masons within one year of the date their Lodge became extinct, and if no affiliation is received by the Grand Lodge, said brethren shall be considered suspended for non-payment of dues.

After discussion, the motion failed.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

Amend Section 1-406-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

The per capita tax of ~~Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)~~ shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Publication Newsletter50
To the General Fund	11.00
<i>commencing January 1, 2001</i>	11.00
<i>commencing January 1, 2002</i>	12.00
<i>commencing January 1, 2003</i>	13.00
<i>commencing January 1, 2004</i>	14.00
<i>commencing January 1, 2005</i>	15.00

The Initiation Fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) ~~and all affiliation fees~~ shall be allocated to the General Fund.

After discussion, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

Amend Section 1-314-NEBRASKA WORK, part (b) by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

- (a) No change.
- (b) The committee shall advise the Grand Master as to the corrections needed to be made to the cipher presently published by *Macoy Publishing Company of Virginia* ~~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)-(h) No change.

With no discussion, the motion carried.



M.:W.: Warren D. Lichty, Chairman of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee stepped forward to announce that February was Nebraska's month at the George Washington Memorial in Washington, D.C. and that the display is set and the Nebraska flag is flying.



M.:W.: Michael E. Jones invited Brother Geoffrey Donaldson, Past Master of Lodge No. 701 in Belfast, Ireland to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.



M.:W.: Jones asked for any reports not yet received.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

John C. McQuinn, Chairman

Brother John McQuinn, Chairman of the Awards Committee stepped forward to make reference to the printed Awards Committee Report.

The Grand Lodge Awards Committee has completed its work for the 2002 Masonic Year. It was a very productive year in many respects. A number of requests were approved for recognition of Masons and non-Masons. This would indicate that members of our fraternity take both the work and dedication of their brethren and others in their communities seriously; and that the belief is alive and well that such contributions should be recognized.

There was a spirited competition for the Rock Maul Award, with four lodges receiving serious consideration. We believe this is a reflection of the commitment to excellence, which has seen a revival over the past several years. The Committee would encourage all lodges to keep track of the activities and events listed in the Rock Maul Award Application, because we believe a number of lodges would find they are competitive and it helps a lodge review the events of the year.

The Gold Pan Award had fewer applicants, but again showed the outstanding contributions of Masonic Lodges in their communities. The committee would again encourage each lodge to consider what activity they might undertake to be a productive community organization, both to enhance their recognition within the community, but also because it truly shows a community the commitment masons have to share the tenets taught in lodge.

In conclusion, on behalf of the committee members and myself, I would like to thank M.:W.:B.: Mike Jones for the opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge in this way. Last but not least, a very sincere thank you to Michelle, Jean, and Carol for all of their time and efforts to make this committee's job much easier. We could not have done it all without their help.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. McQuinn, 297, Chairman
Paul R. Eveland, 119
Herman F. Hansen, 51
Mervin E. Ransom, Jr, 65
Charles Spohr, 97

A motion was made that the report be approved as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



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:

- Charters and Dispensations
- Finance Committee
- Freemasonry and Religion
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee
- Grand Lodge Offices
- Grievances
- Insurance Review
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Masonic Education
- Masonic Relief
- Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
- Nebraska Masonic Home
- Temple Building Advisory Committee

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Francis L. Crowe, Chairman

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donald W. Madsen, 11, Chairman
Kenneth A. Bills, 106
Scott Brendel, 146

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.

Revenues for the calendar year 2002 totaled \$463,808 while the anticipated budgeted revenues were \$463,589 resulting in a gain of \$219. The actual expenses for 2002 were \$439,400 while the anticipated budgeted expenses were \$463,225 resulting in a savings of \$23,825. The results of the fiscal year show that the Grand Lodge Officers and staff have been good stewards of the funds of the Grand Lodge operating budget in 2002.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for all expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to complete its auditing and review process in a timely manner thanks to the well maintained files and help and assistance provided by Michelle Fulmer as the Office Manager and the staff of the Grand Lodge office. The new program for check verification and reconciliation was in place for all of 2002 and greatly improved the audit process for this committee and for the Grand Lodge staff.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Terry L. Spencer, 227, Chairman
 Michael R. McFarlin, 1
 Jack Lorenzen, 314 & 10
 Ben F. Hughes, 38 & 96
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEMASONRY & RELIGION

V. Kaye Ramsey, Chairman

The primary purpose of the Committee on Freemasonry and Religion is to act as a resource to the membership when questions arise in this area. We have fielded several questions from brethren whose religious convictions have been called into question simply because of their Masonic membership. We hope that we have provided either direct answers or referrals to materials that have helped them feel comfortable with their Masonic membership.

Also, since September 11, 2001, questions have arisen regarding Masonic Grand Lodges in countries that are primarily Islamic. We must remember that to be a Mason requires belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and that there are many good, non-violent Muslims in the world who either are or could be members of our fraternity.

Although we are happy to provide our opinions in matters, often well-researched publications provided by the Masonic Service Association, available through our own Grand Lodge Office, are an excellent source of information. Also, it is not within our resources to become third parties in religious arguments. It has been our experience that when someone with a strong anti-Masonic bias approaches a brother, reasoned argument is most often not a possible recourse for the Mason.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, Chairman
Rev. John F. Dale, 126
Andrew Loudon, 19 & 317
Maynard Tatelman, 288

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

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

The year 2002 was a most notable year for the Memorial and for the memory of George Washington. The records of the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia recites: "November 4, 1752. This evening Mr. George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice."

Thus it is, that November 4, 2002 was the 250th anniversary of that Initiation. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska with the valuable assistance of Hastings Lodge No. 50, celebrated in fine style. The event started with a reception at the Hastings Holiday Inn on Friday night, October 25. On Saturday morning, there was a conducted tour of the Hastings Naval Ammunitions Depot, which was most interesting. In the afternoon, Hastings Lodge conferred a Master Masons Degree with all officers clothed in colonial costume. Grand Master Michael Jones supported and encouraged this event from the beginning. He and his officers were in attendance and it was great to have the opportunity to meet and talk with them.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening in the banqueting room at the Hastings Masonic Center, where we were pleased to hear from the young George Washington who made a special appearance, and entertained us with his cogent remarks about his youth and about rules of proper conduct. W.: George White introduced George and discussed his youth and upbringing. Washington was played by W.: Raleigh White. They both did a magnificent job and entertained us royally.

Special thanks are due to Worshipful Master Monte Bloyd of Hastings Lodge No. 50, his officers and members and to all other Hastings Masons who helped. They put a great deal of work and effort into the creation of this event. Also, W.: Glen Jorgenson, General Secretary of the Hastings Scottish Rite Valley and Recorder of Tehama Shrine Temple deserves our thanks for coordinating the planning and the several events.

A large and enthusiastic crowd enjoyed these activities. Those who missed it missed out on a great time of fun, fellowship and brotherhood.

The Executive Committee of the Memorial Association also attended the traditional celebration of Washington's anniversary held by Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 of

Fredericksburg, and by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Alexandria, which was held by their joint effort in Fredericksburg, Virginia on November 2, 2002.

Another great event in the life of the Memorial Association is the renovation of the George Washington Museum in the Memorial. It was originally furnished by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and by the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction.

It is a pleasure to announce that both Supreme Councils have agreed to support this renovation. While there will be no structural changes to the building, the museum exhibits will be rearranged so as to tell the life story of Washington, starting with his family and with him as a young man and continuing on through the various stages of his life as one moves through the museum.

Plans and specifications are presently being drafted. We hope to have the bid opening about April 25 and to have the work all done by about the first of August 2003.

Another event of major importance to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is that the month of February 2003 is Nebraska Month at the Memorial. Your Committee is at work on a display, which will be shown during the month while the Nebraska flag flies over the Memorial. The exhibit will highlight the beginnings of Nebraska Masonry, the Jordan Medal, which is unique, and famous Nebraska Masons such as Buffalo Bill Cody, General John J. Pershing, Robert Taylor, Harold Lloyd, Charles Lindbergh, etc.

If anyone has any ideas of anything else important to Nebraska Masonry, or any other famous Nebraska Masons to be included, please get in touch with the Grand Lodge Office and they will forward your suggestions to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman
 Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297
 Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15
 Edward W. Nolte, 39
 Ronald Stites, 268

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

Suman Vallabhbai, Chairman

It seems every year the Grand Lodge Office has new challenges and opportunities. The year 2002 was no exception; one of the challenges in 2002 was to update some of our office equipment and infrastructure.

2002 was the first full year we had Michelle Fulmer as our Grand Lodge office manager. Her organizational and managerial skills have been and will continue being great assets to the Grand Lodge office. If you have not met her yet, please stop in and meet her. My sincere compliments and gratitude goes to all our office staff (Carol Schroeder and Jean Holt) for their immense assistance and dedication. The foundation of the Grand Lodge office is our staff and we are glad to have all of them working with us to make our Masonic organization better every day that goes by.

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. New computer systems were purchased and installed at the Grand Lodge office, as the prior systems were not able to handle a great deal of the tasks that the office staff needed to perform on a day to day basis. The bookkeeping and payroll functions continue to be handle in-house, but with more user-friendly software.

As a reminder, Internet access is up and running in order to aid and improve communications with our lodge secretaries and members. The web site has a new look and feel. This has 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 all 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.glne.org>

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

Respectfully submitted,
Suman Vallabhbai, 314, Chairman
James F. Brown, 54
Glenn A. Ried, 11
Dale G. Lueders, 300 & 220
James G. McCullough, 314

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Don E. Rasmussen, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had no matter of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the 2002 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE REVIEW

Bruce A. Watkins, Chairman

In 2001, our insurance carrier and its pricing were reviewed. It was determined that we have a competitive company with favorable pricing. Since that time, the market has

continued to harden and our carrier continues to be a leader in the industry. It was decided that it would be in our best interest to maintain our current policies.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bruce Watkins, 300, Chairman
 Lowell C. Erickson, 251
 Robert A. Neville, 183
 Jeffrey J. Noble, 78

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

In 2002, M.: W.: Michael E. Jones created a Special Committee to review both hardware and software used by the Grand Lodge Office. Not surprisingly, it was quickly determined that there were a number of shortfalls in our hardware and in our networking capabilities. Likewise, some of the software applications were old and no longer effective. In order to make the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Office more accessible and more user-friendly, a number of changes were implemented.

A first step was that of an upgrade of hardware. While much had been done in prior years and Grand Lodge leadership had continued to make upgrades and improvements, it was necessary to start with a replacement of much of the hardware, including the server, all network stations and printers. That was accomplished early in 2002. Concurrently, while we were using compatible Microsoft products, we needed to upgrade to current versions. Also a move was made to multiple user capability for programs including the book keeping software which enabled more speed and more efficiency by enabling more than one user to access programs at one time.

All new email addresses were added and each Grand Lodge Office staff person was then able to be reached individually—again adding efficiency and a more productive working environment. More and more documents and communicating ability is expected to make transmission of information between the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges easier and better. Other improvements: a new web site and a new webmaster Brother Philip Guraedy of Papillion Lodge No. 39 (recruited by W.: B.: Ed Nolte); as a result of Grand Master Mike Jones “Masonic Summit” a new web-based calendar is in place enabling all Masonic Family organizations to post their calendars allowing each Masonic Organization to keep track of dates and avoid conflicts as much as possible. There is more to be done, but thanks to the expertise of each of the members of the committee and with the help particularly of M.: W.: Mike Jones and R.: W.: Reg Kuhn, Grand Secretary, great strides were made in 2002. Again, a loud thank you from your chairman for the efforts of each of the Committee members and especially to Michelle and to Carol and Jean in the Grand Lodge Office.

Philip A. Lorenzen, PGM, 10, 327 & 1, Chairman
 Paul Kenyon, 19
 James F. McCullough, 314
 Edward W. Nolte, 39
 Russell G. Reno, 297 & 183

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to offer to the Masons of Nebraska, more light in Masonry. The many successes by the committee in the past few years have given the committee the notion to throw out the rulebook and just try it. Granted not all undertakings by the committee have been successful. But remember, to try is to risk failure, not to try is to assure failure. With this in mind, the committee is beginning to prepare a program of Educating The New Mason. The first preview will be performed at the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Breakfast on February 8, 2003. Due to the increase of one day classes, the committee sees a real need to develop a mechanism or attitude to give the newly Initiated, Passed or Raised Mason more knowledge about Masonry than many 30 year + Masons currently have. One of our newer committee members, Max Miller is working to develop this new direction for the Education Committee. Max's home Lodge in Geneva has a mentoring program in place already. This is an awesome task, but the timelines have been set and the committee is united in this cause.

