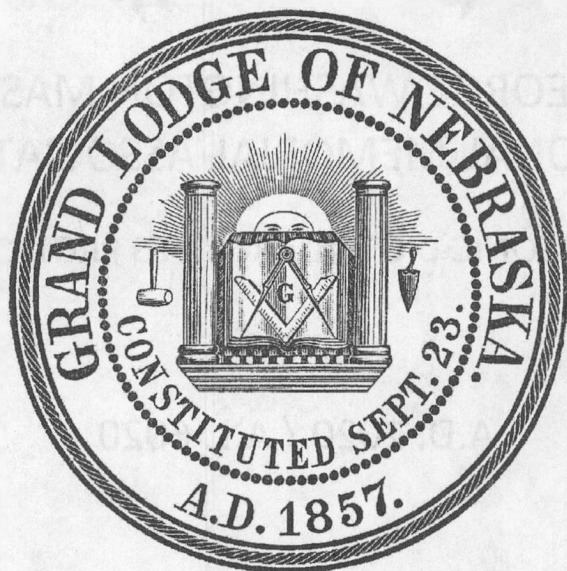


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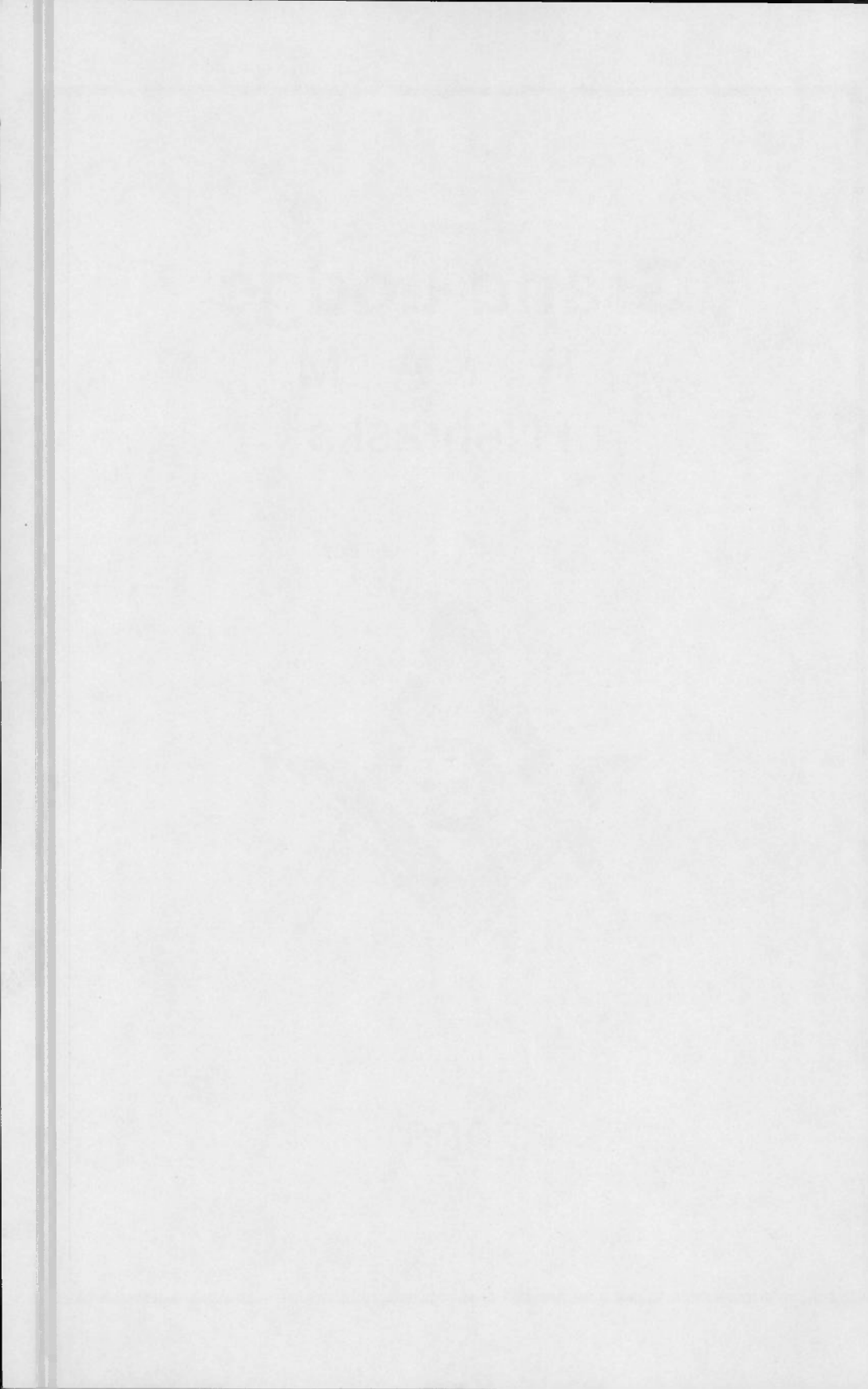
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Ivan A. Vrtiska

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2005-2006**

Masonic History of the 139th Grand Master

Ivan A. Vrtiska

Ancient Craft Masonry: Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on September 14, 1974; passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on October 16, 1974; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on November 25, 1974 in Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha, Nebraska. Installed as Worshipful Master of Shiloh in January of 1979.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Appointed as Grand Chaplain by M.: W.: James F. Brown in 2000. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen in 2001. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon by M.: W.: Michael E. Jones in 2002. Elected Grand Junior Warden in 2003 under M.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe. Elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-Elect in 2004 under M.: W.: Lester R. Seiler. Installed as the 139th Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska on February 13, 2005.

Served as a member of the Appropriations Committee for many years, a member and chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee and the Youth Committee. Served as Chairman of the Masonic Memorial Service Committee. Trustee and Board Member of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation since 2000, Secretary/Treasurer 2002-04. Appointed as Grand Representative to Nicaragua in 2000.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite: Received the 4th through 32nd Degrees in the Valley of Omaha, Orient of Nebraska, April 13-14, 1975. Served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1986. Served as a Trustee for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha. Received the Knights Commander Court of Honor, December 1991; Coroneted on December 2, 1995, with the Thirty-third Degree. Served as Director of the 14th degree team for 25+ years, Member of the 8th, 16th and 33rd degree teams and Member of the Remembrance and Renewal Ceremonial Team.

York Rite: Made a Royal Arch Mason in Omaha Chapter No. 1, September 9, 1991; a Cryptic Mason in Omaha Council No.1, October, 1991 and a Knight Templar in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, November 1991. Served as various officers and as Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Masons, 1997. Awarded the "General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International Youth Award" in 1997; Initiated into the Red Cross of Constantine-COEUR DE LION, November 20, 2004. York Rite Temple Corporation Board Member since 1990. Masonic Community Center Foundation Board since 2004.

Shrine: Became a member of Tangier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Omaha, Nebraska on May 3, 1986.

National Sojourners: Member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, February 1, 2002, and Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76, November 20, 2003.

Order of the Eastern Star: Member of Aksarben Chapter No. 277, Omaha, Nebraska, March 26, 1990. Served as Worthy Patron during 1999.

International Order of Job's Daughters/Job's Daughters International: Associate Guardian Bethel No. 69, 1986-89; Grand Guardian Council of Nebraska since 1986; Associate Grand Guardian of Nebraska, 1990-91; Supreme Guardian Council since 1990; Supreme Librarian, 1992-93; Associate Guardian, Bethel No. 1, 1997-2002; Grand Deputy, Nebraska 1991-1998; HIKE Board USA (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) 1991-99, Board President 1997-99; World Youth Foundation Board since 1997; Numerous Nebraska Grand Guardian Council Committees; Numerous Supreme Guardian Council Committees; IOJD/JDI Supreme Board of Trustees, 1999-2002; Member of Honor-Bethel No.1, presented December 19, 2002.

DeMolay: Imperial Chapter Advisory Board 1976-1996; Imperial Chapter Dad, 1986-89; Nebraska Mason of the Year, presented by the Nebraska State DeMolay Chapter, 2001.

Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation: Board 1994-2003; President 1999-2001.

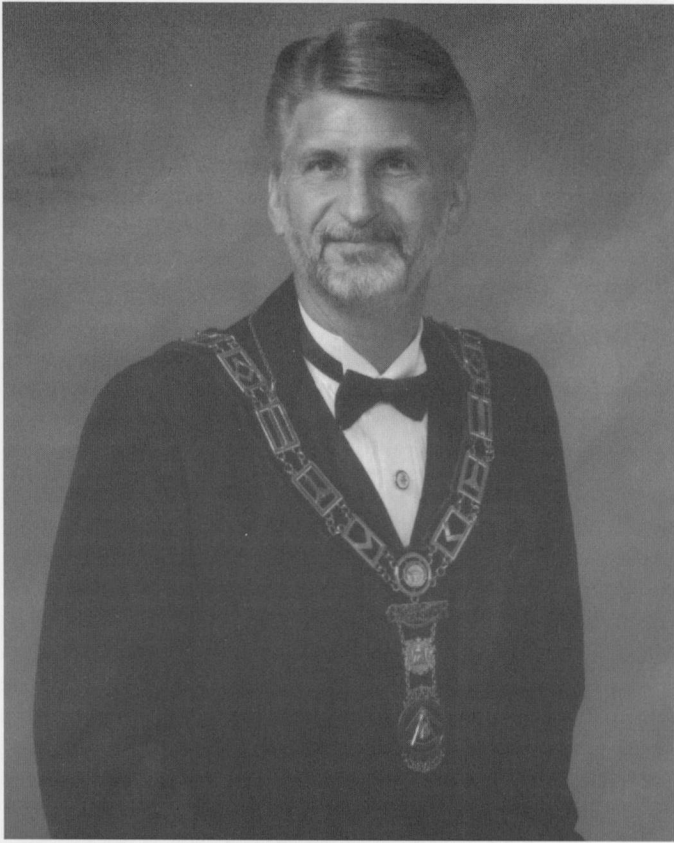
The Omaha Home for Boys: Trustee/Board of Directors since 1982; President, Board of Directors 1989-1991.

Other Masonic Bodies: Scottish Rite Research Society, October 2002; Saints John Lodge of Education, Charter Member; South Dakota Lodge of Research, June 21, 2003; Masonic Veteran's Association of South Dakota, June 21, 2003; Illinois Lodge of Research, October 10, 2003; Iowa Lodge of Research, September 17, 2004.

Education, Professional, and Other: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Bachelor of Architecture, 1969; Registered Professional Architect in seventeen States; NCARB Certificate holder since 1978; Certified Construction Specifier (CCS); Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) since 1969, Omaha Chapter President 1985; Member of Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) since 1970, Nebraska Chapter President 1987-88; Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) 1989-2000; Member of the Omaha Business Breakfast Club since 1991, President 2000-01; Member of Maplewood United Methodist Church since 1970, Chairman of several committees including Stewardship, Evangelism, Council of Ministries, Administrative Board, Board of Trustees, Staff/Parish Relations, & Building Committee; Maplewood Preschool Board, 6 yrs, president 2 yrs; plus numerous other activities.

Military: Nebraska Air National Guard, 155th Photo Reconnaissance Group, Photo Interpreter, TSgt, 1969-75.

Personal: Married to Karen Peterson Vrtiska (8/07/65), College Math Instructor and Past Matron of Aksarben Chapter No. 277, OES. Children are Heidi Jo married to Brother Shawn Ketchmark, Omaha, Nebraska and Holli Sue married to Greg Imig, Atlanta, Georgia. Grandchildren are Rachel and Justin Ketchmark, Andrew and Wesley Imig. Both daughters are PHQ's and Majority Members of Job's Daughters, Past DeMolay Chapter Sweethearts, and are Speech Pathologists.