The Masonic Education Breakfast is continuing its winning ways. The committee continues to be impressed by the number of Nebraska Masons attending and the positive remarks they have received. 2003 marks the 4th year the Masonic Breakfast will be held. Combining the talents of Thomas Hauder, Larry Jacobsen and, John Parsons have produced an education presentation unequalled in Nebraska. As an offshoot of the breakfast, the Masonic Education Symposiums do not draw the numbers, but continue to draw the quality Masons who do want More Light in Masonry. These symposiums are presented at 4 locations (Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings and rotated in the Western part of Nebraska). The committee thanks the lodges, and valleys that volunteer to support the committee in this task. The ensuing purchases from McCoy's were impressive to McCoy's, but even more to the committee. Most of the books recommended were sold out early Saturday morning. Hopefully, these books didn't end up on dusty shelves. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2003 and will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast. However, if you didn't get the 2002 list, it will also be available.

"To Light" is now a permanent fixture in the Nebraska Mason. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. This project when first addressed was intended to deliver two issues a year. Thanks to utilizing the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge is a reality. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2003 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. The conference in 2002 was held in Minnesota. Two members of the committee were sent. Many of the committee activities are aided, if not born by ideas picked up at these conferences. In 2003, the conference will be held in Bismarck, North Dakota and again representatives of the committee will attend. This

conference gives the committee the opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education.

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

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

Alvin G. Sundell, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief received two requests for assistance during this Masonic year. One request was made from Bartley Lodge No. 228, Bartley, for Eugene Colson, a member of that lodge who suffered a severe head injury in an accident, and whose financial resources were very limited. The local lodge contributed funds to assist the family for his care and the Masonic Relief Committee contributed \$250.00 to assist the family. The brother subsequently passed away. The other request was from a foreign jurisdiction and concerned financial aid for a student attending school in the area. The request was not deemed appropriate and was not referred to the Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alvin G. Sundell, 83, Chairman
 Jerry L. Sievers, 256
 David G. Otte, 119
 Ron Osborn, 256
 Mark Gwin, 265

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

One of the most pleasant duties I have is to bring you this report of activities and happenings of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Our Executive Director Ben Harvey and his staff, continue to operate the home in a smooth and efficient manner. We currently have about 30 children under our care on the Home grounds plus three in college. The house parents and supervisory personnel are doing a fine job, and they are very busy with their respective duties. Having mostly teenagers to work with keeps everyone on their toes.

The addition of the Home Storage business on the northwest corner of our farm has caused more paper work and record keeping for the office manager, and many hours of

check in and check out of the renters of the units for Ben and his helpers, but the income to the home from the property appears to have made it a good investment. Time will give us a better perspective of just how good it will work out for us. It serves us in another way for it protects us from further encroachment in that area. As you approach Fremont from the north on Highway 77, the Home Storage buildings at 30th Street is your first view of our grounds. If you were to drive east on 30th Street from the storage units you would see as you approach our east boundary fences, the three rows of trees planted between two rows of white fencing. Those trees are just now beginning to show how beautiful they will be when mature. We mow the grass and water the trees as so to maintain an attractive sight barrier between the housing development east of our property and the farm animals in the pastures. We do everything possible to avoid sound and odor so that it never becomes a problem with our neighbors. We are becoming more inside the city all the time, with dwellings and industry all around us. When our founders looked at this property nearly 100 years ago we were considered a farm in the country.

Starting in 1984, with the last meeting in 1996, an Ad-Hoc committee known as the Long Range Planning Committee consisting of our board's Executive Committee, and other individuals invited to serve for their expertise, would meet from time to time. The purpose of this "think tank" type committee was to exchange and tabulate ideas for enhancing or adding to our present method of operation. The high cost defeated most ideas because of lack of sufficient continuation of funding. If any idea was eventually adopted a program handbook was made and people assigned to implement it. Some of these programs were tried and improved upon or discontinued, but the board never gave up looking for enhancement and expansion of our Home experience. It was determined at our last board meeting that we should again explore new thinking, and look again at former suggestions that were not done. The board's positive and enthusiastic attitude directed to the present and future of this Home is to be commended. Our continuing desire is to reach out to as many children as possible, and yet maintain our current enviable record of operation. More research is to be done, and reports made.

I speak for the very proud members of the board who happily perform their duties in your behalf, when I commend you as members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. As residents of our wonderful Home, the children's lives have been enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives. This is truly Masonry at work.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. "Ched" House, 52
President, Board of Directors

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

It is with pride that I reflect on the year 2002 here at the Nebraska Masonic Home. We started 2002 with an above average census, but February through September our census was at its normal average of 100 residents with the remaining three months averaging 104 residents.

I feel the full continuum of care services we offer here at The Masonic Home for eligible Nebraska Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters continue to

attract couples to our retirement/long-term care facility. At the end of 2002, 11 couples resided at our facility.

The Masonic Home is able to meet the residents' medical and personal needs from independent apartment living to maximum 24-hour nursing care. There are few facilities in this area that can offer the services that we offer and continue to provide high quality care and maintain as excellent a reputation as we have done here at our facility.

The Masonic Home Activity Department strives to always keep our residents entertained and socially active. Combine this with the faithful visitors from Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Job's Bethels, and Rainbow Assemblies and it is obvious why our residents are very content and happy.

Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth and Narcissus Kensington of Omaha deserve a great big thank you for again providing our residents with two delicious picnic dinners in our dining room this past year. Think of how many residents' lives two chapters have touched with these two delicious picnic dinners prepared and served by the chapter members on two separate occasions. Yearly traditions like these give the residents the opportunity to make new friends that promise to return year after year.

It has been an especially busy year for visitors. This is exciting because our goal is to make sure all Masons and their families are aware of the services we continue to offer. The employees are very proud to have guests come to our facility to see for themselves the high quality of care that is available to eligible Nebraska Masons and their female relatives.

On behalf of all our residents, employees, and Board of Trustees, I want to thank Grand Master Mike Jones; the Grand Lodge officers; and the Grand Lodge Office Staff for their continued support. This special thank you is also extended to Worthy Grand Matron Donna Carmichael and Worthy Grand Patron Don Jelinek and the Eastern Star Grand Family. Both Grand families have been very supportive personally and monetarily. Your involvement, support, and regular yearly visits truly contribute to the success of The Masonic Home.

On Monday, October 28, Harold Holmes was presented the Jordan Medal by Elkhorn Lodge members. Harold and his wife are residents here at The Home. Thank you to the lodge members and Harold's son Bob for being here and helping to make it a memorable occasion.

The Boon Memorial Food Truck arrived at The Masonic Home on Friday, November 22, to deliver a truckload of donated food items. Edwin Weber of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 is the coordinator of this very well planned and successful yearly tradition. Our residents, Board of Trustees, and staff want to extend a very sincere thank you to all the participating lodges and chapters for contributing to this project.

We know the Christmas season has arrived at The Masonic Home when the Tangier Shrine Chanters perform for our residents with their favorite Christmas tunes. This event took place on December 3.

Everyone is very excited to be celebrating The Masonic Home's 100th Anniversary. We started off with the Caring Club Dinner on September 14. It was well attended and a very nice evening. On December 14 we held an open house appreciation tea for all lodges and chapters in the state. It was a perfect day. More than 50 of our 100 guests were taken on guided tours, and for many this was the first time they had seen our beautiful facility. I know the remaining events for our celebration year will continue to create visibility for The Home, which is a goal we all have.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, residents, and employees we extend our very sincere sympathy to the family of Bob Metcalf. Bob passed away November 22. He was a perfect example of what Masonry teaches a man to be. Bob's dear wife Dorothy wrote in a note to me that ---"The years Bob spent as a Board of Trustee Member for The Home meant more to him than you will ever know." It was a pleasure having Bob as a Board Member for 13 years. Bob was a fine role model, a mentor, and a true friend to everyone he knew. I know we are all grateful that he touched our lives. He will be truly missed by everyone in the Masonic/Eastern Star family.

To all the employees and administrative staff – there are no words to express to you how much I appreciate your loyalty and continued commitment to providing dignified and loving care to our residents. Every one of you is truly appreciated, and I thank you for choosing The Masonic Home as your employer.

I sincerely feel that The Masonic Home is what it is today because of the ongoing dedication of the 15 men that sit on the Board of Trustees. The commitment to providing our residents with the best care possible is always uppermost in their minds. Thank you on behalf of all of our residents and employees for the attention and time you take in making decisions that directly affect the lives of our residents and employees. Thank you, gentlemen, for your continued commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Stapp
Executive Director

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

No action was required by the Temple Building Advisory Committee for the year 2002.

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

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Kenneth G. Fleming made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Michael E. Jones.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Amend Chapter X - BALLOTING, Section 2-1001 – VOTERS, ETC. as follows, with the new language italicized, and the deleted language struck out:

Proposed Change:

Section 2-1001 – VOTERS, ETC. – None but Master Mason members of a lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation or admission, or on application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be ~~unanimously favorable~~ *four-fifths (4/5) favorable*, and no member can be excused from voting thereon.

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/2003), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 1-202 – GRAND CUSTODIAN – The Grand Custodian shall attend all communications of the Grand Lodge, and under the direction and control of the Grand Master shall have the entire charge and supervision of the work, lectures, and ritual of this jurisdiction, and it is made his duty to enforce the thorough teaching and practice of said work, ritual and lectures, and immediately to report to the Grand Master any violation of this requirement and if it shall come to his knowledge that any subordinate lodge within the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse, or fail to practice, in every respect, such uniform and established work as taught by him, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said subordinate lodge, and shall hold the same until such time as it shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Master aforesaid, or until the next communication of the Grand Lodge. The work of the Grand Custodian in conducting schools of instruction or otherwise shall not be interrupted by calls upon him for Masonic funerals or other meetings or work, except under urgent circumstances which, in the opinion of the Grand Master, shall be sufficient to justify such interruption. He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts and shall receive as compensation for his services such salary as set by the Grand Lodge, payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work.

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 40 Deputy Grand Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall

receive the sum of fifteen dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner.

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

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2003), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 2-201 – COMPOSITION – A subordinate lodge shall consist of the officers hereinafter provided for, and as many members as convenient, eight of whom shall be a constitutional number for the transaction of business; provided that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another subordinate lodge, under the provisions of Section 2-207 hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the subordinate lodge and preside therein, and the question shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of such members of the subordinate lodge as are present, even though less than eight.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2003), amendment is as follows:

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

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2003), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 2-501 – MEETING PLACES – A subordinate lodge cannot meet in a private house, in a hall over a saloon, or over or in a public dance hall. A lodge room in a dedicated hall may never be used as a public hall or for public dancing. It may, however, be used by other orders if their principles are not unmasonic.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2003), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 1-321 – GRAND LODGES OFFICES

(a) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. In case of vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

This Committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations shall appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge. The determinations of this committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices shall have authority, jurisdiction, and direct supervision over the Grand Lodge Office including the right to approve the employment of all employees of that office, their salaries and working conditions.

(c) The Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing the business methods to be followed within the Grand Lodge Office, to include: (1) the approval of and adherence to those Office Policies and Job Descriptions created from time to time governing all employees of the Grand Lodge; (2) the keeping of all membership records; (3) the accounting and reporting of Grand Lodge income to include the receipt and deposit of all monies in approved accounts; (4) the preparation, final approval and payment of all expenditures on orders regularly issued and signed by the Grand Master or his designated representative; (5) the maintenance of appropriate levels of supplies for normal activities within the Grand Lodge Office, for the use of Grand Lodge Officers and by Committees of the Grand Lodge, as well as those maintained available for use by subordinate lodges; (6) the collection, review and compilation of monthly statistics and activities from subordinate lodge secretaries as required under Section 2-310 of these Bylaws; (7) communications with the various subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, all appendant and/or allied bodies operating therein, and with such other jurisdictions as may from time to time be necessary to ensure that a harmonious relationship exists between such bodies and this Grand Lodge; (8) issue monthly invoices to each Subordinate Lodge of any outstanding bills (not including dues or assessments) due the Grand Lodge; and(9) such other matters appropriate to the efficient administrative controls of the Grand Lodge not otherwise fixed by the Constitution, Bylaws, or other actions of the Grand Lodge.