Les Seiler

**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2006-2007**

Masonic History of the 140th Grand Master

Scott J. Krieger, Sr.

Scott was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mid-West Lodge No. 317 on August 22, 1979 by his father Marshall H. Krieger, who was serving as acting Master of the Lodge at that time.

Scott served as Junior Steward of the Lodge for the remainder of 1979, and was appointed to the office of Senior Steward in 1980 by his father for Marshall's year as Master. Scott progressed through all the chairs of the lodge until 1985 when he was elected the youngest Master of Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

He joined the Hastings Valley of the Scottish Rite and the Tehama Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 1981 and became active in many of the Scottish Rite degrees, also serving as Provost Marshal for Tehama Temple Shrine Provost Corps., and served on the Shrine Ritualistic Degree Team.

Scott was installed Junior Warden of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in 1988 for the second time, and in 1990 was the only man to serve a second term as Master for Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

He was commissioned a Deputy Grand Custodian in 1990 for District No. 20 and served in that capacity until receiving the honor of Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus in 2005.

Scott joined Acacia Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1992, serving as Associate Patron in 1993 and as Worthy Patron in 1994.

Scott has served as Master of all four Scottish Rite bodies, and served as Director for the 30th degree for many years. In 1985, he was invested with his Knight Commander Court of Honor, and coroneted his 33rd degree in 1999.

He was initiated into Court No. 152 Royal Order of the Jesters in 1986 and served as Director in 1999 and 2000.

Scott is a member of Hastings Chapter No. 21, Hastings Council No. 8 and Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11, York Rite of Freemasonry.

He was inducted into Omaha Chapter No. 19 of the National Sojourners in 2002.

Scott served as Grand Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1990 for Most Worshipful Brother John M. McHenry, and also served as Grand Junior Steward in 1991 for Most Worshipful Brother James N. DeMoss.

Scott was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 2002 by Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones, Grand Senior Deacon in 2003 by Most Worshipful Kenneth D. Beebe, elected Grand Senior Warden in 2004, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother

Les Seiler, and elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2005, serving under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska. Scott was installed as the 140th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in Hastings at the Masonic Center on February 11, 2006.

Scott was married to Tammy M. Wortman on the 8th of November, 2003 at Reno Nevada, where their good friends Most Worshipful Mike Jones and Joanie and Worshipful Brother Joe D. McBride and Lori, who came to attend the wedding, surprised them. They spent their honeymoon at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nevada. Tammy has been particularly fond of Masonry ever since.

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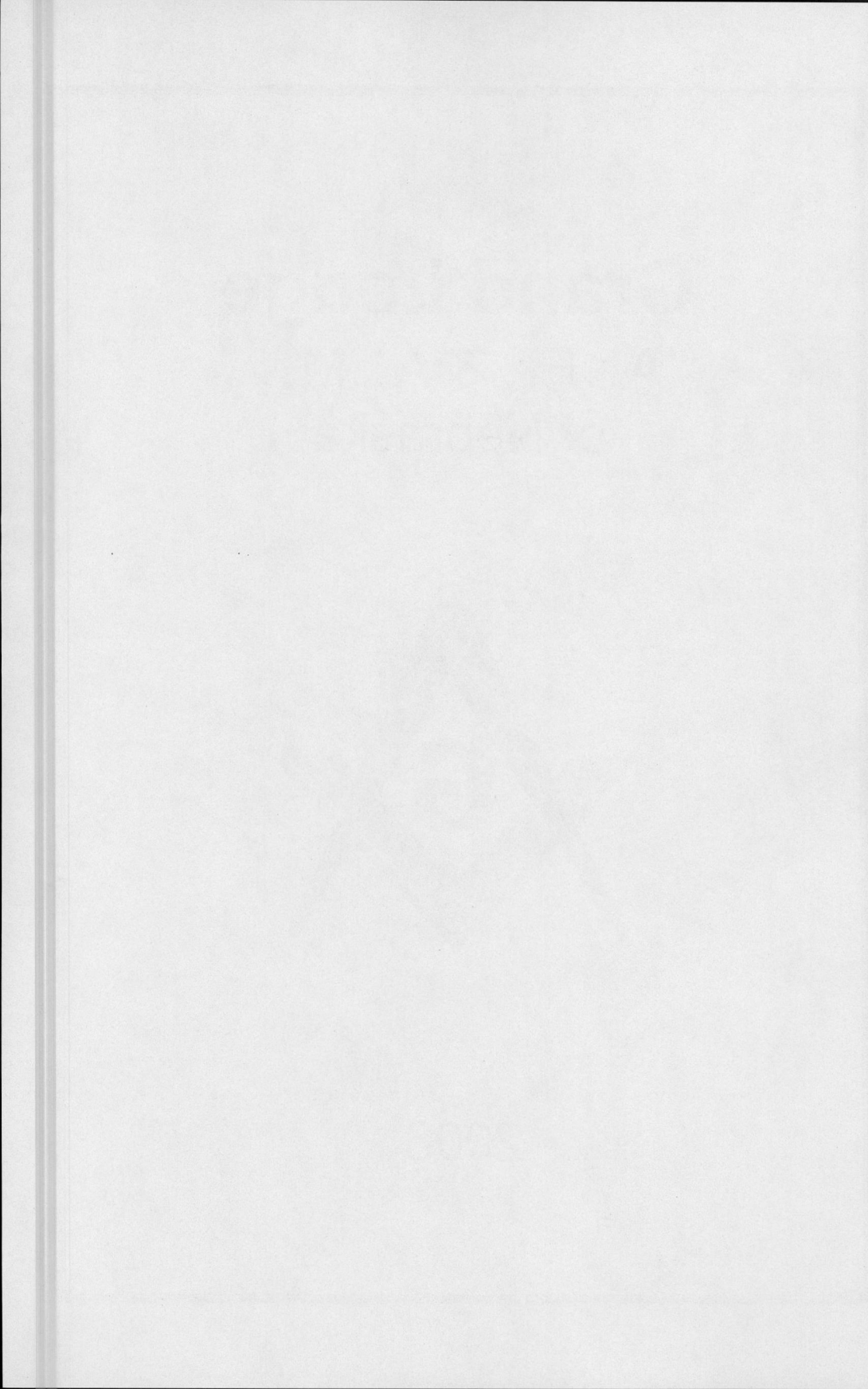
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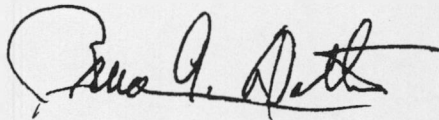


Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-Ninth 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 3 and 4, 2006, 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 September, 2006.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

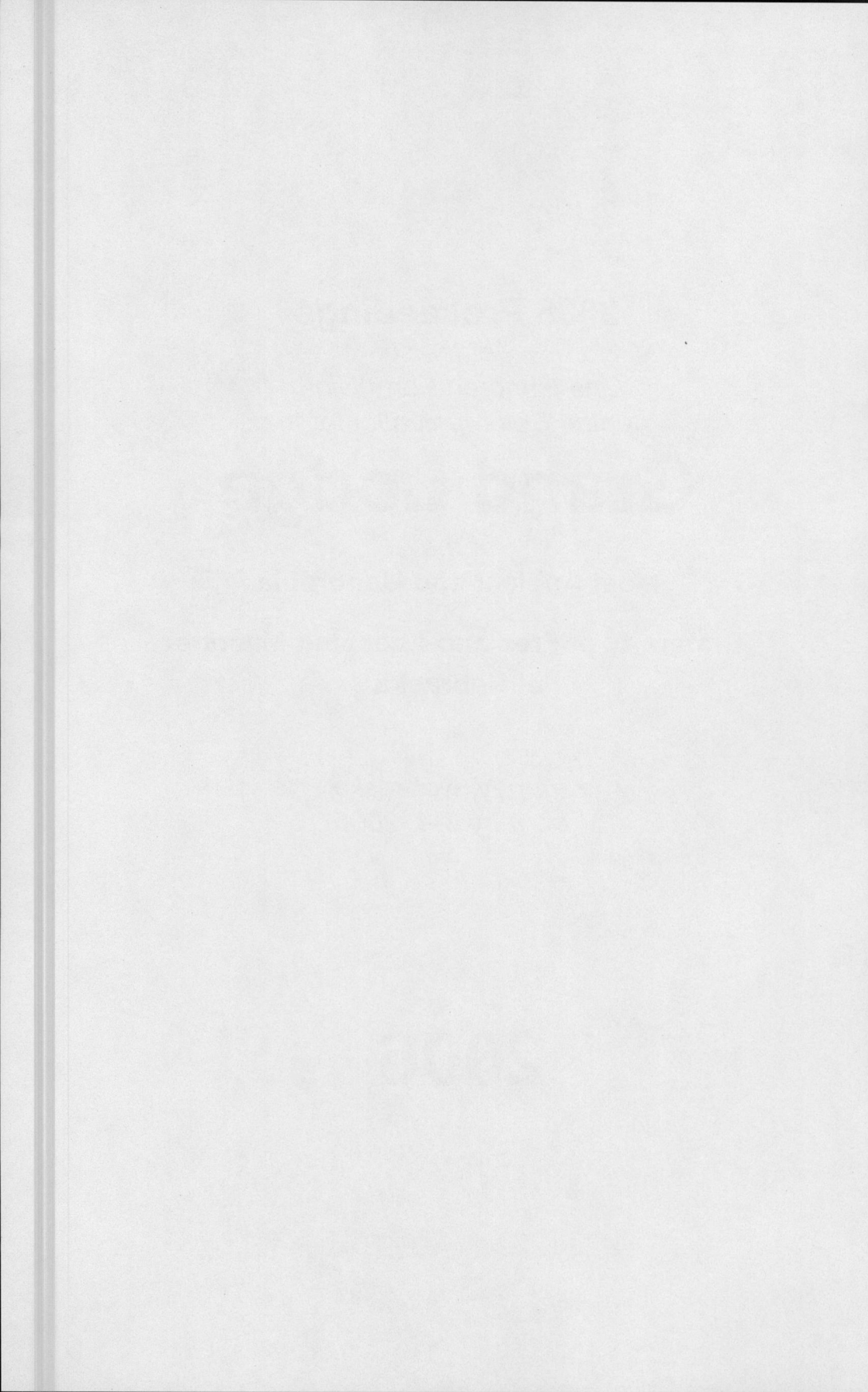


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February 3-4, 2006*

*Most Worshipful Ivan A. Vrtiska
Grand Master*

*First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 3, 2006*

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2006.

M.:W.: Les Seiler presided.

Following the Presentation of the Colors by the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp, National Sojourners, the Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers were introduced in reverse order, followed by the M.:W.: Grand Master, Ivan A. Vrtiska and his Lady, Karen, being presented and given Grand Honors.