(d) This committee shall, at least annually, effect a review of equipment available for use in the Grand Lodge Office, the Office of the Grand Secretary, and the Office of the Grand Custodian, and make such recommendations and changes therein as are appropriate and within budgetary restraints.

(e) All recommendations made to the Grand Lodge with reference to changes in the salaries of Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to this Committee for its review and recommendation before action by the Grand Lodge can be taken thereon.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 8 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2003), amendment is as follows:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial50
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Publication.....	.50
To the General Fund.....	
commencing January 1, 2001	11.00
commencing January 1, 2002	12.00
commencing January 1, 2003	13.00
commencing January 1, 2004	14.00
commencing January 1, 2005	15.00

The Initiation Fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be allocated to the General Fund.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 9 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2003), 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 Custodian, 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 Macoy Publishing Company of Virginia, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Seiler, 317, Chairman
Loren L. Lindahl, 59
Thomas S. Stewart, 46

R.:W.: Les Seiler made a motion that the report be approved. After a brief discussion for clarification, the report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as printed and read, by the Masons assembled.



ADDITIONAL REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Amend Chapter III, Section 1-315 – CODIFICATION OF THE LAW as follows, with the new language italicized:

Proposed Change:

Section 1-315 – CODIFICATION OF THE LAW – The Committee on Codification of the Law shall consist of three members, each 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 digest the amendments and Grand Master's recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge; and, after harmonizing the same as far as possible with the sections of the Bylaws so amended, it shall submit them in the form of finalized Bylaws at the same communication. The approved report of this committee shall constitute the amended Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge. *The report of the Codification of the Law Committee may summarize the effects of the amendments and need not read the whole amended language.*



V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Jack Nichols led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Michael E. Jones then closed the 146th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in ample form.

Following the close of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge of Master Masons was closed by members of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 and Robert Burns Lodge No. 173.

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Kearney, Nebraska
February 7 – 8, 2003

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.: Michael E. Jones	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Lester R. Seiler	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Michael G. Birnstihl	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: Jack D. Nichols	Grand Chaplain
W.: Dale W. Anderson	Grand Orator
W.: John T. Parsons	Grand Historian
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek	Grand Custodian
W.: E. David Watts	Grand Marshal
W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr.	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Dean F. Skokan	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Joe D. McBride	Grand Junior Steward
W.: E. Thomas Spunaugle	Grand Tyler

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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		
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		
PHILIP A. LORENZEN, 10, 327, 1	(135th)	2001
13448 Burdette Street, Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701		

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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Jack H. Hendrix, 174 (2006), 1528 Centennial Dr., McCook 69001-2736, 308-345-2158
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
Harry A. Spencer, 227 & 184 (2007), 1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth 68048, 402-296-2963

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

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Kent B. Broyhill, 5, PO Box 648, Dakota City 68731-0648, 402-987-3413
David H. Eads, 6, 8522 Riverdale Rd., Plattsmouth 68048-4809, 402-235-3237
Robert A. Jones, 83, 58085 858 Rd., Wakefield 68784-5100, 402-287-2959
Joseph K. Humphrey, 159, 1520 Highland Dr., Ogallala 69153, 308-284-4361

Ex-Officio:

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

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John F. Dale, 126, PO Box 292, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-8270
Ted McNeese, 210, 2510 Sumner St., Lincoln 68502, 402-475-5453
Jack D. Nichols, 265, 702 W. 15th St., Scottsbluff 69361-2906, 308-635-0404

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

Chm. Alvin G. Sundell, 83 (2003), 85592 Highway 16, Wakefield 68784-5149, 402-287-2348
Mark Gwin 265 (2007), 1260 M St., Gering 69341, 308-436-5866
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
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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
Dale C. Crandall, 200 (2005), PO Box 310, Burwell 68823-0310, 308-346-4284
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Masonic Education (§1-310: 6 members - 3 year term)

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Thomas L. Hauder, 210 (2004), 4101 Red Deer Dr., Lincoln 68516-3068, 402-423-5958
Wm. Larry Jacobsen, 327 (2005), 5149 S. 77th Ave., Ralston 68127-2859, 402-339-1309
Max H. Miller, 79 (2004), 710 N. 11th St., Geneva 68361-1209, 402-759-4633
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Board of Grand Trustees (§1-401: 3 members - 3 year term)

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William W. Cook III, 314 (2004), PO Box 515, Beatrice 68310-0515, 402-228-3573
Robert D. Jordan, 120 (2005), PO Box 130, Wayne 68787-0130, 402-375-1130

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

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Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15, 449 W. 10th St., Fremont 68025-4162, 402-721-3223
Edward W. Nolte, 39, 805 Valentine Ln., Papillion 68046-6237, 402-592-0184
Ronald Stites, 268, 13407 S. 28th St., Bellevue 68123-3216, 402-293-1538

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

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Steven A. Green, 54 (2003), 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055
Roger L. Shillington, 180 (2004) RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037-9506, 308-423-2547

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

Chm. Terry L. Spencer, 227 (2004), 6721 Sumner St., Lincoln 68506-1514, 402-489-6864
Ben F. Hughes, 38 & 96 (2005), 846 Jackson Ave., Seward 68434, 402-643-3854
Jack Lorenzen, 10 & 314 (2003), 7447 Whitestone Dr., Lincoln 68506-1772, 402-488-2603
Michael R. McFarlin, 1 (2006), 7724 Pine St., Omaha 68124-1669, 402-392-0126
Steve B. Wetzel, 227 (2007), 1518 Skyline Dr., Lincoln 68506-1461, 402-488-8198

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David A. Emry, 11 (2004), 3536 S. 163rd St., Omaha 68130-2117, 402-697-8115
Jack G. Frahm, 204 (2007), RR 3 Box 53, Plainview 68769, 402-582-4888
J. L. Spray, 19 (2003), 134 S. 13th St., Ste. 1200, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-8433

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

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James F. Brown, Jr., 54 (2007), 710 Hazelwood Dr., Lincoln 68510, 402-483-1727
Dale G. Lueders, 300 (2004), 2145 Bradfield Dr., Lincoln 68502-4108, 402-477-8627
James G. McCullough, 314, (2005) 3311 N. 75th St., Lincoln 68507, 402-467-3930
Glenn A. Ried, 11 (2003) 11810 Farnam St., Omaha 68154, 402-333-3115

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

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

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Dale W. Anderson, 158 (2003), 7184 Highway 20, Chadron 69337-5340, 308-432-5285
Joseph D. Chrisman, 279 (2006), RR 1 Box 99, Wallace 69169-9506, 308-228-2280
Curt M. Edic, 268 (2007), 202 S. 20th St., Omaha 68102, 402-342-1300
Robert O. Rhodes, 96 (2004), 114 Road V, Exeter 68351, 402-576-3461

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

Chm. Russell G. Reno, 297 (2005), 4710 Larkwood Rd., Lincoln 68516-5129, 402-420-1270
Stephen C. Alvis, 210 (2003), 5831 Fieldcrest Way, Lincoln 68512, 402-421-1854
Ed Bennett, 61 (2006), PO Box 387, Lexington 68850, 308-324-4578
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119 (2004), PO Box 1327, Fremont 68026-1327, 402-721-1185
R. Todd Simpson, 327 (2007), 1275 S. 164th, Omaha 68130, 402-457-7014

Ex-officio: Worthy Grand Matron OES

Membership (§1-328: 5 members)

Chm. Steven C. Smith I, 268 & 287, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha 68154-2135, 402-333-5873
A. Gene Closson, 5, #1 Crystal View Ct., South Sioux City 68776, 402-494-4407
Neil A. Henry, 26, 1703 Sara Rd., Beatrice 68310, 402-223-4337
Marion G. Warner, 135, PO Box 102, Lebanon 69036-0102, 308-345-5243
Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, 7835 Fort St., Omaha 68134-2347, 402-312-7835

Youth (§1-326: 3 to 5 members)

Chm. Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., 297 & 256, 2900 Stratford Ave., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9421
Byron Hust, 198, 1711 Broadway, Imperial 69033-9702, 308-882-4601
Steve Pitman, 50, 2351 N. 2nd Ave., Hastings 68901, 402-463-4406
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Ex-Officio:

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Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow for Girls

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

Chm. Les Seiler, 317 (2003), 848 N. 6th Ave., Hastings 68901, 402-463-3125
Loren L. Lindahl, 59 (2004), PO Box 277, Wahoo 68066-0277, 402-443-3225
Thomas S. Stewart, 46 (2005), 1106 E. 52nd St., Kearney 68847, 308-234-5524

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
Michael G. Birnstihl, 314 (2006), 5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721, 402-488-2694
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E. Marie Rasmussen, (2006), 1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864
Sarah L. Yokel, (2006), 820 2nd, Friend 68359, 402-947-5171

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. Donald W. Madsen, 11, 5322 N. 45th St., Omaha 68104-1414, 402-451-1057
- Kenneth A. Bills, 106 & 311, RR 1 Box 35, North Loup 68859, 308-496-3419
- Scott Brendel, 146, 1108 Brown St., Holdrege 68949-1534, 308-995-5551

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
- Philip O. Edwards, 326, 14830 Holmes St., Omaha 68137-1312, 402-895-3781
- William G. Hurst, 54, 7337 S. 53rd St. Ct., Lincoln 68516, 402-421-1108
- Norris L. Rusmisell, 46, 3412 4th Ave., Kearney 68845, 308-237-2319

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Awards Committee

- Chm. John C. McQuinn, 297, 1100 N. 37th St., Lincoln 68503, 402-464-1723
- Paul R. Eveland, 119, 1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298
- Herman F. Hansen, 51, 761 D St. #1, David City 68632-1723, 402-367-4343
- Daniel L. Potter, 81, 151 32 Rd., Rising City 68658, 402-542-2266
- Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., 65, PO Box 618, Osceola 68651-0618, 402-764-4161
- Charles Spohr, 97, PO Box 364, Weeping Water 68463, 402-267-4935

Insurance Review Committee

- Chm. Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506, 402-489-4317
- Lowell C. Erickson, 251, PO Box 41, Wausa 68786-0041, 402-586-2232
- Robert A. Neville, 183, 1020 Laramie Ave., Alliance 69301, 308-762-4200
- Jeffrey J. Noble, 78, 517 S. 4th St., Albion 68620, 402-395-2101

Internet and Computer Technology Committee

- Chm. Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327, 1, 13448 Burdette St., Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701
- Paul H. Kenyon, 19, 11011 Q St., Ste. 105B, Omaha 68137, 402-596-1294
- James F. McCullough, 314, 6644 Fremont St., Lincoln 68507-2055, 402-466-7028
- Edward W. Nolte, 39, 805 Valentine Ln., Papillion 68046-6237, 402-592-0184
- Russell G. Reno, 297, 4710 Larkwood Rd., Lincoln 68516-5129, 402-420-1270

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- 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
- Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317, 206 S. 13th St., Ste. 1200, Lincoln 68508, 402-475-1075
- Maynard Tatelman, 288, 712 N. 91st Plaza, #113, Omaha 68114-2639, 402-393-2734

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

District #9

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, 2642 Kendel Dr., Ashland 68003-1021, 402-944-70141960
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 68502-3515, 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

Ashley H. Story, 314, 24505 W. Center Rd., Waterloo 68069-5015, 402-359-89332002
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165, Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson

District #15

James R. Taylor, 327, 11335 Fowler Ave., Omaha 68164-2220, 402-493-28542002
Northern Light #41, Stanton; Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Wisner #114, Wisner; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove

District #16

To Be Appointed

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

District #17

Roger A. Deininger, 317, 1319 W. 11th, Hastings 68901-3702, 402-462-81461998
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, 402-463-20151964
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, 402-477-94642001
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising City; Lebanon #323, Columbus

District #20

Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 1323 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901-2873, 402-463-46021990
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, 12429 P Rd., Stromsburg 68666-5060, 402-764-3950.....1984
York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg; Polk #311, Polk

District #24

Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848-1005, 308-237-92341992
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61, Lexington;
Jachin #146, Holdrege; Elwood #167, Elwood

District #25

Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135, 1103 W. 2nd St., McCook 69001-2514, 308-345-3669 Emeritus
McCook #135, McCook; Culbertson #174, Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument
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District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221-0776, 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, 308-643-2486.....1990
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, 308-635-04042000
Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343-1348, 308-282-02141984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-2238.1996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff;
Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-23871998
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh;
James L. Eatmon #294, Kimball

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, RR 1 Box 13, Max 69037-9506, 308-423-2547.....1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial; Palisade
#216, Palisade

District #33

Joseph D. Chrisman, 279, RR 1 Box 99, Wallace 69169-9506, 308-228-22802002
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District #34

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Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72,
Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner

District #35

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District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-474-41411999
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, 402-759-38691992
Oliver #38, Seward; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

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1 - Nebraska	8	0	8	0	196	8	1	4	1	0	0	14	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	203
2 - Western Star	3	1	4	1	181	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	3	5	0	0	0	8	181
3 - Capitol	3	0	3	0	140	3	1	1	1	0	0	6	1	10	0	0	0	0	11	135
4 - Nemaha Valley	1	1	0	1	69	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	68
5 - Omadi	1	0	0	0	159	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	7	1	0	0	0	8	155
6 - Plattsmouth	10	0	11	0	264	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	269
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	66
10 - Solomon	0	0	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	69
11 - Covert	27	0	27	0	596	27	1	2	2	0	0	32	3	28	0	0	0	0	31	597
14 - Peru	1	0	3	0	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	37
15 - Fremont	3	0	3	1	296	2	3	0	1	0	0	6	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	294
19 - Lincoln	2	2	2	1	271	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	11	5	0	0	0	16	258
21 - Washington	0	0	0	0	101	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	99
23 - Pawnee	1	0	2	1	105	2	1	2	0	0	0	5	2	3	1	0	1	0	7	103
26 - Beatrice	10	0	10	0	228	10	1	1	2	0	0	14	2	8	4	0	0	0	14	228
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	23
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38
31 - Tekamah	0	0	0	0	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	170
32 - Platte Valley	6	3	4	0	296	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	9	9	0	0	0	19	282
33 - Ashlar	0	0	0	0	277	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	4	11	14	0	0	0	29	252
34 - Acacia	4	0	4	0	89	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	91
35 - Fairbury	0	0	1	0	80	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	80
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	52
37 - Crete	1	1	1	0	81	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	6	3	0	0	0	9	75
38 - Oliver	4	0	4	0	64	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	68
39 - Papillion	7	0	9	1	347	8	5	2	0	0	0	15	4	10	13	0	0	0	27	335
40 - Humboldt	2	0	2	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	55
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	29
43 - Hebron	1	0	1	1	58	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	54
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	26
46 - Rob Morris	6	0	6	0	245	7	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	8	5	0	1	0	14	240
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
50 - Hastings	4	2	4	1	214	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	212
51 - Fidelity	4	0	3	0	52	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58

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52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	41	
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	47
54 - Lancaster	6	1	7	0	440	7	0	0	3	0	1	11	4	13	2	0	0	0	19	432	
55 - Mosaic	4	0	4	2	145	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	146	
56 - York	1	0	1	0	134	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	128	
57 - Mt. Moriah	1	1	2	1	42	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	107	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	104	
61 - Thistle	10	0	10	0	175	10	1	0	2	0	0	13	2	12	0	0	2	0	16	172	
62 - Keystone	1	0	1	0	53	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	48	
64 - Blue Valley	4	0	4	0	56	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	
65 - Osceola	14	0	15	0	84	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	94	
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	47	
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	54	
73 - Friend	1	0	1	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
75 - Frank Welch	4	0	4	0	152	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	1	6	1	0	1	0	9	148	
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	62	
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	37	
79 - Geneva	1	0	2	1	131	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	128	
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	47	
82 - St. Paul	0	0	0	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	57	
83 - Corinthian	1	0	1	1	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37	
89 - Cedar River	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	5	3	1	1	0	10	49	
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	43	
94 - Bennett	2	1	2	0	26	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	27	
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	13	67	
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	30	
97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	75	
102 - Waterloo	2	1	3	2	133	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	4	6	0	5	0	15	122	
103 - Ord	1	1	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	46	
104 - Wymore	2	0	2	0	78	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	79	
106 - Porter	1	0	1	0	36	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	35	
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	19	
110 - Pomegranate	1	0	1	0	116	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	116	
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	6	27	

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112 - Springfield	19	3	18	0	186	18	0	0	1	0	0	19	3	4	10	0	0	0	17	188
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	46
119 - North Bend	6	0	6	0	92	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	97
120 - Wayne	0	1	0	0	129	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	15	0	0	0	16	114
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	53
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	80
127 - Minden	0	0	0	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
128 - Guide Rock	2	1	2	0	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
132 - Scribner	0	2	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	23
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	27
135 - McCook	6	2	4	1	147	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	143
136 - Long Pine	2	0	1	0	34	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	34
143 - Crescent	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	18
146 - Jachin	2	4	3	1	123	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	126
148 - Custer	3	2	4	1	135	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	136
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
158 - Samaritan	2	0	2	2	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	93
159 - Ogalalla	0	0	0	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2	0	0	0	13	98
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	27
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	44
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
170 - Mason City	0	2	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
177 - Hay Springs	1	0	1	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	8	42
183 - Alliance	1	1	1	0	183	1	0	3	2	0	0	6	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	182
184 - Bee Hive	11	1	10	1	242	10	0	0	2	0	0	12	1	11	0	0	0	0	12	242
192 - Minnekadusa	1	0	1	0	65	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	63
194 - Highland	2	1	1	0	42	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	41
195 - Arcana	1	0	2	3	56	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	54
198 - Purity	1	1	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	53
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28

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201 - Scotts Bluff	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	6	120	
204 - Plainview	2	2	0	0	64	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3	7	0	0	10	58	
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	
207 - Parian	1	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	29	
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	28	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	
210 - East Lincoln	2	1	2	0	381	2	0	1	6	0	0	9	5	15	10	0	0	30	360	
211 - Cement	0	0	0	0	44	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	37	
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	1	17	45	
219 - Relief	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	26	
220 - Magnolia	1	2	5	4	28	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	3	27	
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	54	
224 - Silver Cord	2	0	2	0	91	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	0	1	9	84	
227 - North Star	1	0	2	0	180	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	8	174	
228 - Bartley	2	0	3	0	72	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	6	0	0	0	6	71	
229 - Comet	2	0	2	0	76	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	6	73	
234 - Zion	0	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	43	
241 - G Armstrong	1	0	1	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	23	
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	42	
250 - G Washington	2	0	2	1	85	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	2	3	2	0	0	7	83	
251 - Wausa	1	0	1	1	53	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	52	
256 - Hickman	17	1	16	0	182	16	1	1	12	0	0	30	1	6	15	0	0	22	190	
263 - Mitchell	0	0	0	1	87	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	1	2	10	78	
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	8	53	
265 - R W Furnas	1	3	0	0	139	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	6	135	
268 - G W Lininger	10	1	9	0	173	9	1	1	1	0	0	12	0	3	0	0	0	3	182	
271 - Oasis	0	1	0	1	64	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	6	0	0	9	58	
274 - Olive Branch	1	0	1	1	53	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	
279 - Wallace	3	0	3	0	30	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	31	
281 - Florence	3	1	3	0	186	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	11	1	0	0	13	177	

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284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	30
285 - Camp Clarke	6	1	5	1	74	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	75
286 - Oshkosh	0	1	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51
287 - Union	0	0	0	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	47
288 - Omaha	4	0	6	2	110	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	103
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	36
290 - John J. Mercer	10	0	10	0	626	10	0	1	9	0	1	21	3	34	25	0	0	0	0	62	585	
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	55
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	
294 - James Eatmon	3	0	3	1	99	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	8	95	
297 - Cotner	19	4	16	1	165	15	5	2	0	0	0	22	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	186	
300 - Liberty	41	3	40	0	173	41	2	1	0	0	0	44	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	210	
302 - Mizpah	12	2	13	1	294	13	3	1	0	0	0	17	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	14	297	
305 - Newman Grove	2	0	2	0	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	32	
310 - Victory	0	1	3	0	90	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	92	
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	24	
314 - Craftsmen	7	0	7	0	245	6	2	6	0	0	0	14	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	247	
317 - Mid-West	9	2	7	3	313	4	2	0	1	0	0	7	4	8	1	0	2	0	15	305		
320 - College View	4	1	4	2	71	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	
323 - Lebanon	8	2	7	0	123	7	1	2	0	0	0	10	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	127	
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
325 - Bellevue	4	2	5	0	255	5	0	0	2	0	0	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	257	
326 - Centennial	1	2	1	0	178	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	7	7	0	0	0	14	169		
327 - Shiloh	6	1	5	0	138	5	3	2	2	0	0	12	0	4	0	0	1	0	5	145		
328 - Miloma	1	1	2	1	171	1	0	0	7	0	0	8	0	1	9	0	0	0	10	169		
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February 7 – 8, 2003

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	1974	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel.....	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger.....	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley.....	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys.....	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple.....	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese.....	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
23rd	1888	George B. France	56
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4
25th	1890	Robert E. French.....	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson.....	17
28th	1893	James P.A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers.....	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard.....	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham.....	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell.....	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King.....	54
43rd	1908	William A. DeBord.....	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.....	105
48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting.....	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele.....	55

52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple.....	61
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith.....	136
57th	1922	Edward W. Wellman.....	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell.....	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites.....	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis.....	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet.....	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews.....	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster.....	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston.....	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday.....	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson.....	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge.....	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter.....	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt.....	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee.....	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund.....	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith.....	198
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White.....	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver.....	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46
95th	1960	John F. Futcher.....	302
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin.....	210
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart.....	120
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227
100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf.....	49
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart.....	228

105th	1970	John H. Brown	1
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36, 323
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg	210
130th	1996	V. Kaye Ramsey	290, 317
131st	1997	Kenneth G. Fleming	75
132nd	1998	Don E. Rasmussen	82, 135
133rd	1999	Dwight E. Smith	205
134th	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.	54
135th	2001	Philip A. Lorenzen	10, 327, 1

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. Scolaro, 3 1990-2000
- Emeritus

GRAND LECTURERS

George Armstrong, 3	1858, 1859, 1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860, 1861, 1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E.C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865, 1866, 1868, 1874 to 1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869 to 1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	1871 (Acting)
George H. Thummel, 33	1872, 1873
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1877 to 1880

**The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians
And Date of Appointment**

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

In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877
L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistant" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians." In 1925, the designation was "Deputy Custodian." The following brethren appeared in the records as "Assistant Custodians," or, at times, as "Deputy Custodians."