R.:W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 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 York Rite Grand Commandery Knights Templar in chronological order of the state's entry into the Union.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

- Frederick H. Wisdom..... Grand Master
- Doysa L. Whitaker Past Grand Master
- Russell W. Hobson Grand Historian
and his Lady, Anne-Marie

Grand Lodge F.: and A.:M.: of Pennsylvania

- Ronald A. Aungst, Sr..... Grand Master
and his Lady, Norma

Grand Lodge F.: and A.:M.: of Michigan

- Robert G. Helmic..... Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Ann

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Iowa

- Charles Brinkerhoff Grand Master
- William R. Crawford Grand Secretary
and his Lady, Elaine
- Robert H. Erickson Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Kris

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Minnesota

- Thomas G. McCarthy..... Senior Grand Deacon
and his Lady, Patty
- Frederick B. Vihovde..... Grand Representative
and his Lady, Carol

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Kansas

- Sterling P. Hornbuckle, III..... Grand Junior Warden
and his Lady, Winona
- Allan L. Hurlburt Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Mary Lou

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Colorado

- Brian L. Cotter Junior Grand Warden
and his Lady, Jeanie

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of South Dakota

- Larry L. Anderson..... Grand Master
and his Lady, Phyllis
- William A. Coffield Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Pat
- Charles N. Kaufman Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Fern
- Robert L. Morrow Past Grand Master
and his Lady, André Kaiser
- Alvin T. Wahlert..... Past Grand Master
and his Lady, Mavis

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Montana

Bruce W. Lahti.....Grand Treasurer
and his Lady, Kathie

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Wyoming

Don Porter.....Deputy Grand Master
and his Lady, Virginia

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

Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of Eastern Star

Jan Thoman.....Worthy Grand Matron
Tregan Albers.....Worthy Grand Patron

International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska

Courtney Fasnacht.....Grand Worthy Advisor
Thelma Domingo.....Supreme Outer Observer and Supreme Inspector of Nebraska

Job's Daughters International

Hillary Melvin.....Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Kimberly Rieken.....Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
Judy Wehrbein.....Grand Guardian
Charles E. McElfresh.....Associate Grand Guardian
Mary Louise Gillispie.....Grand Secretary

DeMolay

Tyler McCabe.....State Senior Councilor
Bruce Wood.....Executive Officer

Grand York Rite

Jay H. Speck.....Secretary/Recorder of Nebraska
Fred C. Way, Jr.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska
Bruce T. Anderson.....Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
George Harrison.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Curt M. Edic.....General Secretary – Valley of Omaha
W. Glen Jorgenson.....General Secretary – Valley of Hastings
Bruce Wood.....General Secretary – Valley of Lincoln
Charles N. Kaufman.....Deputy, Supreme Council for South Dakota

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Jack H. Jones.....Imperial Recorder, Shrine of North America
John Wonder.....Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
Larry R. Hulsebus.....Recorder, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
Thomas K. Brummett.....Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha
James B. Parks, Sr.....Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha

George W. White Potentate, Tehama Shrine – Hastings
 W. Glen Jorgenson..... Recorder, Tehama Shrine – Hastings
 Steven A. Hanneman Potentate, Sesostris Shrine – Lincoln

Daughters of the Nile

Deb Benitez..... Queen, Sat-ra Temple No. 59 – Omaha
 Wihlma Price Queen, Naamah Temple No. 108 – Hastings

National Sojourners, Inc.

Gerald D. Verbeek Regional Representative, Nebraska & Iowa
 Major Charles A. Folsom..... Past National President

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

George D. Seghers Executive Secretary/Treasurer

The Nebraska Masonic Home

Mary Stapp..... Executive Director
 James R. Erixon President of the Board

The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

Anita Crisp..... Executive Director

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Benjiman Harvey Executive Director

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA

M.: W.: Warren D. Lichty	1979
M.: W.: Charles W. Amidon	1986
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.: Don E. Rasmussen	1998
M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith	1999
M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000
M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen.....	2001
M.: W.: Michael E. Jones.....	2002
M.: W.: Kenneth D. Beebe.....	2003
M.: W.: Les Seiler	2004

V.: W.: James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



Grand Master Vrtiska welcomed everyone to this, the 149th Annual Communication.



Miss Courtney Fasnacht, Grand Worthy Advisor, was introduced by Grand Master Vrtiska, at which time Courtney brought greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

M.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska made reference to the requirements listed below for the Humanitarian Award and asked that the recipients 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.

Roger R. Wehrbein of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth and Marvin H. Kraus of Friend Lodge No. 73 in Friend were both introduced and remarked about being chosen as recipients of the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award.



Miss Hillary Melvin, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Kimberly Rieken, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, brought greetings from Job's Daughters International.

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 Ivan Vrtiska presented the award to members of Hastings Lodge No. 50 of Hastings.

Members of Hastings Lodge No. 50 came forward to accept the award.



Most Worshipful Vrtiska asked Tyler McCabe, State Senior Councilor of Nebraska DeMolay to come to the podium and present their award and bring greetings.

DEMOLAY SPONSORING BODY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Tyler McCabe presented the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Tangier Shrine Center in Omaha.



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



At this time, Grand Master Ivan called upon Jan Thoman, Worthy Grand Matron, and Tregan Albers, Worthy Grand Patron, of the Order of Eastern Star to bring greetings.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

M.:W.: Grand Master Vrtiska 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 Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln. Members of Cotner Lodge No. 297 came forward to accept the award.

Grand Master Ivan also gave honorable mention for the Rock Maul Award to the following five lodges for their significant accomplishments in 2005: Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney, Lebanon Lodge No. 323 of Columbus, Western Star Lodge No. 2 of Nebraska City, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha, and Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege.



COMMISSION AND PRESENTATION OF THE HAROLD HULTMAN TRAVELING ROCK MAUL

The Traveling Rock Maul was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by the Family of Past Grand Master Harold Hultman, (Grand Master in 1975) in 2005. Most Worshipful Brother Hultman entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, on April 3, 2005. During M.:W.: Brother Harold's term as Grand Master, our beautiful country, The United States of America, celebrated its Bicentennial (1776-1976). As recognition of that celebration and in honor of Grand Master Hultman, the late W.:B.: Herman O. Hansen, Deputy Grand Custodian, gold plated the head of a rock maul, engraved the handle with Masonic Working tools, and crafted a perfectly balanced wood carrying case. This work of fine craftsmanship was then presented to M.:W.: Harold. In honor of this recognition, this Rock Maul is commissioned as the Harold Hultman Traveling Rock Maul, this 3rd day of February, 2006.

Symbolic of the operative craft working as Masons in the quarries and in the construction of Ancient Monumental Edifices, it is only fitting that this Rock Maul work in our Lodges to encourage visitations and fellowship among our speculative craft.

This Maul will depart Annual Communication each year with the Lodge that is the winner of the Rock Maul Award. It will be the responsibility of at least four brothers, of which two must be officers, of that Lodge to visit another Lodge within 30 days and to carry and deposit the Maul at the visited Lodge. That Lodge will then hold the same obligation of visiting and depositing the Maul in another Lodge within 30 days.

COMMISSION AND PRESENTATION OF THE JAMES L. "SONNY" EATMON TRAVELING GAVEL

The Traveling Gavel was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge by the Family of Past Grand Master James L. "Sonny" Eatmon, (GM 1992) in 2005. Most Worshipful Brother Eatmon entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens on August 28, 1999. Worshipful Brother John Ferguson handcrafted this beautiful wood gavel and case in honor of his father-in-law. In honor of this recognition, this gavel or wood maul is commissioned as the James L. "Sonny" Eatmon Traveling Gavel, this 3rd day of February, 2006.

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

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



Grand Master Vrtiska asked John Maxell, Grand Tyler, and Kent Broyhill, Grand Orator, co-Chairmen of the CHild Identification (CHIP) Program Committee to come forward to present the CHIP Awards.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Beginning in 2006, two CHild Identification Program (CHIP) Awards will be given each year to recognize outstanding contributions, monetary or otherwise, or promotions of CHIP or events. One will be awarded to a member of the Masonic Family, and the second will go to an individual, company or charitable group that have met the following guidelines. The following guidelines will be used when reviewing and selecting applicants for the awards.

- 1) No active member of the CHIP Committee will be eligible or nominated for a CHIP Award.
- 2) The award will be based on merit toward improving CHIP events or contributions, monetary or otherwise, to improve the CHild Identification Program (CHIP).
- 3) Nominations should be submitted to the Nebraska Grand Lodge Office postmarked no later than November 30 of each calendar year.
- 4) The awards will be divided into two categories - Masonic and non-Masonic.
- 5) The Grand Lodge Awards Committee will review and select one application in each category. The winning applications will be selected by majority vote.

- 6) A written nomination may come from any current Freemason or any member of the Masonic Family.
- 7) There is no limit on the number of applications that may be received in a calendar year.
- 8) Applications will not be carried over from year to year. Applications can be re-submitted after the Annual Communication each year.
- 9) Recipients of a CHIP award may not be re-nominated in the following calendar year.

Mike Webb of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney, winner of the CHIP award for Masons, and Cindy Thelander of Hastings, winner of the CHIP award for non-Masons, were asked to come forward to receive their awards. Mike made a few remarks about receiving the award, and Eduardo Casas, Master of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings, accepted the award on behalf of Cindy.



R.: W.: Scott Krieger asked Grand Master Vrtiska to step up to the podium to receive a plaque from the Masonic Service Association in appreciation of all that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska did for MSA in 2005.



M.: W.: Ivan Vrtiska requested that Ben Harvey of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Dwight Smith, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, come forward to receive checks, each in the amount of \$4558.56, from the proceeds of the Fourth Annual Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournaments held in 2005 in Scottsbluff/Gering and Fremont.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At this time, the Grand Master requested that Steve Barchus, as chairman of the Membership Committee, come forward to present the traveling trophies. The two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive growth – counting new members, reinstatements, suspensions and deaths. Each lodge received a traveling trophy that they can display in their lodge for one year before it is presented at the next annual communication. The winner in the large lodge division was Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln. The winner in the small lodge division was Long Pine Lodge No. 136 in Long Pine.



Grand Master Vrtiska recognized all Nebraska lodges with positive membership numbers for the previous year. He asked representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive their certificate of recognition.

Listed in order of percentage increase from highest to lowest:

Long Pine Lodge No. 136
Liberty Lodge No. 300
Springfield Lodge No. 112
Hebron Lodge No. 43
Papillion Lodge No. 39
Bennett Lodge No. 94

George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
Barneston Lodge No. 165
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57
George Washington Lodge No. 250
Miloma Lodge No. 328
Culbertson Lodge No. 174

Newman Grove Lodge No. 305
Parian Lodge No. 207
Wallace Lodge No. 279
Hiram Lodge No. 52
North Bend Lodge No. 119
Osceola Lodge No. 65
Hickman Lodge No. 256
Cotner Lodge No. 297
Shiloh Lodge No. 327

Franklin Lodge No. 264
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205
Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285
Bellevue Lodge No. 325
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Waterloo Lodge No. 102
Mitchell Lodge No. 263
Mizpah Lodge No. 302



Grand Master Ivan asked Jack Jones, Imperial Recorder for Shrine of North America to come forward to bring greetings.



Most Worshipful Vrtiska asked George Seghers, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, to bring greetings from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

NECROLOGY

James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain

As we gather for this annual communication to reflect on the past and plan for the future, we are reminded of those brethren that have laid down their working tools this past year and have been rewarded with eternal life. We are thankful for the time we had and the opportunity to travel on the level of time with our departed brethren. We are encouraged to continue with our labors so we too may receive the everlasting refreshment in the Paradise of God.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the time we had to work and travel with our departed brethren. We ask for your guidance that we may have spiritual growth as we travel the rest of the days of our lives on this earth. Help us to regulate our lives so we may have tolerance and understanding for each other. Bless the families of these departed brethren and give them strength during their time of mourning. May their labors encourage each of us to continue their work and their memory be eternal.