• John J. Mercer, 3	1910
• Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
• Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
• Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
• James D. Phillips, 93	1910
• Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
• Ernest H. James, 1	1910
• Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
• Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
• Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
• Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
• Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
• Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
• Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
• Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
• Levi Pringle, 276	1913
• Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
• Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
• George A. Stevens, 158	1914
• Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
• Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
• Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
• Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
• Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
• Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917
• Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
• Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
• Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
• Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
• Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
• Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
• Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
• Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
• John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
• Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
• George R. Patterson, 136	1923
• William J. Birkoffer, 249	1923
• D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
• Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
• William D. Edson, 53	1926
• Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
• Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
• William McCormack, 268	1926
• Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
• John R. Easley, 49	1927
• L. Donald Huston, 65	1928

• Elmer Surber, 95	1928
• John M. Bennett, 19	1928
• Earl Barnett, 146	1929
• Jonathan Frye, 1	1929
• Ernest R. Reynolds, 124	1930
• Osborne P. Simon, 174	1930
• Doc L. Redfern, 300	1930
• Austin F. Whitmire, 306	1931
• Henning C. Johnson, 171	1930
• Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
• Ward B. Schrack, 46	1933
• Byron S. Peterson, 25	1933
• Raymond C. Cook, 6	1933
• Ray B. Bottorf, 33	1933
• Wallace E. Linn, 1	1934
• Jesse P. Entriiken, 295	1934
• Harrold D. Weddel, 208	1937
• Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
• Fred G. Christensen, 33	1938
• Ross Van Sickle, 184	1938
• S. William Beck, 43	1940
• Stanley B. Fryar, 139	1940
• Roy S. Planck, 15	1940
• Buren P. Wells, 315	1940
• Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
• F. Ray Dilts, 83	1942
• Ernest C. Purdy, 195	1942
• Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
• Howard E. Bradstreet, 261	1943
• George S. Schwab, 49	1946
• Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1946
• Irving S. Johnson, 148	1946
• LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
• Ernest E. James, 1	1946
• Frank A. Anderson, 17	1949
• Robert W. Cook, 33	1949
• Paul D. Fleming, 293	1949
• Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
• Sylvester Shumard, 227	1949
• Ralph M. Carhart, 120	1950
• Morris V. Balcom, 46	1950
• William F. Flicklinger, 56	1951
• Forest A. Lape, 183	1951
• Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	1954
• Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	1954
• Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
• Clifford D. Webster, 75	1956
• Matthias E. Mael, 173	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 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, 314.....1984
- Leslie Evert, 195.....1985
- William Fogle, 135.....1985
- Roscoe Malick, 297.....1985
- R. Winton Wilson, 199.....1985
- Robert E. Kyes, 36.....1985
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1985
- Gordon E. Richards, 75.....1986
- Harold Noble, 325.....1987
- Deon D. Eberly, 314.....1988
- Steven A. Green, 54.....1988
- Steven K. Jones, 265, 263.....1988
- Lloyd Vrtiska, 108.....1988
- Robert M. Littrell, 77.....1989
- Roy L. Smith, 6.....1989
- Daniel E. Spearow, 26.....1989
- LeRoy Crye, 328.....1990
- Ronald D. Grass, 31.....1990
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317.....1990
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135.....1990
- Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....1990
- Gordon L. Carley, 75.....1990
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 15.....1990
- Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 288.....1991
- Delmar Jones, 46, 65.....1992
- Don L. Jelinek, 54.....1992
- Albert Wise, 79.....1992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33.....1993
- Rodney L. Samp, 159.....1994
- Robert L. Carter, 314.....1995
- Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 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
• Joseph D. Chrisman, 279	2002
Ashley H. Story, 314.....	2002
James R. Taylor, 327	2002
Dean Papenhagen.....	2003
• Deceased	

DECEASED GRAND MASTERS

We have set apart these pages dedicated to the memory of the
Past Grand Masters who have passed beyond the veil.

NAME	DIED	LODGE	YEAR SERVED
Robert C. Jordan	Jan. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 31, 1901	53	(15th) 1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th) 1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th) 1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th) 1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th) 1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th) 1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st) 1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd) 1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd) 1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th) 1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1947	46	(25th) 1890
Bradmer D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th) 1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th) 1892
James P.A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th) 1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th) 1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th) 1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st) 1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd) 1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207	(33rd) 1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25	(34th) 1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158	(35th) 1900
Robert E. Evans	July 9, 1925	5	(36th) 1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93	(37th) 1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32	(38th) 1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55	(39th) 1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31	(40th) 1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st) 1906
Orman J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd) 1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd) 1908
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th) 1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th) 1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th) 1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th) 1912

Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th)	1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th)	1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th)	1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st)	1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd)	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd)	1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th)	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th)	1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th)	1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th)	1922
Charles A. Chappell	Nov. 21, 1971	127	(58th)	1923
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th)	1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th)	1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st)	1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd)	1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd)	1928
Ira C. Fleet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th)	1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th)	1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th)	1931
Edwin R. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th)	1932
Ralph O. Canaday	Oct. 7, 1970	50	(68th)	1933
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th)	1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st)	1935
Chancellor A. Philips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd)	1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd)	1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter	Dec. 21, 1981	201	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	May 4, 1977	54	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	June 13, 1975	9	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	Feb. 12, 1977	148	(80th)	1944-45
Benjamin F. Eyre	Aug. 12, 1993	1	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt	Feb. 14, 1977	318	(82nd)	1947
Elmer Magee	Mar. 19, 1975	227	(83rd)	1948
Roscoe Pound	July -, 1964	5	(Honorary)	1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron	Dec. 22, 1993	37	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	Mar. 3, 1983	183	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams	April 17, 1980	68	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White	Oct. 12, 1975	11	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale	Feb. 23, 1988	54	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt	Feb. 13, 1971	295	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye	Feb. 14, 1989	46	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher	July 11, 1984	302	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin	Nov. 4, 1997	210	(96th)	1961
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th)	1963
Louis V. Sylvester	Dec. 4, 1997	281	(100th)	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts	July 14, 1990	19	(101st)	1966
Carl R. Greisen	June 28, 1995	32	(Honorary)	1966
John A. Bottorf	Feb. 21, 1984	49	(102nd)	1967

Norris W. Lallman	Nov. 1, 1984	72	(103rd)	1968
John H. Brown	Feb. 2, 1978	1	(105th)	1970
Russell L. Fickes	April 18, 1989	33	(106th)	1971
Howard J. Hunter	May 6, 1975	59	(107th)	1972
Frank J. Mattoon	July 4, 1997	75	(108th)	1973
T. Leo Stines	Feb. 26, 1994	36, 323	(111th)	1976
Alfred B. Saum	Oct. 11, 1980	46	(112th)	1977
Byron C. Jenkins	Sept. 12, 2000	325	(115th)	1980
Harold C. Wurdeman	June 21, 1985	323	(116th)	1981
Paul R. Pierce	July 31, 1999	50	(117th)	1982
Robert A. Metcalf	Nov. 22, 2002	210	(119th)	1984-85
James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	Aug. 28, 1999	294	(126th)	1992

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
ROCK MAUL AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to be the most outstanding Lodge that year by the Grand Master.

1981	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1982	Shiloh Lodge	No. 327	Omaha
1983	Culbertson Lodge	No. 174	Culbertson
1984	Scotts Bluff Lodge	No. 201	Gering
1984	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1985	Comet Lodge	No. 229	Ceresco
1985	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Hickman
1986	Springfield Lodge	No. 112	Springfield
1987	Platte Valley Lodge	No. 32	North Platte
1989	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
1990	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
1991	Corinthian Lodge	No. 83	Wakefield
1992	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1993	Bartley Lodge	No. 228	Bartley
1994	North Star Lodge	No. 227	Lincoln
1995	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1997	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
1998	Craftsmen Lodge	No. 314	Lincoln
1999	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
2000	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2001	Papillion Lodge	No. 39	Papillion
2002	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
2003	Osceola Lodge	No. 65	Osceola

**Grand Lodge Of Nebraska
GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
1997	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1998	Mid-West Lodge	No. 317	Hastings
1999	Robert W. Furnas	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2000	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
2001	Wallace Lodge	No. 279	Wallace
2002	Blue Valley Lodge	No. 64	Wilber
2003	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln

**Grand Lodge Of Nebraska
GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290	Omaha
2000	Charles Spohr	Euclid No. 97	Weeping Water
2001	John Dick	Fremont No. 15	Fremont
2001	Loral Johnson	Purity No. 198	Imperial
2002	Robert A. Merchant	Wayne No. 120	Wayne
2002	Arthur S. Dye	Mid-West No. 317	Hastings

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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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Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October 6,1876	June 20,1877
Osceola	No. 65	Osceola	Polk	November 23,1876	June 20,1877
Aurora	No. 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878
Hooper	No. 72	Hooper	Dodge	March 19,1878	June 25,1879
Friend	No. 73	Friend	Saline	May 4,1878	June 25,1879
Frank Welch	No. 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26,1878	June 25,1879
Nelson	No. 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	March 15,1879	June 23,1880
Albion	No. 78	Albion	Boone	August 1,1879	June 23,1880
Geneva	No. 79	Geneva	Fillmore	November 24,1879	June 23,1880
Composite	No. 81	Rising City	Butler	March 20,1880	June 22,1881
St. Paul	No. 82	St. Paul	Howard	April 15,1880	June 22,1881
Corinthian	No. 83	Wakefield	Dixon	April 22,1880	June 22,1881
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton	Nance	January 19,1882	June 20,1882
Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	February 7,1882	June 19,1883
Bennett	No. 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 5,1882	June 19,1883
Garfield	No. 95	O'Neill	Holt	June 28,1882	June 19,1883
Utica	No. 96	Utica	Seward	July 14,1882	June 19,1883
Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass	July 21,1882	June 19,1883
Waterloo	No. 102	Elkhorn	Douglas	September 7,1882	June 19,1883
Ord	No. 103	Ord	Valley	September 14,1882	June 19,1883
Wymore	No. 104	Wymore	Gage	November 10,1882	June 19,1883
Porter	No. 106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9,1882	June 19,1883
Table Rock	No. 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	January 24,1883	June 19,1883
Pomegranate	No. 110	Ashland	Saunders	February 13,1883	June 19,1883

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DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline	February 28,1883	June 19,1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30,1883	June 19,1883
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner	Cuming	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119	North Bend	Dodge	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121	Superior	Nuckolls	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
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	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17,1893	June 21,1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28,1894	June 13,1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23,1894	June 13,1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant.....	July 19,1895	June 10,1896
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	Theford.....	Thomas.....	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16,1913	June 9,1914
Oshkosh	No. 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No. 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December 15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha	Douglas	March 24,1914	June 8,1915

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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

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Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271 Morrill, April 10, 1969

Compass & Square No. 212	Sumner with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, April 20, 1969	
Hope No. 29	Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, September 9, 1969	
Elm Creek No. 133	Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267
Overton, March 17, 1970	
Naphthali No. 206	Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970	
Alexandria No. 74	Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970	
Pythagoras No. 156	Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970	
Grace No. 226	Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971	
Wolbach No. 292	Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971	
Tyrian No. 243	Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972	
Mystic Tie No. 166	Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972	
Roman Eagle No. 203	Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973	
Amethyst No. 190	Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973	
Prudence No. 179	Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973	
Fairfield No. 84	Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974	
Ramah No. 275	Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974	
Sterling No. 70	Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974	
Mt. Hermon No. 231	Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974	
Winnebago No. 309	Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 3, 1974	
Temple No. 175	Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975	
Beemer No. 253	Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975	
Signet No. 193	Leigh with Northern Light No. 41
Stanton, February 20, 1976	
Plumblin No. 214	Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976	
Cubit No. 237	Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977	
Bancroft No. 145	Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978	
Litchfield No. 278	Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979	
Hartington No. 155	Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979	

Creighton No. 100	Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980	
Star No. 88	Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981	
Gladstone No. 176	Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981	
Eminence No. 223	Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981	
Antelope No. 276	Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982	
Bladen No. 319	Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982	
Oak Leaf No. 312	Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983	
Crofton No. 273	Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984	
Harlan No. 116	Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984	
Hardy No. 117	Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984	
Merna No. 171	Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984	
Lee P. Gillette No. 272	Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985	
Occidental No. 215	Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985	
Siloam No. 147	Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985	
Ponca No. 101	Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986	
Boaz No. 185	Danbury with McCook No. 135
McCook, September 16, 1986	
Curtiss No. 168	Curtiss with McCook No. 135
McCook, February 15, 1986	
Clay Center No. 139	Clay Center with Mid-West No. 317
Hastings, March 5, 1986	
Unity No. 163	Greenwood with Pomegranate No. 110
Ashland, December 30, 1986	
Gothenburg No. 249	Gothenburg with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, January 14, 1987	
Granite No. 189	Gibbon with Cement No. 211
Wood River, April 1987	
Amity No. 169	Rushville with Hay Springs No. 177
Hay Springs, May 1987	
Golden Sheaf No. 202	Randolph with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, December 31, 1987	
Faith No. 181	Crawford with Sioux No. 277
Harrison, December 1987	
Potter No. 313	Potter with Frank Welch No. 75
Sidney, October 1988	

Western No. 140	Western with DeWitt No. 111 DeWitt, December 1988
Zeredetha No. 160	Reynolds with Fairbury No. 35 Fairbury, December 1988
Right Angle No. 303	Omaha with Papillion No. 39 Papillion, December 31, 1988
Trowel No. 71	Neligh with Diamond No. 291 Orchard, January 1990
Alpha No. 316	South Sioux City with Omadi No. 5 South Sioux City, March 1, 1990
Shelton No. 99	Shelton with Cement No. 211 Wood River, April 27, 1990
Nehawka No. 246	Nehawka with Western Star No. 2 Nebraska City, June 20, 1990
Anselmo No. 258	Anselmo with Custer No. 148 Broken Bow, August 28, 1990
Globe No. 113	Madison with Mosaic No. 55 Norfolk, August 28, 1990
Harmony No. 321	Dalton with Frank Welch No. 75 Sidney, November 28, 1990
Silver No. 266	Silver Creek with Osceola No. 65 Osceola, April 25, 1991
Cable No. 225	Arnold with Custer No. 148 Broken Bow, May 17, 1991
Grand Island No. 318	Grand Island with Ashlar No. 33 Grand Island, August 9, 1991
Orient No. 13	Rulo/Falls City with Falls City No. 9 Falls City, August 21, 1991
Rawalt No. 138	Oxford with Jachin No. 146 Holdrege, October 9, 1991
Beaver City No. 93	Beaver City with Monument No. 293 Arapahoe, January 30, 1992
Meridian No. 188	Cozad with Thistle No. 61 Lexington, February 20, 1992
Hampton No. 245	Hampton with Aurora No. 68 Aurora, February 21, 1992
Crystal No. 191	Scotia with Ord No. 103 Ord, March 10, 1992
Edgar No. 67	Edgar with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, March 10, 1992
Gavel No. 199	Carleton with Lily No. 154 Davenport, March 23, 1992
Cambridge No. 150	Cambridge with Bartley No. 228 Bartley, April 20, 1992
Mt. Zion No. 161	Shelby with Composite No. 81 Rising City, November 11, 1992
Endeavor No. 262	Indianola with Bartley No. 228 Bartley, December 3, 1992
Fraternity No. 235	Winside with Wayne No. 120 Wayne, April 28, 1993
John S. Bowen No. 232	Kennard with Washington No. 21 Blair, May 4, 1993

Minatare No. 295	Minatare with Scotts Bluff No. 201
Gering, January 24, 1994	
Pilot No. 240	Lyons with Tekamah No. 31
Tekamah, June 6, 1994	
Bayard No. 301	Bayard with Camp Clarke No. 285
Bridgeport, September 12, 1994	
Upright No. 137	Burchard with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, September 6, 1995	
Golden Rod No. 306	Lodgepole with Golden Fleece No. 205
Chappell, December 6, 1995	
Bassett No. 254	Bassett with Silver Cord No. 224
Ainsworth, December 29, 1995	
Chester No. 298	Chester with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, February 24, 1997	
Ornan No. 261	Spencer with Garfield No. 95
O'Neill, February 27, 1997	
Stella No. 105	Stella with Humboldt No. 40
Humboldt, April 7, 1997	
Melrose No. 60	Orleans with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, July 21, 1997	
St. Johns No. 25	Omaha with John J. Mercer No. 290
Omaha, March 6, 1998	
Fairmont No. 48	Fairmont with Geneva No. 79
Geneva, May 14, 1998	
Ionic No. 87	Niobrara with Bloomfield No. 218
Bloomfield, November 11, 1998	
Tecumseh No. 17	Tecumseh with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, December 23, 1998	
Sutherland No. 299	Sutherland with Platte Valley No. 32
North Platte, February 15, 1999	
Gilead No. 233	Butte with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, March 17, 1999	
Mt. Nebo No. 125	Genoa with Cedar River No. 89
Fullerton, April 7, 1999	
Auburn No. 124	Auburn with Nemaha Valley No. 4
Brownville, June 23, 1999	
Sioux No. 277	Harrison with Mitchell No. 263
Mitchell, December 2, 1999	
James A. Tulleys No. 267	Overton with Thistle No. 61
Lexington, June 26, 2001	
Perkins No. 308	Grant with Ogallala No. 159
Ogallala, December 19, 2001	
Republican No. 98	Republican City with Franklin No. 264
Franklin, December 31, 2001	

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado - Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	Gold Hill, Colorado - Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.:D.:	Central City, Colorado - Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.:D.:	Bannack City, Idaho - Instituted April 1863 or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.:D.:	United States Army - Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.:D.:	Nevada City, Idaho - Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming - Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME AND LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 – Decatur.....	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 -- Columbus.....	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 -- Nebraska City.....	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 -- Arago.....	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 -- Ashland.....	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 -- Rock Bluff.....	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22 -- Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 -- Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).....	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 -- Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 -- Salem.....	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 -- Columbus.....	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 -- Firth.....	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 -- Ulysses.....	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 -- Waco.....	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 -- Doniphan.....	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 -- Steele City.....	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 -- Arapahoe.....	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 -- Brainard.....	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 -- Dorchester.....	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 -- Odell.....	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 -- Indianola.....	June 8, 1904
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

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska #1	-	-	Michael Y. Beardmore	Cary L. Manson
Western Star #2	Charles E. McElfresh	Edward L. Reed	-	David A. Wetrosky
Capitol #3	John W. Kelley	Terry M. Theis*	Charlie Lovell*	Raymond L. Bally
Nemaha Valley #4	-	Donald Mathews	Ted R. Groves	Clay W. Kennedy*
Omadi #5	A. Gene Closson	-	Christopher L. Twiford*	Chris T. Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Philip J. Post	Bill J. Corbin	Alfred G. Dietrich	Jay H. Speck
Falls City #9	Darrel D. Koso	-	Robert L. Ferguson	-
Solomon #10	Aage W. Jensen*	-	John Lorenzen*	Philip A. Lorenzen
Covert #11	Alexander Murray	C. Edward Marshall	Jeffrey G. Hogue*	Lawrence J. Zwart
Peru #14	David L. Pease*	James R. Downing*	Steven Norris	Theodore R. Groves
Fremont #15	Dennis E. Rix	-	David E. Bute*	-
Lincoln #19	Charles A. Burk	Bruce T. Anderson*	Kurt R. Weiss	Reginald S. Kuhn
Washington #21	-	Leslie R. Hawes	-	Gary D. Finn*
Pawnee #23	Lawayne S. Mach	David L. Williams*	-	Lee H. Rottman*
Beatrice #26	Dale L. Colgrove*	Kelly R. Kuhl	George A. Thomas, III	Paul J. Redwine, Jr.
Jordan #27	Jay D. Hansen	-	-	-
Blue River #30	Melvin R. Giles	Ronald F. Minchow*	James D. Boshart*	Richard T. Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Dennis Fleischman	Ronald D. Grass	Kevin Brenneis	-
Platte Valley #32	Glenn R. Mulholland	Jerre L. Johnson	Roland S. Coker	Robert I. Peal
Ashlar #33	Verne L. Hill	William C. Barker	Max A. Cates	William D. Parrish*
Acacia #34	Terry C. Scheuneman	-	James R. Cummings*	Harold R. Ladehoff*
Fairbury #35	James E. Mahaffey	John A. Lammers*	Wayne N. Buehler*	Tommy E. Collins
Lone Tree #36	-	-	-	-
Crete #37	Jerry F. Bespalec	-	-	-
Oliver #38	Ben F. Hughes*	J. Philip Wehrman*	-	-
Papillion #39	T. Geoffrey Mitchell	James R. Avant	Philip P. Guraedy*	Dale H. Wulff*
Humboldt #40	Gregory W. Reed	Edgar A. Bredemeier	Everett L. King*	Homer H. Fishwood
No. Light #41	-	-	Robert E. Schellpeper	-
Hebron #43	Everett G. Roop	Jack L. McLaughlin	-	-
Harvard #44	Bruce W. Schwenk	Warren Christensen	Larry K. Keasling*	Steve E. Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Robert J. Meyer	Michael J. Meyer	Roger A. Hansen	John G. Haeberle
Evening Star #49	-	-	-	Don C. Bottorf
Hastings #50	Steven D. Spilinek*	John A. Prettyman	James P. Odom	W. Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51	Douglas J. Schmid*	Rex M. Rehmer*-	-	-

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Hiram #52	Micheal A. Buchardt	-	-	-
Charity #53	-	-	-	Marlin K. Hoffman
Lancaster #54	Michael D. Lagueux	Kent Hemmerling*	David R. Jelinek	Michael D. Rauscher
Mosaic #55	Webb McNally	Robert Sisson*	-	-
York #56	Edward W. Stephens*	-	Fran L. Crowe	Harry W. Gordon*
Mt. Moriah #57	Gerald H. Goering	-	-	-
Wahoo #59	Donald C. Cerny	Lyle D. McKlem	Dean A. Biggerstaff	David B. Hunter
Thistle #61	Philip E. Darby, Jr.	-	Dennis H. Biehl*	James N. Screws
Keystone #62	James R. Batie	-	-	-
Blue Valley #64	-	-	David A. Kasl*	Leonard L. Freeouf
Osceola #65	-	Scott E. Anderson	-	Mervin E. Ransom, Jr.
Aurora #68	James L. Hruza	-	-	-
Hooper #72	David L. Fink	-	-	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	-
Frank Welch #75	Robert P. Goodwin*	-	-	Malvin M. Minshall
Nelson #77	-	-	-	Frank R. Harris
Albion #78	John H. Darling Jr.	David W. Gallion	Jeffrey J. Noble	Thomas F. Ehlers
Geneva #79	Dennis L. Kimbrough	Rodney D. Norrie	-	Max H. Miller
Composite #81	-	-	-	Lawrence G. Whitmore
St. Paul #82	-	James Ross	-	Wesley E. Stevens*
Corinthian #83	Alvin G. Sundell	Alfred D. Brown*	Robert G. Berns*	Robert A. Jones
Cedar River #89	Hugo Westphal	Walter Yokley*	Jonathan A. Epley*	Vernon S. Olson
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	Norman E. Case*	Don A. Johnson*	Peter B. Kruse
Bennett #94	-	Richard Harris	-	Stuart B. Erickson, Sr.*
Garfield #95	Rob R. Prouty*	-	-	Billie G. Marcellus
Utica #96	-	Steven R. Rhodes*	-	-
Euclid #97	Kevin R. Kelly*	-	-	Willie C. Kunz
Waterloo #102	Robert R. Attebery	-	-	-
Ord #103	Charles P. Zangger	-	-	Dan P. Hersh*
Wymore #104	David B. Monfelt*	Richard E. Monfelt*	B. Dean Marples	Robert E. Cullison*
Porter #106	Dennis E. McClary	Kenneth A. Bills	-	-
Table Rock #108	Robert A. Pope*	Jerry L. Vrtiska*	Shad E. Gager*	Lloyd F. Vrtiska
Pomegranate #110	-	Larry G. Smith*	Lee A. Graham*	-
DeWitt #111	Dewey F. Geistlinger*	Kelly R. Kuhl	George A. Thomas, III	Ronald A. Cerveny*
Springfield #112	James D. Hirl*	Michael W. Call*	Rodney S. Sederstrom	Daniel J. Wellendorf*
Wisner #114	Chad L. Frerichs	-	Darryl Frerichs*	Clint W. Frerichs*

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North Bend #119	Scott H. Eveland	Ronald R. Giesselmann	-	David G. Otte
Wayne #120	Curtis F. Jeffries*	Frank G. Teach Jr.*	Robert A. Carhart*	J. David Kirkpatrick
Superior #121	Lloyd D. Swihart*	-	-	A. Gary Keeling
Stromsburg #126	Joel Stevens*	Marlon R. Buzek*	L. Lavern Miller*	Timm O. Waller*
Minden #127	-	-	-	-
Guide Rock #128	-	-	-	Richard L. Ely
Scribner #132	Arnold A. Gebers*	Paul R. Morris*	Donald G. Havekost	Harold C. Mueksch
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	-	-	-
McCook #135	Stephen J. Harrison	Richard E. Cole	-	Marshall D. Grant
Long Pine #136	Gary R. Wolfe	Jackson M. Roark*	-	-
Crescent #143	Thomas W. McIntyre	-	-	Richard T. Jackson*
Jachin #146	Bruce G. Raddatz	Robert M. Hoagland	Leonard L. Matejaka	Jeffrey W. Cuddeford
Custer #148	Kevin R. Lindly	Douglas P. Sadler	-	Jerry W. Bigbee
Lily #154	-	-	-	-
Samaritan #158	-	Donald R. Foulk	-	-
Ogalalla #159	Michael E. Keith*	-	-	Richard L. Lindauer
Trestle Board #162	David E. Gravatt*	Theodore R. Groves	Ivan Schmucker*	Bruce A. Petzoldt*
Atkinson #164	Donald H. DeGroff*	Dale L. Mellor*	-	-
Barneston #165	Arlyn H. Weyer*	-	-	-
Elwood #167	-	Owen W. Brainard*	Richard F. Peterson*	-
Mason City #170	Louis J. Hagan	-	-	-
Robert Burns #173	Lyndell Whipps*	Donald E. Rife	Richard M. Kollmorgen*	Loren T. Hawkinson
Culbertson #174	Kelly J. Wertz*	Roland J. Miller*	C. Keith Miller*	Riley R. Morthole*
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	Vernon L. Platt
Justice #180	-	Scott L. Shillington*	-	Roger L. Shillington
Alliance #183	Darrel M. Fillinger	-	-	Roscoe W. Bills
Bee Hive #184	Noel J. Holmstedt*	Richard T. Chilton*	Tommy J. Nastase, III	-
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	Stephen L. Isom*	Robert L. Gass
Highland #194	Edsel W. Grove	-	-	-
Arcana #195	-	-	Richard E. Barth	Dale E. Berndt*
Purity #198	Donivan W. Norman	Dan Lenners*	E. Thomas Spunaugle	Byron Hust
Blazing Star #200	-	-	-	-
Scottsbluff #201	-	-	-	-
Plainview #204	Dick Hemmingsen	Larry M. Wiegert*	Robert Baird*	Gale R. Retzlaff
Golden Fleece #205	-	Jack D. Woodman*	-	Robert A. Hayes
Parian #207	Michael D. Shelton*	-	-	Kenneth L. Eggleston