Amen

Brethren, let us observe and reflect on these 425 brothers whose weary feet reached the end of their toilsome journey and now sitteth with the Judge Supreme in that place where peace and love does prevail. As we reflect back on their labors, we too may utter those words "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Lapaseotes, 285
Grand Chaplain

Jim then presented a PowerPoint presentation listing the names and lodge of all Brethren who departed in 2005 to the lodge made not with hands eternal in the Heavens.

GRAND ORATION

Kent B. Broyhill, Grand Orator

Grand Master Vrtiska, First Lady Karen, Visiting Dignitaries, fellow Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Brethren:

It would be futile for me to stand here and make proud our hearts by recounting to you the history of Masonry.

It is pointless to tell those of us gathered here of the glories Masonry has won...and the victories it has achieved. Many of you were part of that history and I can only presume that you will go forth and continue to promote all those wonderful Masonic principles and ideals.

But what is the value of a principle, of an ideal? Have you ever attempted to estimate its worth? Have you ever tried to measure its value in dollars and cents?

You learned early on that you did not join this great fraternity for pecuniary benefit. Yet, the best men in all professions are found within our walls. Masonry is represented in all of the graduations of society, the bench, the clergy, the executive, the soldier, the mechanic, the tradesman; we all wear the emblem and have handled the time-honored tools of moral architecture.

The literature buffs among you might recall the many adventures of a Spanish peasant who wished to live like a knight. He set out to gain fame by performing many heroic deeds. This knight and his squire, Sancho, attacked windmills he perceived as giants and sheep he mistook for armies. You may recall this person more vividly, if I refer to him as Don Quixote, the Man of La Mancha, and his scrawny horse, Rocinante.

Until the 1800's, Don Quixote was thought to be a humorous story of a madman's adventures. It then became a model for a new type of fiction...a fiction with heroes...heroes that do not conform to their times...much like many of you seated here today - those unsung heroes do deeds for the good of the order, not for personal gain or recognition. Silent everyday heroes simply lend a helping hand just to make life better. Not unlike many of the heroes of this great Masonic fraternity.

One thing is for certain however, like Masonry, the ideals, the passions and the dreams of Don Quixote still persist. They live in all of us gathered here today...each with his own interpretation of that famous Cervantes novel.

Some of my favorite musical lyrics are found in the song *The Impossible Dream* from *The Man of La Mancha*. The first verse goes like this.

It is the mission of each true knight...
His duty... nay, his privilege!
To dream the impossible dream,
To fight the unbeatable foe,
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go;
To right the unrightable wrong.
To love, pure and chaste, from afar,

To try, when your arms are too weary,
To reach the unreachable star!

Ladies and gentlemen, those words have totally different meanings, connotations and significance to every person in this room, but most people will agree that those lyrics do demonstrate commitment to a dream...to an ideal.

Today permits us yet another opportunity to rededicate our mission, our duty, our task...perhaps not just to our fraternity, but to ourselves as well. We gather for this annual communication to recognize our past, discuss our present, aim for the future and to map the road that lies ahead.

I would like to take a moment to draw a small analogy here. The likelihood exists that all of us arrived at this annual communication via an automobile. I ask you this simple question. Which window is the largest window in most cars? In most cases it's the front windshield. There is also a big rear window. That represents our history. We generally reference that through the assistance of a rear view mirror...but compare the size of the two. The front windshield is huge compared to the rear view mirror.

The reasons and the analogy are simple. We need to look ahead, not behind. At times, too many of us get encapsulated in the past and how things used to be. By doing this we waste precious, personal, resources and risk misplacing the opportunities that lie ahead.

The front windshield should be our focal point. The rear window exists, but that's our history, we can't change that. We can periodically monitor it through the rear view mirror, but the real focus should lie ahead of us.

I'm sure many of you are familiar with, or have perhaps even witnessed the old Past Master's sign. You know, the one where you extend your index finger, then curl the remaining three and press your thumb to the curled middle finger. Then extend your arm straight out and start shaking your finger while saying those magic words, "We didn't do it that way when I was Master."

The focus there is in the past...in the rear view mirror.

We must look ahead and embrace those opportunities to serve our God, our country, our families and our youth. We must once again respond to the numerous and substantial opportunities to become relevant in our communities. We need to participate not only in the CHIP events, the scholarship programs, band camps, and fellowship nights, but also in the Masonic Youth programs, the Scottish Rite and York Rite and Shrine activities.

Please think about this for a moment. When you consider the programs and philanthropies of the various Masonic bodies...ladies and gentlemen, Masonry addresses some very vital organs of the human anatomy. The York Rite takes charge of the eyes, ears and heart. The Scottish Rite has speech clinics and pediatric hospitals, the Shrine has the orthopedic and burn facilities. The common link is that we are all Masons and that develops the mind.

Folks, this is exactly the type of work that makes us extremely viable today, yet we insist on keeping it a secret. What a shame! Gentlemen, we have an opportunity before us to

transform the future - it's here, it's now! We have all the precious resources within us and at our disposal to do so.

Our hospitals, clinics and CHIP events have been grand slam home runs. To confirm this, just ask a hospital patient, or a participant in a CHIP event. You will come away with nothing less than a superb feeling for having been a part of it all. Every one of us in this room is better off today for having displayed the courage and the generosity to assist our fellow man...yet, with just an ounce of effort we can do so much more.

Let's look at this another way. There's a big difference between interest and commitment. When you are merely interested in something, you do it only when it is convenient. But when you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results. That truth is known to be self-evident.

Please hear this...if you don't want to become more relevant, if you don't think we should provide reasons for young men to join our ranks, if you don't believe that this great fraternity has any value, then at least help the fraternity by not blocking the road for those of us that do.

I love the line Lee Iacocca used in an old Chrysler commercial that stated boldly, "Either lead, follow or get out of the way."

Let's stay focused on the front windshield, not the rear view mirror.

You will be voting on a couple issues at this communication that have the ability to greatly impact our future, the direction we pursue and the ideals we uphold. Masonry's future rests with no one but us. As we proceed with this 149th Annual Communication, I remind you to vote. Vote for the good of masonry...heart within and God overhead.

Thank you, and may God Bless.



Grand Master Ivan made some closing remarks, thanked everyone for coming and concluded the Public Opening, asking that the Brethren clear the room before the opening of a Lodge of Master Masons and the Formal Session.

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Most Worshipful Ivan A. Vrtiska
Grand Master

First Day – Opening Session
Friday, February 3, 2006

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Shiloh Lodge No. 327 with Masons present. M.:W.: Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska thanked the Brethren involved in the opening of that Lodge of Master Masons.

M.:W.: Grand Master Vrtiska asked that the Grand Lodge Officers take their stations, and requested that the Grand Secretary ascertain if there was a quorum present.

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 149th 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 Vrtiska appointed M.:W.: Brother Dwight Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 149th Annual Communication.

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins brought the report of the Committee on Business and Rules, and then moved for its adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Bruce A. Watkins, 300

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.: Ivan Vrtiska announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steve Green as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grand Master Vrtiska 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.



While awaiting the marking of the ballots for the election of officers, Grand Master Ivan asked M.:W.: Frederick Wisdom, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska to bring greetings.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott Howerter, Chairman

In the absence of Brother Scott Howerter, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Committee Member Brother David G. Krogh presented the report.

The appropriations committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for the year 2006 and found it to be in order for submission to Grand Lodge in proper form.



The tellers then collected all ballots. M.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska declared the ballot for the election of officers closed.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

This program recognizes the top 25 petition signers in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. This year there were 14 members who qualified. M.:W.: Grand Master Vrtiska 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 - Rick Wiese, III, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 9 - Dennis Shannon, Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha
- 9 - Paul Bohannon, Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
- 9 - Denny Osmera, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 9 - Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte
- 8 - Byron O'Dowd, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha

- 7 - Randy Heckert, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 7 - Roger Manley, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
- 6 - Greg Hadcock, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 5 - Gary Jorgens, Jr., Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 4 - Steve Wagner, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 3 - Frank Erickson, Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege

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 was awarded to Brother Bruce Watkins of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln. In addition to the pin and plaque, Brother Watkins also received a pocket badge, and his picture and name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the Grand Lodge Office.

GRAND MASTER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This year, Grand Master Vrtiska asked each Lodge to answer and return a questionnaire to determine which Lodges had the greatest accomplishments in meeting the goals set out by the Grand Master for 2005. Those goals included achievements relative to business operations, lodge activities, lodge functions, community relations, and membership.

Based on the responses received, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney was chosen to receive the award.

The following six lodges were also recognized as honorable mention for the Grand Master's Achievement Award, as their accomplishments were very significant as well:

- York Lodge No. 56 in York
- Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney
- Bennett Lodge No. 94 in Lincoln
- McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook
- George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha
- Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Dwight E. Smith, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation had its annual meeting Thursday, February 2, which was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and some interested Brethren. The financial report that we adopted by the fiscal year ending May 2005, which is the last year for which we filed a tax return showed total income of \$80,199.20, and expenses of \$48,669.00, for a net income for the year of \$31,530.20. Our balance sheet currently shows total assets, mostly consisting of our building in Lincoln where the Grand Lodge Office is housed, of \$467,563.00, with no liabilities, with an unrestricted fund balance of \$364,252.00.

We elected a new board of directors for the coming year, to which we added Worshipful Brother David Watts as a director, and also categorized M.:W.: Brother Kenneth G. Fleming, W.: Brother Michael G. Birstihl and M.:W.: Brother John M. McHenry as Emeritus members of the board of directors.

I'm always available for questions or suggestions about the Foundation. There will be a short presentation this afternoon. This is your Masonic Foundation. Its sole purpose is to assist the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge.

The Foundation's Board of Directors re-elected the following Foundation Officers for the year 2006.

President	M.: W.: Dwight E. Smith
Vice President	R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn
Secretary/Treasurer	M.: W.: Philip A. Lorenzen

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight E. Smith, President

Most Worshipful Vrtiska indicated that several lodges were invited to a meeting the previous evening with the Charters and Dispensation Committee who offered assistance to those lodges that have not attended Annual Communication in two or more years. He extended an additional invitation for members of those lodges to meet with the Committee after lunch at 2:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Byron Hust, Chairman

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairperson of the Masonic youth committee, to have had the opportunity to work with such a fine group of people, and to accomplish the tasks that were laid before us. There were four very deserving young people who were awarded the scholarships for outstanding youth achievements this year. The Job's Daughters scholarship was presented to Miss Ashley Andrews, the Rainbow scholarship was presented to Miss Diane Broyhill. Miss Lysandra Penney received the Grand Master's scholarship, and Mr. Marty VanWesten received the DeMolay scholarship.

This year a special challenge was to offer to the youth an opportunity to attend the second triennial Youth Leadership Conference. The Conference was offered to all youth who were in the age guidelines of our youth organizations, not only from Nebraska, but also the surrounding states for their Masonic youth and sponsors. I am happy to report that a fine group from the State of Colorado attended, and were very impressed with what they saw.

The success and planning of the Youth Conference was the product of many wonderful people. I would like to thank all members of the Youth Committee for all of their hard work and service this year. The Committee also owes a great debt of gratitude to all those who served on the Conference planning committee; had it not been for the work of all who had a part in this project, we would not have enjoyed the success that we did. Thank you to all who gave of their talents in organizing the Conference!