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Canopy #209	-	-	-	Gerald E. Patton
East Lincoln #210	Steven C. Alvis	James B. Michaelson*	Robert J. Pratt*	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	Dale A. Whitefoot*	-	Roland R. Engel*	-
Palisade #216	Robert G. Keating	M. Richard Miller*	-	Viron E. Baxter*
Bloomfield #218	-	-	-	-
Relief #219	-	-	-	Richard H. Lentz
Magnolia #220	Leon Fredrickson*	-	Duane D. Strong*	Harold D. Lewin
Wood Lake #221	Henry J. Beel*	Mark J. Mundorf*	Dustin E. Wheeler*	-
Landmark #222	-	-	-	-
Silver Cord #224	Rick E. Carr	Michael E. Hitchcock	Wilber C. Saner	Evan C. Evans*
North Star #227	Robert L. Tooker, Jr.	Evan A. Haydon	Paul G. Carpenter*	Steve B. Wetzel
Bartley #228	-	-	Gary A. Newcomb	-
Comet #229	James F. Hunter III	-	-	Gerald R. Brodd*
Zion #234	-	-	-	Merlyn D. Shepherd*
Golden Rule #236	-	-	-	-
Friendship #239	Edwin C. Weber	Zane K. Lewis	Max A. Cates	James E. Ceplecha*
Geo. Armstrong #241	William B. Grothe	-	-	-
Laurel #248	-	-	-	-
G. Washington #250	-	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell C. Erickson
Hickman #256	Keith L. Will	Ray V. Schwarz	Todd E. Tinnean	Darrel L. VerMaas*
Mitchell #263	Ralph D. Hilyard	-	-	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	Kent W. Ingram	-	-	-
Robt. Furnas #265	William R. Selby	Robert E. Nichols*	-	Richard H. Cooper
G.W. Lininger #268	Henry N. Carnaby	-	Michael E. McNulty	Ronald D. Stites
Oasis #271	-	-	-	-
Olive Branch #274	Michael R. Vanarsdall*	Donald L. Berg*	-	-
Wallace #279	Dennis R. Correll	Randall E. Ogier	Jack M. Curtis	Eric J. Chrisman
Florence #281	Robert D. Whipple, Jr.	Dale E. Wagner	F. Edward LaBreck	Doyle E. Berg*
Seneca #284	Duane W. Bolton	-	-	-
Camp Clarke #285	Kenneth D. Sestak*	Mark A. Wickard	Craig A. Barnette	James C. Lapaseotes
Oshkosh #286	-	Bernard L. King*	Harold L. Luce*	Merton L. Rose
Union #287	Dennis H. Brydl	Galen L. Crawford*	-	Dale H. Rood*
Omaha #288	Bruce C. Galda	John A. Domian	-	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	-	-	Dale R. Link

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John J. Mercer #290	Philip F. Harris	Roger W. Manley*	-	Armando R. Benitez
Diamond #291	-	-	-	-
Monument #293	Robert J. Gardner	Melvin W. Johnston	-	-
James Eatmon #294	Kenneth D. Kleinholz	Ralph E. Kimzey	Patrick A. Dunegan	John B. Ferguson
Cotner #297	W. Scott Dodge	Robert G. Cawein*	Ritchie D. Inns	Dietrick P. Frye
Liberty #300	James L. Batten	Wade R. Kendle*	Maynard D. Sears	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	-	Steven R. Barchus	Ezio Ognissanti	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	Danny K. Patzel	-	-	-
Victory #310	Troy Bevington	Gregg Kava	James D. Sake*	Robert C. King
Polk #311	-	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	Robert E. Marks	George S. Akerson*	Eugene C. Sibley	-
Mid-West #317	Richard L. Hill	Bruce A. Baker	Robert L. Williams	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	Allan D. Feit*	Jason L. Phelps	Robert L. Brommer	-
Lebanon #323	Robert C. Jones, Jr.	Robert E. Wilbur	-	John H. Lippert
Cairo #324	-	-	-	Richard L. Heckman
Bellevue #325	-	David C. Norton*	Horace H. Reynolds, IV*	Arlen L. Stiefvater*
Centennial #326	John L. Waner	Carl J. Diamond	Robert M. Loper	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	Charles W. Amidon	Cleo M. Miller	R. Todd Simpson*	Paul D. Rutherford
Miloma #328	Jeffery K. Ogle	William L. Smith*	Barry P. Higgins*	Donald L. Miller

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
		Africa, Cameroon		
		Africa, Congo		
		Africa, Togo		
W. H. Hargrove	11/12/1998	Alabama	Gary D. Finn, 21	3/15/2002
Wayne G. Coleman	3/30/1982	Alaska	John T. Parsons, 39, 268	1/3/2001
Vartan Barceghian	1984	Argentina	Reginald S. Kuhn, 19, 134	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Arizona	Robert E. Kyes, 36	9/3/1976
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Arkansas	Dennis Brydl, 314, 287	12/12/2000
Gordon Ross Mallam	6/16/1974	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 180	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Australia, Queensland	Russell Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
G. T. Brice		Australia, South Aust.	Charles W. Goodwin, 290	5/4/1985
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	9/8/1960
Peter Alexander Potheary	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 174	11/15/1979
K. H. Worth	1987	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Belgium	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Bolivia	Jack D. Nichols, 265	
		Brazil, Acre	Sydney Clausen, 52	3/12/2002
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman	Robert L. Carter, Jr., 314, 210	3/13/1996
		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	2/6/2002
.....		Brazil, Brazilia	Albert G. Bates, 1	6/4/1971
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Grand Oriente		
Aldo Buitoni	12/23/2002	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Mato Grosso		
Wilson Chinalli	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
Tutomo Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	4/18/1994
		Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Scott G. Brendel, 146	5/31/2002
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte	Keith Leibhart, 148	8/13/1999
		Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	1/15/1993
Jose W K Neto	9/10/1992	Brazil, Rondonia	Duard O. Dempster, 291	
		Brazil, Roraima	Richard H. Cooper, 263, 265	3/19/1999
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. Ferriera 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, 75	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	2/16/1982
A. Ennis Small	1982	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Philip O. Edwards, 326	12/26/2000
Maurice A. Kelso	9/10/1997	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 216	11/4/1980
Edward L. Lee	3/11/1987	Canada, Saskatchewan	Bruce L. Bump, 158	1/1/1984
Rigoberto Jamett Maureira	8/27/1994	Chile	Ben D. Fussell, 79	6/4/1971
Dawson Kwauk	6/26/1980	China	Robert O. Rhodes, 96	
Jose Maria Serna	7/31/1951	Colombia, Barranquilla	Robert J. Prokop, 64	
Rafael F. Moreno		Colombia, Bogota	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	8/7/1969
Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/1980	Colorado	Steven F. Mattoon, 75	10/16/1997
Douglas A. Gray	1/15/1994	Connecticut	Byron Lane, 201	10/19/1992
Carlos Miranda	10/22/1968	Costa Rica	Thomas W. Moore, 264	6/24/2002
V. H. F. E. Garcia	11/5/1952	Cuba	John F. Dale, 126	12/14/1989
Zdenek Kirshner	11/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry Bspalec, 37	8/17/1999
Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987

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Soren Nielsen	7/2/1990	Denmark	Frank Lawson, 1	12/21/1989
Richard E. Fletcher	11/25/1998	District of Columbia	Les R. Seiler, 317	
M. D. J. C. Navarro	8/25/1969	Dominican Republic	Keith E. Yocum, 75	
F. G. Araya	6/17/1953	Ecuador	Richard O. Cowles, 177	11/7/1978
Geoffrey S. H. Dicker	3/26/1994	England	Harry A. Spencer, 227, 184	12/2/1968
Heikki Aitola	12/31/1997	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/1995
John R. Thomas	8/20/2002	Florida	John Lippert, 323	8/8/1966
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/1954	France	Paul Befort, 32	5/31/2002
Marcel Ibinga Magwangu	5/3/1990	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	2/10/1989
Wm. H. McDaniel	8/6/1989	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	8/3/1960
Wolfgang Durst	9/24/1975	Germany	Kevin L. Rittenburg, 229	10/24/1995
Andreas Rizopoulos	2/12/1989	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, 325	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
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
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. Luennenborg, 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	
Carlos Marban	10/26/1995	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/1989
Tom R. Esply	1985	Michigan	Don L. Jelinek, 54, 289	
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/1989	Minnesota	Cullen F. Pilker, 39	4/11/2002
Thomas L. Packer		Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Missouri	Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210	6/30/1994
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/1988	Montana	V. Kaye Ramsey, 290	12/31/1989
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201	12/23/1990
Franklin L. Coonley	8/18/1989	Nevada	Monte K. Olmstead, 290	12/10/1996
Ellis W. Howard	6/14/1962	New Hampshire	William Keller, 250	4/14/1980
Thomas P. Zinkevich, Jr.	7/26/1995	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/1985
Al Hejnal		New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
John W. Emmerson		New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/1973
		Nicaragua	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	2000
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	North Carolina	Cullen Pilker, 39	3/24/1997
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/1995
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51	2/10/1989
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	Ohio	Robert A. Metcalf, 210	12/23/1990
John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oklahoma	Frederick E. Forsee, 288	
Joseph C. Willhoft	1985	Oregon	Michael Birnstihl, 314	12/13/1999
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
		Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 89	
Victor Vidal Mantilla	12/20/2002	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 224	6/4/1971
Antonia Espinosa		Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
Luis C. Ferreier de Matos	11/12/1998	Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56	
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico	Herman O. Hansen, 3	6/4/1971
Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Rhode Island	Paul C. Bulling, Jr., 229	3/18/1996
		Romania		
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Scotland	John M. Weidner, Sr., 33, 75	1/15/1992
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	Senegal, West Africa		

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A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46	12/31/1989
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Carolina	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Dakota	U. Wesley Fox, 192	7/6/1972
Howard M. Stoler	3/6/2001	Spain	Dale W. Anderson, 158	3/11/2002
Karl Gustav Thurfjell	5/15/91	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
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
Attila 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
		Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	4/18/1994
		Venezuela	Paul A. Canady, 323	6/12/1987
Wendall H. Chaffee	5/16/1962	Vermont	Steven W. Olson, 229	5/2/1985
Ronny Lester Lewis	10/31/1997	Virginia	Lawrence Zwart, 11	12/4/1991
Kenneth K. Kershner	12/3/1993	Washington	H. Gene Gustafson, 33	6/10/1983
Pascal Kinda	10/6/1999	West Africa, Burkina Faso		
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/1961	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/1989
Lawrence L. Myers	1/5/1992	Wisconsin	Harold Hultman, 39	6/12/1974

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Lodge Name	No.	Petitions	EA	FC	MM	Widows Program	Shut-In Visits	Youth Visits	Masonic Lessons	Masonic Family Activity	New Activity	10% Gain
Nebraska	1	7	8	8	8	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Western Star	2		3	4	4							
Capitol	3	4	2	3	3	★		★	★	★		
Nemaha Valley	4		1		1						★	
Omadi	5	2	1		2	★						
Plattsmouth	6		10	11	12	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Falls City	9											
Solomon	10			1	1	★	★		★	★		
Covert	11	27	27	27	27	★		★		★		
Peru	14		1	3	3						★	
Fremont	15	3	3	3	2	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Lincoln	19	3	2	2	2					★		
Washington	21				1			★	★	★		
Pawnee	23		1	2	2					★	★	
Beatrice	26	60	10	10	10			★				
Jordan	27											
Blue River	30						★			★		
Tekamah	31									★	★	
Platte Valley	32	7	6	4	4	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Ashlar	33	1			1		★	★	★			
Acacia	34	6	4	4	4			★	★	★	★	
Fairbury	35	1		1	1			★		★		
Lone Tree	36						★	★				
Crete	37	1	1	1	1			★		★		
Oliver	38	6	4	4	4				★	★		
Papillion	39		6	10	8	★		★	★	★		
Humboldt	40		2	2	2							
Northern Light	41					★				★		
Hebron	43		1	1								
Harvard	44	0	0	0	0							
Rob Morris	46	7	6	6	7	★		★			★	
Evening Star	49						★	★				
Hastings	50	2	4	4	6			★	★	★	★	
Fidelity	51	3	4	3	4	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Hiram	52						★		★	★		
Charity	53	1	1				★					
Lancaster	54	6	6	7	7	★		★				
Mosaic	55	6	4	4	3	★	★	★	★	★	★	
York	56	3	1	1	1	★			★			
Mt Moriah	57	2	1	2	2				★		★	★
Wahoo	59		1	1	1							
Thistle	61	10	10	10	10	★		★	★	★	★	
Keystone	62		1	1	1							
Blue Valley	64		4	4	4							
Osceola	65	12	14	15	15			★	★	★	★	★

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Aurora	68					★	★		★		★	
Hooper	72				1	★						
Friend	73	2	1	1	1	★			★	★	★	
Frank Welch	75	4	4	4	3	★	★			★	★	
Nelson	77											
Albion	78	3				★	★			★	★	
Geneva	79	4	1	2	1	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Composite	81	1					★					
St Paul	82						★	★	★			
Corinthian	83	1	1	1								
Cedar River	89											
Oakland	91					★		★			★	
Bennett	94		2	2	2							
Garfield	95	0	0	0	0							
Utica	96	2					★		★		★	
Euclid	97		1	1	1							
Waterloo	102	2	2	3	2	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Ord	103	1	1				★		★			
Wymore	104		2	2	2							
Porter	106	1	1	1	1				★		★	
Table Rock	108	1								★	★	
Pomegranate	110		1	1	1							
DeWitt	111											
Springfield	112		19	18	18							
Wisner	114						★			★	★	
North Bend	119	7	6	6	6	★			★	★	★	
Wayne	120	1							★		★	
Superior	121					★	★		★	★		
Stromsburg	126								★	★		
Minden	127											
Guide Rock	128		2	2	2					★		
Scribner	132	1							★			
Solar	134						★		★			
McCook	135	4	5	4	4	★	★		★	★	★	
Long Pine	136		2	1	1		★		★			
Crescent	143											
Jachin	146		2	3	3							
Custer	148		3	4	4		★		★		★	
Lily	154								★	★		
Samaritan	158	1	2	2			★		★	★		
Ogalalla	159	1				★	★					
Trestle Board	162											
Atkinson	164											
Barneston	165											
Elwood	167											
Mason City	170										★	
Robert Burns	173											
Culbertson	174											
Hay Springs	177		1	1	1							
Justice	180					★	★			★	★	

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Alliance	183	2	1	1	1	*	*		*	*	*	
Bee Hive	184	10	11	10	10			*			*	
Minnekadusa	192		1	1	1			*		*	*	
Highland	194	3	2	1	1							
Arcana	195		1	2	1					*	*	
Purity	198	3	1				*	*	*	*	*	
Blazing Star	200											
Scotts Bluff	201	1								*		
Plainview	204		2					*	*		*	
Golden Fleece	205											
Parian	207	2	1				*				*	
Canopy	209						*					
East Lincoln	210	3	2	2	1			*	*	*	*	
Cement	211											
Palisade	216								*			
Bloomfield	218											
Relief	219											
Magnolia	220	5	1	5	1		*		*			
Wood Lake	221									*		
Landmark	222						*		*			
Silver Cord	224	1	2	2	2		*	*	*	*	*	
North Star	227		1	2	2							
Bartley	228	5	2	3	3	*	*	*				
Comet	229	1	2	2	2		*		*	*	*	
Zion	234						*		*		*	
Golden Rule	236					*	*					
Friendship	239											
Geo Armstrong	241	1	1	1	1	*	*		*	*		
Laurel	248											
G Washington	250	4	2	2	1			*		*		
Wausa	251	1	1	1								
Hickman	256	16	17	16	16							
Mitchell	263						*		*			
Franklin	264					*	*		*	*	*	
Robt Furnas	265	4	1		1	*	*	*		*	*	
G W Lininger	268	10	10	9	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Oasis	271											
Olive Branch	274											
Wallace	279		3	3	3							
Florence	281	3	3	3	2		*	*			*	
Seneca	284						*			*		
Camp Clarke	285		6	5	4						*	
Oshkosh	286					*	*					
Union	287											
Omaha	288		4	6	4	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Lotus	289											
John Mercer	290		10	10	10							
Diamond	291						*	*		*	*	
Monument	293						*			*		

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James Eatmon	294	4	3	3	4			*			*	
Cotner	297	18	19	15	15	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Liberty	300		40	40	41					*	*	*
Mizpah	302		12	13	13							
Newman Grove	305	2	1	1	1		*			*	*	
Victory	310			3								
Polk	311						*		*	*		
Craftsmen	314	12	7	7	6	*	*	*	*		*	
Mid-West	317	9	9	7	4	*		*	*	*	*	
College View	320	2	1		1							
Lebanon	323		7	7	7			*				
Cairo	324											
Bellevue	325	1	4	4	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Centennial	326	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Shiloh	327	14	6	6	5	*	*	*		*	*	
Miloma	328	2	2	1	1	*	*				*	

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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		98,116	98,116
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.625%, 2-15-06	25,000	23,377	27,688
FNMA NTS Unsecured, 7.25%, 1-15-10	25,000	24,304	30,297
FHLB Ser CV14 Bonds Unsecured, 6.045%, 5-12-14	50,000	46,393	56,891
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 5.25%, 11-1-16	100,000	99,000	101,844
Public Service Electric & Gas, 6.5%, 5-1-04	50,000	46,231	52,500
Union Electric Co., 6.75%, 5-1-08	50,000	49,054	57,447
Disney (Walt) Co., 7.30%, 2-8-05	50,000	54,022	53,000
Worldcom Inc., 6.25%, 8-15-03	50,000	48,253	11,750
AT & T Corp., 7.75%, 3-1-07	50,000	49,000	52,125
AT & T Notes, 6.75%, 4-1-04	50,000	49,633	51,438
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	50,000	46,452	56,209
Lilly Eli & Co., 6.57%, 1-1-16	50,000	51,312	54,438
Southtrust Bank, 6.125%, 1-9-28	50,000	46,504	54,114
IBM Corp., 5.375%, 2-1-09	50,000	50,553	54,063
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-10	<u>50,000</u>	<u>57,646</u>	<u>60,386</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>750,000</u>	<u>741,734</u>	<u>774,190</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
250 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		12,639	10,235
Business Services:			
550 NDCHealth Corp.		12,914	10,945
Chemical Manufacturing:			
93 Monsanto Co.		1,871	1,790
Communication:			
625 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		27,461	22,400
1,350 Level 3 Communications, Inc.		42,691	6,615
1,700 RCN Corporation		36,100	901
Construction/Materials:			
600 Chicago Bridge & Iron		20,386	18,120
400 Vulcan Materials Co		16,076	15,000
Electronics:			
900 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		21,199	21,204
Entertainment:			
400 Viacom, Inc.		22,303	16,304
Food:			
450 Performance Food Group Co.		7,523	15,282
Household Products/Furniture:			
325 Colgate Palmolive Co.		16,882	17,040
Insurance:			
500 Nationwide Financial Services		21,263	14,325
550 Fidelity National Financial Inc.		15,308	18,057

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Medical Equipment:		
1,600 Cholestech Corp.	15,670	11,136
Mining:		
500 Newmont Mining Corp.	14,505	14,515
Miscellaneous:		
525 Elan Corporation	26,828	1,292
500 Hanover Compressor Company	18,275	4,590
Packaging/Containers:		
550 Avery Dennison Corp.	33,686	33,594
Petroleum/Energy:		
500 Houston Exploration Company	11,941	15,300
700 Unocal Corporation	24,751	21,406
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
400 Abbott Labs	15,258	16,000
550 Pharmacia Corporation	29,064	22,990
Railroad:		
1,000 Kansas City Southern	14,166	12,000
Real Estate:		
700 Plum Creek Timber Co.	21,039	16,520
Retail:		
550 Cato Corp	12,031	11,875
Utilities:		
650 Burlington Res Inc.	24,115	27,723
300 El Paso Energy Corporation	17,786	2,088
Multi-Industry:		
600 Corning, Inc.	33,951	1,986
Misc. Manufacturing:		
450 Tyco International, Ltd.	<u>24,739</u>	<u>7,686</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>612,421</u>	<u>408,919</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>1,354,155</u>	<u>1,183,109</u>

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2002

	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		214,896	214,896
<i>Bonds</i>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 5.875%, 2-15-04	25,000	24,128	26,289
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.5%, 8-15-05	25,000	24,901	27,961
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-07	25,000	25,001	29,180
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-04	25,000	25,914	27,008
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6%, 8-15-09	50,000	47,930	58,141
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 7.25%, 5-15-16	25,000	28,117	32,016
FHLLB Bonds, 6.045%, 5-12-14	25,000	23,197	28,445
Walt Disney, 6.75%, 3-30-06	25,000	26,800	27,301
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-06	25,000	25,000	27,238
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-08	25,000	26,434	28,251
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-08	25,000	24,230	28,104
Merrill Lynch & Co, 6%, 2-17-09	25,000	24,393	27,164
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-10	25,000	28,823	30,193
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-27	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,325</u>	<u>25,000</u>
 TOTAL BONDS	 <u>375,000</u>	 <u>379,193</u>	 <u>422,291</u>
<i>Common Stocks</i>			
Unassigned:			
250 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		12,639	10,235
Banks/Finance:			
Business Services:			
450 NDCHealth Corp.		10,566	8,955
Chemical Manufacturing:			
68 Monsanto Co.		1,368	1,309
Communication:			
475 Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises		20,870	17,024
1,275 Level 3 Communications, Inc		36,414	6,248
1,300 RCN Corporation		28,100	689
Construction/Materials:			
400 Chicago Bridge & Iron		13,591	12,080
300 Vulcan Materials Co		12,057	11,250
Electronics:			
700 Sungard Data Systems, Inc.		16,488	16,492
Entertainment:			
300 Viacom, Inc.		16,727	12,228
Food:			
400 Performance Food Group Co.		6,688	13,584
Healthcare:			
Household Products/Furniture:			
275 Colgate Palmolive Co.		14,285	14,418
Insurance:			
400 Nationwide Financial Services		17,562	11,460
550 Fidelity National Financial Inc.		15,308	18,057

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Medical Equipment:		
1,500 Cholestech Corp.	13,985	10,440
Mining:		
600 Newmont Mining Corp.	17,406	17,418
Miscellaneous:		
375 Elan Corp.	19,163	923
400 Hanover Compressor Co.	14,620	3,672
Packaging/Containers:		
425 Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	25,959
Petroleum/Energy:		
400 Houston Exploration Company	9,553	12,240
550 Unocal Corporation	22,062	16,819
Pharmaceutical/Health Care:		
300 Abbott Labs	11,443	12,000
400 Pharmacia Corporation	21,137	16,720
Railroad:		
800 Kansas City Southern	11,333	9,600
Real Estate:		
600 Plum Creek Timber Co.	18,033	14,160
Retail:		
450 Cato Corp.	9,844	9,716
Utilities:		
450 Burlington Res. Inc.	16,695	19,193
300 El Paso Energy Corporation	17,786	2,088
Multi-Industry:		
500 Corning, Inc.	25,741	1,655
Misc. Manufacturing:		
600 Tyco International, Ltd.	<u>24,901</u>	<u>10,248</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	<u>502,336</u>	<u>336,880</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>881,529</u>	<u>759,171</u>

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