Respectfully submitted,
Byron Hust, 198, Chairman
James A. Carlton, 325
Corban R. Heinis, 32
Jeffrey T. Reed, 5 & 83
Gene F. Wehrbein, 6

W.:B.: Byron Hust moved for the adoption of the report of the Youth Committee as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

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.: Dean F. Skokan
- Grand Senior WardenR.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn
- Grand Junior Warden.....R.: W.: Russell G. Reno
- Grand Secretary R.: W.: Bruce A. Watkins

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



Deputy Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr. introduced and recognized the 2006-2007 Grand Lodge Officers, also announcing that the installation of the aforementioned officers will take place Saturday, February 11, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hastings Masonic Center. There will be a Wine Tasting and Valentine’s Party hosted by Tehama Shrine following, for which reservations are required.

R.: W.: Scott Krieger announced that the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska, February 1, 2 and 3, 2007.



With the absence of Grand Senior Warden Dean Skokan, Deputy Grand Master Krieger announced that the 151st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will take place at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2008.



Grand Junior Warden Reg Kuhn moved for approval to hold the 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 5, 6 and 7, 2009. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Ritual work maintains high quality within the jurisdiction of Nebraska, with lodges working industriously on both floor work and ritual presentation. The support and encouragement of Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska and each of the Grand Lodge Officers is appreciated. Worshipful Brother Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian, continues to take a good hands-on approach to provide incentive and encouragement to

each subordinate lodge and its officers. Each of the Deputy Custodians took up Jerry's example in providing leadership in setting a high standard for proficiency in Nebraska. As the Nebraska Grand Lodge finds ongoing success in both one day conferrals and in one-on-one in the lodge degree work, the Committee appreciates the efforts of the officers and members of subordinate lodges willing to take the time to learn the ritual, including lectures and to deliver them with feeling and understanding, enabling the new candidate to better appreciate the beauty and profound content of the Masonic degrees.

The Committee still emphasizes and encourages individuals to invest the time to learn and to deliver a lecture well. Everyone who engages in the ritual clearly understands the self-satisfaction of his achievement and the joy of sharing the ritual with the new member. Many Masons are much closer to proficiency than they realize—while it takes courage to perform, the feeling of accomplishment is rewarding—so take the time to learn and to grow.

Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work attended and participated in the annual Deputy Custodians' School in Grand Island in September. The efforts of the Deputy Custodians and their apprentices are pleasing. Committee members also attended and participated in the Grand Custodian's schools of instruction held throughout the State. The schools of instruction are a great fellowship opportunity as well as a learning opportunity. Masters are encouraged to find ways to increase attendance—it is good to have several members of each lodge in attendance.

Several One-Day Classes were held for degree conferral for multiple candidates in 2005. Those classes and the resultant new Masons were as follows:

<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Host Lodge</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u># Courtesy</u>
Jan 29	Bee Hive 184	Omaha	8	8
Apr 16	Omaha 288	Omaha	21	21
May 7	Liberty 300	Lincoln	20	8
July 16	Springfield 112	Bellevue	40	33
Oct 15	Shiloh 327	Omaha	21	21
Oct 22	Hastings 50	Hastings	5	5
Nov 5	Liberty 300	Lincoln	12	8
Total			127	104

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

The Committee has completed updating the Proficiency Manuals for each of the degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The Committee also reviewed the

cipher prior to its next printing. Approval of this report ratifies and approves the updated versions of the proficiency manuals and the cipher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327 & 1, Chairman
Steven A. Green, 54
Roger L. Shillington, 180

M.:W.:B.: Phil Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work. 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 4 at 8:30 a.m.

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Second Session
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The R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master called the 149th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2006.

V. : W. : Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes invoked the blessing of Deity.

Deputy Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr. asked the Brethren to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



M. : W. : Ivan thanked everyone for attending the Grand Master's Banquet. He reported that there were still some people who needed to pay for the items they won at the silent auction and requested that they do so before they leave.

Due to time constraints the preceding day, the Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentices were not recognized. Most Worshipful Vrtiska asked that all Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentices gather at the back of the room in preparation for introductions.

FINAL REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Scott J. Howerter, Chairman

In the absence of Scott Howerter, David G. Krogh, gave the report.

The Appropriations Committee met at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 5, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. Committee members present were Scott Howerter, Tom Brazer, Jack Frahm, and David Krogh. Also attending were Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Master, Scott J. Krieger, Deputy Grand Master, Dean Skokan, Grand Senior Warden, Reg Kuhn, Grand Junior Warden, Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary, and Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge Office Manager.

The committee approved the following proposed budget for 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott J. Howerter, 256, Chairman
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11 & 1
 David A. Emry, 11
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 David G. Krogh, 5

Lodge Income	
4010.00 Fees	\$1,500.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$7,555.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$30,520.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$7,535.00
4140.000 Dues-Education Publication - NE Mason	\$7,445.00
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$223,350.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - Perp	\$500.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$4,000.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$3,000.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$15,400.00
4600.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$301,705.00
Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$12,000.00
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$56,250.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$5,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$6,750.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$7,150.00
4625.40 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$206.25
4625.50 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$900.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,100.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,500.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$2,400.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$750.00

4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$180.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$750.00
4900.000 Wardens and Deacons School	\$500.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	96936.25
Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$7,500.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$17,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$416,141.25
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	1,000.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	4,725.00
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	700.00
5120.400 Proceedings	3,600.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	4,940.00
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	500.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	300.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	6,000.00
5171.400 Other Meals	50.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	17.50
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	2,046.00
5177.40 Secretaries Lunch	832.50
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	1,942.50
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	1,387.50
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	202.80
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	581.25
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	1,798.00
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	179.80
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	2,200.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	33,002.85
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Incidental Expense	2,500.00
5220.425 Meals	2,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	600.00
Subtotal-Installation	5,100.00
Travel & Related	
5200.350 Travel-Other Officers	750.00
5210.000 Auto Allowance	1,100.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	3,000.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	1,000.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	500.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	500.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	1,000.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	3,500.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	150.00

5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	300.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	325.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master	1,000.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master	1,000.00
5230.200 Motels-Grand Secretary	300.00
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian	300.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers	2,500.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	100.00
5240.500 Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries	7,500.00
5240.55 Midwest Conference	2,700.00
5240.60 Rocky Mountain Conference	250.00
5240.65 Masonic Renewal Conference	500.00
5640.70 Shrine Membership Seminar	1,000.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	1,100.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	500.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	750.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	750.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	2,000.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	800.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	2,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	37,175.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-Gr Custodian	6,000.00
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	88,235.40
6563.000 Salary-Temp Staff	500.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	1,700.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	3,000.00
6562.10 FICA-Employer Share	7,209.01
6562.20 Unemploy Tax-Fed	225.00
6562.30 Unemploy Tax-State	15.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	3,300.00
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	100.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	110,284.41
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage	300.00
5400.100 Office Rent	20,400.00
5410.000 Utilities	4,500.00
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	7,000.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	6,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	1,750.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	1,500.00
5435.000 Postage	8,500.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	100.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	4,000.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	200.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	3,750.00

5450.000 Office Maintenance	300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	3,000.00
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	34,200.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	250.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	3,500.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	5,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	2,000.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	500.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	1,750.00
5515.000 Lodge Officers Directory Printing	1,800.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	2,500.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	123,780.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	550.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	24,500.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	3,100.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	3,600.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	16,000.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	3,000.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	2,000.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	52,750.00
Committees	
5650.450 Masonic Education – Other Administrative	\$500.00
5240.450 Masonic Education – Conv & Conf	\$750.00
5220.525 Committee On Work	\$50.00
5835.550 Relief Committee	\$500.00
5200.600 Trial Commissions	\$1000.00
5220.650 Grand Lodge Office Committee	\$50.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$750.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp	\$1000.00
5650.725 Band Clinic	61,250.00
5650.750 Youth Committee – Other Administrative	\$100.00
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.800 Membership committee	\$500.00
5520.800 Membership Committee Awards	\$100.00
5520.900 Awards Committee	\$800.00
5210.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	\$300.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Expense	\$200.00
5800.00 Wardens and Deacons School	\$500.00
5650.98 Internet and Computer Committee	2,500.00
CHild Identification Program Committee	1,000.00
5650.94 Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$85,850.00
Contributions	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	7,555.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	30,520.00

5706.000 Geo Washington Member Dues	7,535.00
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 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	200.00
Subtotal-Contributions	54,710.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$502,652.26
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$81,511
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB – Omaha (5.6171% of 1,540,141.55 – balance on 1/1/06)	\$81,511
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$81,511
ADJ. BALANCE PLUS INVESTMENT INCOME	\$0

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



Grand Master Ivan asked M.: W.: Charles Brinkerhoff, Grand Master of Iowa to come forward and bring greetings from his jurisdiction.

PRESENTATION OF NEBRASKA DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

W.: Gerald D. Verbeek, Grand Custodian presented the Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentices in attendance in order of the Deputy Grand Custodians' dates of appointment:

- Arthur S. Dye..... District No. 18
- Bruce A. Baker, Apprentice..... District No. 18
- Leslie A. Evert..... District No. 29
- Harold W. Noble..... District No. 35
- M.: W.: Jerry Rittenburg..... Grand Custodian Emeritus
- Lloyd F. Vrtiska..... District No. 7
- Homer Fishwood, Apprentice..... District No. 7
- Steven A. Green..... District No. 10
- Ronald D. Grass..... District No. 5
- Delmar A. Jones..... District No. 24
- Halsey D. Phillips..... District No. 3
- Richard H. Cooper..... District No. 30
- Roger A. Deininger..... District No. 17
- Bruce A. Watkins..... District No. 36
- Carl C. Plants..... District No. 19

Ashley H. Story	District No. 13
James R. Taylor	District No. 15
Dean Papenhagen.....	District No. 38
R. William Lichtenburger.....	District No. 27
Kevin R. Lindly, Apprentice	District No. 27
Frank Veverka	District No. 34
Glenn R. Mulholland	District No. 33
David A. Kipp, Apprentice.....	District No. 2
Donald E. Loos, Apprentice	District No. 28
Alvin O. Benemerito, Apprentice.....	District No. 26

Harold A. Noble was awarded the status of Emeritus by W.: Jerry Verbeek and M.: W.: Jerry Rittenburg, Grand Custodian Emeritus. Harold was appointed as a Deputy Grand Custodian in 1987 by Jerry Rittenburg. W.: Brother Lloyd Vrtiska received his certificate for twenty-five years of certification.

After introductions, Grand Custodian Verbeek presented Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect with 2006 certification card no. 1 and a twenty-year certificate of merit for ritual proficiency.



Grand Master Vrtiska reappointed the Deputy Grand Custodians, under the leadership of Steven A. Green, as tellers for the morning’s proceedings.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 149th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 14 Past Grand Masters, 23 Deputy Grand Custodians and 65 non-delegate Masons.

At the time of this report there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered. There are 71 Worshipful Masters in person and 21 by proxy. There are 42 Senior Wardens in person and 35 by proxy. There are 37 Junior Wardens in person and 30 by proxy and there are 73 Secretaries in person and 28 by proxy.

Before announcing the lodges that are not registered, I wish to thank and recognize all that are present. We have 356 total possible votes with officers and proxies. Thank you for your efforts to be present and be a part of this Grand Lodge Communication.

At this time there are no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 21, 43, 52, 57, 68, 103, 104, 110, 111, 164, 165, 173, 174, 177, 192, 194, 201, 207, 218, 220, 221, 234, 236, 239, 241, 248, 256, 285, 294, and 311. There have been no

Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from Lodges: 68, 201, 218, 234, 236, 241, 248, and 311. And, for three years from 68, 201, 218, 234, 236, and 241.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming.

We are pleased to have in attendance the following Masonic related organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite of Nebraska and Iowa, Scottish Rite of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa, Tehama, Sesostriis and Tangier Shrine Temples, The Imperial Shrine of North America, Daughters of the Nile, National Sojourners, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: there were 293 present at the Grand Master's Banquet on Thursday evening. There were 539 at the Public Opening on Friday morning, and 378 at the Membership Banquet Friday Night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for Most Worshipful Ivan Vrtiska. I want to personally thank the other Brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the registration table to help make this a smooth and enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are Frank Dougherty, William Hurst, Philip Edwards, W. Scott Dodge and Roger Manley.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle, Carol, and Jean at the Grand Lodge office who work so hard to make this Grand Lodge Session run smoothly.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar A. Jones, 46 & 65, Chairman
W. Scott Dodge, 297
Michael L. Small, 50
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Phillip O. Edwards, 326
William G. Hurst, 54
Roger W. Manley, 290

W.:B.: Delmar Jones moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



Grand Master Vrtiska asked M.: W.: Robert G. Helmick, Past Grand Master of Michigan, to bring greetings from Michigan.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.: W.: Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska spoke briefly about the past year, the goals set for 2005 and the accomplishments achieved, as well as touched on a few points from the printed Address.

Welcome all to the 149th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. In compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Nebraska, and with great pride, pleasure, and humility, I present this written address for the 149th Annual Communication. Legislative proposals I have tendered as Grand Master, consisting of Recommendations, were forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee and Subordinate Lodges not less than 45 days prior to the 149th 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 2005.

This address and subsequent supplement presents to you for review a summary of the official acts of the 139th Grand Master during the preceding Masonic year.

To the out-of-state visiting Brethren and appendant Masonic Bodies and organizations, I hope you find the business session to be useful and informative and that you also have a great time fraternally. To our out-of-state representatives, we offer our sincere wishes for a pleasant visit and we hope you gain as much as we have from our visits to your jurisdictions.

To the Nebraska Masons, I welcome you to the 149th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This is your session. The Grand Lodge Officers have had the pleasure and honor of representing you throughout the year. The delegates to the Grand Lodge have a solemn duty to represent the Brethren of your lodge to the best of your ability and to communicate the workings of the Grand Lodge back to your Lodge members. The activities of this session are meant to provide useful information for the enhancement of Masonry and our Masonic Family, and to demonstrate that good social interaction and fun can and should be part of our Masonic life and experiences. I sincerely hope that you return to your Lodges with a renewed enthusiasm of knowledge and fellowship that will prove to be contagious through out your Masonic Family in your local community.

I greatly appreciate your attendance and participation in the Annual Communication. It is through your dedication and commitment that Masonry continues to develop and be the best Fraternal Organization in the World. I recently read an article that referenced a brother's memorial service and all that this brother had done for others. The conclusion was: "Freemasonry...It's about People."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First to the nearly 15,000 Nebraska Masons that comprise the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Thank You for the trust and confidence you extended me by granting me the honor and opportunity to serve as your Grand Master. You are the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Officers of the Grand Lodge are your representatives and leaders for a short time. We

must remember that we meet upon the level and soon return among the ranks of our brothers.

Implementation of the duties and responsibilities of a Grand Lodge Officer and Grand Master is one that can not be accomplished by an individual and requires the support and dedication of others to assist, plus a major commitment and dedication to the Fraternity. It is through the dedication and support of many that one may near achievement of this commitment. There are many to acknowledge for their support and assistance, who have helped me this year. I will call your attention to only a few.

Michelle Fulmer - Grand Lodge Office Manager, Carol Schroeder - Administrative Secretary, and Jean Holt - Office Assistant, we are very fortunate to have a dedicated staff of these three ladies. They are always ready to do whatever is necessary for the good of our Fraternity. They each contribute in their very special ways and with their time and talents. I wish to give special attention to Michelle, who, in addition to her regular duties and responsibilities, contributes immensely to the development and implementation of CHIP, plus acting as our CHIP Coordinator, assuring that the events are properly scheduled and that all the equipment and materials are in proper order for each CHIP Event.

To the Past Grand Masters who have established a high level of leadership, Thank You. M.:W.: Charles W. Amidon has been a mentor of many years, inspiring and challenging my commitment to Masonry. I was first appointed as Grand Chaplin by M.:W.: James F. Brown, as Grand Junior Deacon by M.:W.: Philip A. Lorenzen and as Grand Senior Deacon by M.:W.: Michael E. Jones, elected as Grand Junior Warden to serve with M.:W.: Kenneth D. Beebe. I had the pleasure of following W.:B.: Michael G. Birnstihl, however I regret that due to a serious medical encounter, Mike had to resign. With the consent and election of the Brethren, I passed to Deputy Grand Master, serving under the leadership of M.:W.: Les Seiler. These Brothers have provided great examples, advice and support. Thank You.

The Jurisprudence Committee continued to be most helpful again this year. I counseled and sought advice on numerous occasions with Chairman M.:W.: John M. McHenry, and always received timely and thoughtful assistance.

The Grand Lodge Officers operate under a directive style of leadership; as such the programs implemented are that of the Nebraska Masons and that of the Grand Lodge Officers and not an individual. This process assures credibility and continuance of the programs. Thank you to the Grand Lodge Officers for your support, commitment and dedication to the Fraternity. The leadership of Grand Lodge includes all the committees, Deputy Custodians, and suggestions of the Nebraska Masons. Thank you for all your work.

To my Masonic Family: Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Aksarben Chapter No. 277 OES, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1 and Bethel No. 69, Imperial Chapter Order of DeMolay, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite and Tangier Shrine. Your lessons, council, advice, support and encouragement over the years is greatly appreciated and valued. I must say that the rewards I've received from my involvement with the youth have been most inspiring. It is fantastic to now see many of these youth as our adult leadership.

To my Family, Karen, Heidi and Shawn Ketchmark, Holli and Greg Imig and to four very special young people our four grandchildren, Rachel and Justin Ketchmark and Andrew and Wesley Imig. I cannot fully express in words what your love and support means to me. Thank you for your patience as I've been absent from many activities and was preoccupied with thoughts other than family when I was with you. Thanks to Heidi and Holli for getting me involved with Job's Daughters and DeMolay. While you were teenagers, it seemed as though you were teenagers we always had a house full of Masonic Youth. A special thank you to Karen for your love, traveling with me representing the Masonic Family to the brothers and ladies, and for the advice and assistance you shared with me. On behalf of Karen and myself, we thank our Masonic Family for all the support you have shared with us for the last thirty plus years. Thank You.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

These awards are established in order to properly recognize achievement, effort and contributions by individuals to the good of Masonry and the local Community. The following persons were nominated by their lodge to receive this award, and said award was presented to the following:

Masonic:

Byron L. Hust	Purity Lodge No. 198	February 15, 2005
Ronald Stites	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	April 19, 2005
Marvin R. Talbot	Custer Lodge No. 148	April 27, 2005
Lawrence J. Zwart	Covert Lodge No. 11	April 27, 2005
Michael D. Lagueux	Lancaster Lodge No. 54	May 27, 2005

Non-Masonic:

LeRoy D. Miller	Custer Lodge No. 148	April 27, 2005
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CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

CHIP was introduced to Nebraska by many different sources. However, the single most important source that convinced the Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers to commit to the program and introduce it to Nebraska Masonry was at the 2004 Conference of Grand Masters of North America when the Grand Masters' voted to make it a Masonic Program of North America. It was this presentation, combined with further investigation into the program, that M.:W.: Les Seiler permitted the organization and implementation of Nebraska Freemasons CHIP (CHild Identification Program). In 2004, four pilot/test events were held, with the program to be fully implemented in 2005. You have a very dedicated CHIP Committee (John T. Maxell, Kent B. Broyhill, Jerry Bishop, Richard L. Corwine, E. Newton Kelly, Maynard Tatelman, and Michelle Fulmer-CHIP Coordinator) that meets monthly to plan, schedule and organize the events, plus keep track of the equipment and supplies. These brothers, and, in many cases, their wives have attended and participated in most all events. The Committee is assisted by several brothers who are committee ad-hoc members or Regional Directors (Byron L. Hust, Kyle J. Peterson, Robert E. Wilbur, Edsel Grove and Ted Thelander). These brothers have been very instrumental in the success of the Events. We are thankful for the support, assistance and the roles played by the law enforcement professionals (The Nebraska Sheriffs Association and many local law enforcement departments) and the dental professionals

(Nebraska Dental Association, Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association [Roxanne Denny and Kristen Strasheim], and the Nebraska Dental Assistants' Association) in the implementation of this program and participation in the events.

I am very pleased with the number of Lodges that have participated in the program, planning and hosting of events, and are currently talking about hosting events. I'm also very pleased with the financial support of the communities, the volunteers from the communities and the leadership and volunteers from the Masonic Family. To work an event is a very rewarding and positive experience, to provide a community service, as well as a good social activity among the workers and CHIP participants.

To date we have held a total of 27 Events and have ID'd over 5500 youth. There are over 16 Events planned for 2006 and I know of several in the discussion stages. I am very proud of all of you, and pleased with your involvement in your Communities. I hear so many positive comments regarding the participation in the program. It is good for your Lodge, however, it is not the only rock in the pile. If you have held one event, start planning your next event.

I had the pleasure of presenting our Nebraska CHild Identification Program to the delegates at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and of South Dakota and at the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, and continue to serve on the National MasoniCHIP Committee.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from February 19, 2005 to February 22, 2005. Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Master; Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Deputy Grand Master; Dean F. Skokan, Grand Senior Warden; and Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary, represented the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Also in attendance was Past Grand Master Warren "Duke" Lichty, retiring president and board member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. As M.:W.: Les Seiler appropriately stated: "The purpose of this conference is to serve as a conduit of ideas, examine common problems, and to build communication with other Grand Jurisdictions."

In addition to informational presentations by various Jurisdictions regarding their programs, and solutions to many common areas of concern, we were pleased to hear messages from the Imperial Potentate III. Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. and III. Sir Ronald Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander, Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. These national leaders both expressed their commitment to and support of the "Concept of the Masonic Family." Common and pervading terms were "Shrine Masons" and "Scottish Rite Masons." We were also pleased to participate in a motivational seminar "Leading the Change Effort to be a High Performing Organization" by Larry Cole, Ph.D. R.:W.: Scott Krieger was appointed to the 2006 Conference Planning Committee.

In addition to the Conference, as a member of the National MasoniCHIP Committee, I participated in several committee meetings discussing CHIP and how it can continue with value to the communities and families, and how Masonry in North America can participate in this National effort.

CORNERSTONES

Cornerstone Ceremonies are a public ceremony under the purview of the local lodges. The promotion of the Cornerstone Ceremony is a responsibility of our Grand Marshal (E. David Watts). The effectiveness with which he discharges this responsibility is a direct function of how active local lodges are in working with their communities in promoting this ceremony. Each Cornerstone Ceremony originates with the local lodge and the encouragement and involvement of the Grand Marshal. This ceremony is performed for any public facility erected for educational purposes, religious purposes or for the administration for justice and free government.

We had the pleasure to perform twelve Cornerstone Ceremonies this year. The Grand Master was formally received and the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies welcomed by each host Lodge. We officially extend our appreciation and thanks to the Master, Officers and Brethren of each lodge for the courtesies extended to us and the work they did for arranging the ceremonies. Thanks also, to the neighboring lodges for attending and, perhaps most important, to the Ladies for the generous meals provided us. We also are pleased with the support of the Knights Templar and the Masonic Youth groups for their participation in many of the Ceremonies. Each event demonstrated true community spirit by the numbers that attended and serves as a fantastic way to gain relevance and presence in the Community.

I am pleased to report the following Cornerstone ceremonies:

Juniata – April 22 – Juniata Public School, Elementary School Addition

Host Lodge: Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317

Master: J. Phillip Odom and Robert L. Williams

This was held during school hours. You should have seen the attention paid by all the students. It was an event that will be among their memories - a truly special event for our youth and our future. Special thanks to Susie (an elementary educator at the school) and Bruce Baker for their assistance.

Scottsbluff – April 24 – YMCA Pavillion

Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265

Master: Leonard G. Tindell

This was another great event for our youth, with a great showing of support, as illustrated by the community's attendance. We also enjoyed a social dinner the evening before with several area members of the Masonic Family, under the direction of Jack and Karen Nichols.

Chadron – May 22 – Methodist Church Addition

Host Lodge: Samaritan Lodge No. 158

Master: Dale W. Anderson

We enjoyed the opportunity to attend the morning worship service, followed by lunch and the ceremony. I also had the pleasure of presenting an 80-year membership pin to Lawrence Mandelko, a member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 and a member of this Church. Several Brethren from South Dakota also attended, including Grand Master M.: W.: William "Bill" Coffield, whose mother had been a member of this Church. We also enjoyed a great social evening the night before with several members of the area Masonic Family.

North Platte – June 5 – Fred and Rachel Shrake Masonic Fellowship Hall Addition

Host Lodge: Platte Valley Lodge No. 32

Master: Roland S. Coker

This was for a Fellowship Hall Addition to the Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 Masonic Temple, for events of fellowship and friendship, plus good food and socializing. In addition to a well-attended Cornerstone Ceremony, we had the honor of presenting the Bronze Jordon Medal to Brother Jack C. Marlow on behalf of George Washington Lodge No. 250. The preceding evening we enjoyed a hamburger feed and fellowship with area Masonic Family members, hosted by North Platte Shrine Club.

Scottsbluff – June 19 – Social Security Administration Building

Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265

Master: Leonard G. Tindell

Enduring the June heat was a major component of this Cornerstone Ceremony. This was also a great event with relevance evident to several in the community. This is a building built by the construction company owned by Ill.: Sir. John D. VerMass. Thank you for the opportunity to place cornerstones in your buildings.

Fremont – August 14 – Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Education Center

Host Lodge: Fremont Lodge No. 15

Master: Derril G. Marshall

This was a very special opportunity as the Board of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children continues to look for methods to improve the care of special children needing our assistance. The Cornerstone Ceremony was held in conjunction with the Home's Annual 4-H Achievement Day. The date was further special for me as the Architect of the building. The Ceremony truly was consistent with the early principles of laying a cornerstone, in that at this time the building was nothing more than an excavated basement.

Seward – September 18 – Seward County Courthouse Rededication

Host Lodge: Oliver Lodge No. 38

Master: Matthew C. Stryson

A Cornerstone Ceremony with 100 years of tradition and memory in Seward County was the key to this Ceremony of Rededication for this historical building. The Ceremony was a part of the County Anniversary Celebration with nearly 1000 people in attendance. Community and county spirit was present, as shown by the attendance and the participation of all the Masonic Lodges in Seward County and many local and county officials.

Superior – October 30 – Victoria Legacy Good Samaritan Assisted Living Facility

Host Lodge: Superior Lodge No. 121

Master: Lloyd D. Swihart

This was a special Ceremony for a town with much spirit and support of the people who helped to build their community. Community spirit was again very prominent and the Lodge gained many words of appreciation.

Wood River – November 20 – Wood River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Fire Station
Host Lodge: Cement Lodge No. 211
Master: William C. Carson

Wood River is full of spirit and appreciation, as shown by the support given the Lodge by the attendance and support of the community. The Lodge invited everyone to a lunch at the Local Legion Hall prior to the Ceremony. Special recognition was given to the families of the volunteer firemen who lost their lives in fighting a home fire in February 2005.

Geneva – November 27 – Fillmore County Hospital Surgery/Delivery Unit Renovation/Addition
Host Lodge: Geneva Lodge No. 79
Master: Thomas J. Ortgies

Community spirit and relevance again prevailed with the attendance of the Masonic Family members and the local community. It was necessary to set additional chairs to accommodate all those in attendance. Although rainy and on the edge of a snowstorm, it was a great event. Geneva Lodge has supported many Cornerstone Ceremonies during the past years.

Minden – December 11 – USDA Service Center Building
Host Lodge: Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
Master: Robert A. Hansen

The support and invitation of Ill. Sir John D. VerMass permitted the public exposure of Masonry in a community that closed their own Masonic Lodge last year. The event was well attended, even in December. More members of the community are now aware of Masonry.

Lexington – December 16 – Lexington Public Library
Host Lodge: Thistle Lodge No. 61
Master: Dennis H. Biehl

This was an excellent opportunity to participate in a dedication hosted by the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Library Board in a major public celebration. What an opportunity for Thistle Lodge to gain relevance and presence in their community. The Library was filled with people, including Nebraska's Governor Dave Heineman and other state public officials. The Brethren of Thistle Lodge are enthused and filled with optimism gained by the public recognition of Thistle Lodge.

DANIEL CARTER BEARD SCOUTING AWARD

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is a national recognition approved by the Boy Scouts of America and promoted by the Grand Lodges of Masons in the United States (through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania). It may be presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions to youth through Scouting. Brother Daniel Carter Beard brought Scouting to the United States from England. This is the only non-Boy Scout Badge that can be worn on a Boy Scout Leader's Uniform. Many Masons are involved in the Scouting programs and have earned this selective award. I present the following recipient in 2005 and encourage more participation.

2005 Daniel Beard Scouting Awards

George B. Bolter, Jr.

Papillion Lodge No. 39

March 4, 2005

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS

It is through the never-ending commitment and energy of our Grand Custodian and the devotion of our 31 Deputy Grand Custodians that Nebraska Masonry enjoys our uniform and quality ritual work, of which we can all be so very proud. Our Deputy Custodians develop a strong bond and relationship, as they should, with the Lodges to which they are assigned. The resource of these brothers is invaluable. Please take time and the opportunity to thank the Deputies for all they do. It has been my distinct privilege to commission the following Brother as Deputy Grand Custodian:

Glenn R. MulhollandDistrict No. 33

Each September, our Grand Custodian Gerald Verbeek conducts a special School of Instruction for all Deputy Grand Custodians. It is the responsibility of all Deputy Grand Custodians to attend and participate in this daylong school. I've had the pleasure of attending this school the last two years, and a rewarding and informative day it was. In March, Schools of Instruction are also held in each degree for the general membership in the Omaha and Lincoln Metro Areas.

EIGHTH DEGREE

The Grand Lodge Officers continue to illustrate their commitment to our Masonic Family Unity by presenting the 8th Degree to the Scottish Rite. The Degree Team was under the direction of R.:W.: Dean F. Skokan. The Degree was presented at the One Day Statewide Reunion on March 19, hosted by the Hastings Valley, with Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale in attendance; and for the Omaha Valley Reunions, April 22 & November 22.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held February 21 during the Conference of Grand Masters in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. M.:W.: Warren "Duke" Lichty, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska, presided over the meeting. This completed his term as President and Board Member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. In recognition of his exemplary service and leadership, I had the pleasure of presenting a certificate representing a Memorial Tree in his honor, to be placed on the Memorial Grounds.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother Arthur Friesen, Sr., holder of our Gold Jordan Medal, was welcomed by the Grand Architect of the Universe, September 19, 2005. It was my unique privilege, with solemn thoughts, however also with honor, that I presented the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Lawrence Mandelko, an 80 year member and a member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136, October 29th. Brother Mandelko resides in Chadron. May 30th he celebrated the 102nd Anniversary of his birth.

GRAND LODGE

Grand Lodge is about you. The nearly 15,000 Masons of Nebraska are members of the Grand Lodge represented at the Annual Communication by the four delegates of each Lodge, the Past Grand Masters, and your current Grand Lodge Officers. The members of the Grand Lodge Committees, the Deputy Grand Custodians, and the Grand Lodge Officers create a core group of nearly 300 Masons involved in the leadership of listening to our members and of determining and implementing the path of Nebraska Masonry.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Members of your Grand Lodge Committees (2004 and 2005) met January 22, 2005, to transition between the years, to work for continuity, and to learn and establish goals for the coming year. The Committees met again on April 2, 2005 to solidify and implement their plans and goals. Thank you to the committee members for their dedication and commitment to Masonry. Many of the Committees had major achievements this year. Although we continue to enhance Masonry, much work and many opportunities remain to be achieved.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning February 4, 2005 to the beginning of the 149th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 2005

- 2-5 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Hastings
- 12 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Open Installation Dinner
- 13 Grand Lodge Officers Installation, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Omaha
- 14 Grand Master Visit, Aksarben Chapter No. 277, OES
- 16 CHIP Presentation, Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Omaha
- 18-23 Conference of Grand Masters, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 20 Conference with Ill. Ronald A. Seale, SGC, Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction
- 24 DeMolay Executive Officers National Conference, Omaha
- 25 Tangier Shrine Circus
- 26 Cornerstone, Mayetta, Kansas
- 26 Soup Supper, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 28 Past Master's Dinner, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth

MARCH 2005

- 2 Grand Master Visit, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 3 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Think Tank Meeting, Lincoln
- 5 Coffee on the Square, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
- 5 Masonic Family Unity Meeting, Lincoln Scottish Rite
- 7 CHIP Presentation, Tangier Shrine, Motor B Unit
- 8 Board Meeting, Omaha Home for Boys
- 9 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
- 9 GL School of Instruction EA, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
- 10 GL School of Instruction EA, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 11 Lunch, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 19, Omaha

- 12 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball
- 13 Tangier Shrine Potentate's Breakfast
- 13 Pancake Feed, Aksarben Chapter No. 277, OES, Omaha
- 15 GL School of Instruction FC, Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha
- 16 CHIP Presentation, St Luke's Methodist Church, Omaha
- 16 Master's Degree, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 17-19 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Kansas
- 19 Statewide Reunion Dinner and Program, 8th Degree Team, Hastings Valley
Scottish Rite, Attended by Ronald Seale, 33°, SGC, Southern Jurisdiction
- 20 Installation, Daughters of the Nile, Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Omaha
- 21 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 21 Renewal and Remembrance Ceremony, Omaha Scottish Rite
- 22 Grand Lodge Educational Symposium, Omaha
- 23 Friendship/Royalty Night, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 33
- 25 GL School of Instruction MM (1st section), Lancaster No. 54, Lincoln
- 26 Master's Ball, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 29 GL School of Instruction MM (2nd section), Omaha
- 30 CHIP Presentation to Liberty Elementary School, Omaha
- 30 Meeting with Elected Officers, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice
- 31 Grand Master Visit, 2nd Section Master's Degree in Full Costume, Geneva Lodge
No. 79, Geneva

APRIL 2005

- 2 Grand Lodge All Committees Meeting, Lincoln
- 3 Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting, Lincoln
- 4 Grand Master Visit and Final Meeting at 8223 N. 30th Street, Florence Lodge No.
281, Omaha
- 4 Masonic Air Show Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 4 Conference with M.: W.: Warren "Duke" Lichty, SGIG in Nebraska
- 5 Grand Master Visit, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln
- 6 Grand Master Visit, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
- 7 Grand Master Visit, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln
- 8 Lunch, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 19, Omaha
- 8 Grand York Rite Banquet, Columbus
- 9 Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast, Columbus
- 9 Annual Communication, Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Columbus
- 9 Job's Daughters Workshop Presentation, Camp Calvin Crest, Fremont
- 10 Installation, Daughters of the Nile, Lincoln
- 11 Grand Master Visit, Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk
- 12 Board Meeting, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 12 Board Meeting, Omaha Home for Boys
- 14 Dinner and Meeting, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 15 CHIP Presentation, Omaha World Herald
- 16 1st Section Master's Degree, One-Day Conferral, Omaha Lodge No. 288
- 17 Pancake Breakfast, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 18 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 19 Table Lodge, George W. Lininger No. 268, Omaha
- 19 RM Oyster Feed, Solomon Lodge No. 10, Ft. Calhoun
- 20 Masonic Family Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 21 Program at Hiram Club, Lincoln
- 21 Awards Dinner, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln

- 22 Cornerstone, Juniata Elementary School, hosted by Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317
- 22 8th Degree, Scottish Rite Reunion, Omaha
- 23 Social Gathering with Scottsbluff Area Masonic Family
- 24 Cornerstone, Scottsbluff YMCA
- 25 Grand Lodge Board of Trustees Meeting, Lincoln
- 26 Table Lodge, York Lodge No. 56, York
- 27 Past Masters, 50 & 60 Year Presentation Dinner, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha

MAY 2005

- 3 Honor Awards & Pin Presentation, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln
- 4 Regular Communication, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 6 Special Purpose Lodge Concept Meeting (Spanish), Omaha
- 7 Tangier Ceremonial, Omaha
- 7 Honors Dinner, Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water
- 9 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Think Tank Meeting, Lincoln
- 10 Grand Chapter OES Opening, Lincoln
- 11 Imperial Potentate at Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 12 Installation, Grand Chapter OES, Lincoln
- 13 Lunch, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 19, Omaha
- 16 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 16 Lodge of Perfection Meeting, Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha
- 17 Grand Master Visit, Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair
- 18 Steak Fry, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite
- 19 Burgers/Brats with Cairo Lodge No. 324 and Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River
- 20 Masonic Friendship Dinner, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 21 Area Social, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron
- 22 Cornerstone, Chadron Methodist Church Addition, Chadron
- 22 80-Year Certificate and Pin Presentation to Lawrence Mandelko, Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine
- 23 Aksarben Chapter No. 277, OES, Area Meeting, Omaha
- 25 Sojourners Chapter 19 Dinner and Awards Presentation, Omaha
- 27 Past Master's Memorial Service, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln

JUNE 2005

- 1 Grand Master's Visit, Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
- 2 Grand Master's Visit, Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco
- 3 Social Order of the Beauceant, Reception for Supreme Worthy President, Judy Limas, Omaha
- 4 Outdoor Lodge, 1st Section Master's Degree, Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings
- 4 Hamburger Feed with North Platte Area Masons
- 5 Cornerstone, Shrine Addition to Masonic Lodge, North Platte
- 7 Grand Master Visit, Dinner/Pins, Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace
- 8 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 8 Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 19 River Cruise, Omaha
- 9 Honors and Recognition Meeting, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica
- 10 Lunch, Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 19, Omaha
- 10 Shrine Soccer Classic Parent Banquet, Hastings
- 11 Grand Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Presented the Grand Cross of Color, Crete
- 12-14 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Appleton, WI
- 16-18 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Rapid City, SD

- 19 Cornerstone, Social Security Administration Building, Scottsbluff
- 20 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 20 Scottish Rite Meeting, Omaha
- 23-25 Grand Bethel Nebraska Job's Daughters, Kearney
- 25 Installation of Nebraska Job's Daughters, Grand Bethel and Grand Guardian Council Officers
- 25 50-Year Awards and Dinner, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 27 Master's Degree and Iowa Grand Lodge Officers Visit, Valley Lodge No. 232, Missouri Valley, IA
- 29 GL Youth Committee/MYLC Meeting, Lincoln

JULY 2005

- 1-8 Imperial Shrine Annual Session, Baltimore
- 9 Omaha Masters and Wardens Meeting, Omaha
- 10 Award Presentations, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville
- 11 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Think Tank Meeting, Lincoln
- 12 Board Meeting, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 12 Steak Fry, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- 13 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Fremont
- 15 Grand Lodge F & AM, Prince Hall, Omaha
- 15 Shrine Bowl Chicken Feed, Crete Lodge No. 37, Crete
- 16 Nebraska DeMolay Conclave, Fremont
- 16 1st Section Master's Degree, Omaha One-Day Conferral, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 17 Shrimp Feed, Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha
- 18 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 18 Omaha Home for Boys Golf Outing, Omaha
- 19 Shrine Hospital Visit with Shrine Bowl Players, Chicago
- 19-23 Masonic All-Star Band Camp, Lincoln
- 21 Honors Night, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite
- 22 Shrine Bowl Banquet, Lincoln
- 23 Shrine Bowl Game and Parade, Lincoln
- 26 80-Year Pin Presentation, PGM Judge Harry Spencer, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 27 Masonic Family Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 27 Meeting, Sojourners No. 19, Omaha
- 30 Omaha Home for Boys Planning, Omaha
- 30 CHIP Event, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln

AUGUST 2005

- 1 Grand Lodge of Iowa, Cornerstone USDA Service Center, Sidney, IA, (John VerMass Bldg)
- 2 CHIP Presentation to Business Breakfast Club of Omaha
- 4 Grand York Rite Office Meeting, Lincoln
- 4 Masonic Air Show Meeting, Lincoln
- 5 Friendship/Membership Dinner, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 6 Red Cross of Constantine, Plattsmouth
- 6 Five State OES Meeting, Dinner and Cruise, Omaha
- 9 Grand Master Visit, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 10 Grand Master Visit, Tekamah Lodge No. 31
- 10 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont

- 12 Lunch, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 19
- 13 CHIP Event, Hastings Masonic Center
- 14 4-H Achievement Day and Education Center Cornerstone, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 15 CHIP Committee Meeting
- 15 Scottish Rite Picnic, Cooper Farm, Omaha
- 16 MYLC Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 18 Shiloh Lodge No. 327 Family Picnic, Cooper Farm, Omaha
- 19-21 Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Coralville, IA
- 22 Grand Master Visit, Grand York Rite Offices, Plattsmouth
- 26-28 GLO's Retreat, Hastings
- 28 Steak Fry, Schuyler Shrine Club, Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler
- 31 Past Master's Dinner, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 5 September Fest Parade, Acacia Lodge No 34 & Oasis Shrine Club, Schuyler
- 7 East Masonic Charities Golf Tournament Committee Meeting
- 7 Grand Master Visit, Bellevue Lodge No. 325
- 8 Grand Master Visit, Osceola Lodge No. 65
- 9 Grand Custodian's School of Instruction, Grand Island
- 10 4th Annual West Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, Scottsbluff
- 10 Outdoor Lodge, 1st Section Master's Degree, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney
- 11 Lincoln Masonic Awareness Open-House, Lincoln
- 12 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Think Tank Meeting, Lincoln
- 12 CHIP Presentation to Lincoln Dental Assistants Society
- 13 Board Meeting, Omaha Home for Boys
- 14 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 14 Northeast Nebraska Masonic Assn. Banquet, Dakota City
- 15-17 Grand Lodge of Iowa, Sioux City, IA
- 17 Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water, Boy Scouts World Record Rocket Launch, North Omaha Airport
- 18 Tangier Shrine Spaghetti Feed
- 18 Re-dedication and Cornerstone, Seward County Courthouse, Seward
- 19 4th Annual East Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, Fremont
- 20 Past Master's Night, Bennett Lodge No. 94, Lincoln
- 21 Fall Outing, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite
- 22 Annual Communication Planning Visit to Holiday Inn, Kearney
- 23 Master's Degree and 50-Year Proficiency Presentation to M.:W.: Donald Swanson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 24 CHIP Event, Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
- 24 Plattsmouth Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner
- 26 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 28 Entered Apprentice Degree, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City
- 29 MYLC Committee Meeting, Lincoln

OCTOBER 2005

- 1-5 Supreme Council 33rd Degree, Washington DC
- 7 Prince Hall/ Nebraska Grand Lodge Social, Lincoln
- 8 150th Anniversary Celebration, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
- 9 Happy Hollow Club Brunch, Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 19, Omaha

- 9 Humanitarian Award Dinner, Roger Wehrbein, Omaha
- 12 Board Meeting, Omaha Home for Boys
- 12 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 15-16 Nebraska Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, Kearney
- 15 Tehama Shrine Potentate's Ball, Grand Island
- 16 Masonic Air Show, Kearney
- 16 Supreme Queen Visit, Daughters of the Nile, Naphis Temple, Lincoln
- 17 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 17 Feast of Tishri, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite
- 18 Supreme Queen Visit, Daughters of the Nile, Sat-ra Temple, Omaha
- 19 Masonic Unity Meeting, Omaha
- 21 Grand Masters Breakfast, Omaha
- 21 Grand Master Visit, Valley of Yankton, SD, Reunion Dinner
- 23 Honors and Awards Lunch, Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus
- 24 Honors Dinner, Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha
- 25 Grand Lodge Education Symposium, Papillion
- 26 Ladies at the Table, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 27 Fall Area Meeting, Area 18, Pawnee City
- 29 Lodge of Military Tribute (Long Pine Lodge), Chadron
- 29 Presentation of Gold Jordan Medal, Lawrence Mandelko, Long Pine Lodge, Chadron
- 30 Cornerstone, Good Samaritan Assisted Living Facility, Superior

NOVEMBER 2005

- 1 Fall Area Meeting, Area 17, Weeping Water
- 5 CHIP Event, Conestoga School, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- 5 One-Day Conferral, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 5 DeMolay Honors Alumni Dinner
- 6 Vacant Chair Ceremony, York
- 9 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 9 Awards Night, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
- 10 Fellow Craft Degree, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City
- 11 Vacant Chair Ceremony, Lincoln
- 12 Veteran's Celebration, Parade and Vacant Chair Ceremony, Hastings
- 13 DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Lincoln
- 13 Conference with PGM Donald Swanson
- 14 Masonic Family Fun Night, Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion
- 17 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Think Tank Meeting, Lincoln
- 18 8th Degree, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Reunion
- 19 Lodge Leadership Course, Lincoln
- 19 Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council Adult Leaders Workshop
- 19 Sesostri Shrine Ceremonial
- 20 Cornerstone, Wood River Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station, Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River
- 27 Cornerstone, Fillmore County Hospital Surgery/Delivery Renovation, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva
- 29 Grand Lodge Board of Trustees Meeting, Lincoln

DECEMBER 2005

- 2 Nebraska KCCH Investiture, Lincoln
- 3 Nebraska 33rd Degree, Omaha
- 4 Installation, Omaha Council No.1, Cryptic Masons and Omaha Chapter No. 1, RAM
- 5 Grand Lodge Appropriations Committee, 2006 Budget Meeting, Lincoln
- 7 Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Dinner and Meeting
- 8 Tangier Shrine Temple Election Meeting
- 11 Cornerstone, USDA Service Center Office, Minden
- 13 Soup Dinner & Meeting, North Bend Lodge No. 119
- 14 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 16 Cornerstone, Lexington Public Library, Lexington
- 18 Medical Relief Fund Raiser for Isaac R. Barchus, Tangier Shrine Center
- 19 CHIP Committee Meeting, Omaha
- 19 CHIP Presentation to Wilber-Claytonia School Board
- 22 Grand Lodge Insurance Committee Meeting, Lincoln
- 27 Dinner and Meeting, Saints John Lodge of Education No. 331

JANUARY 2006

- 4 Regular Communication, Shiloh Lodge No. 327
- 6 Installation, Tangier Shrine Masons
- 7 Installation, Covert Lodge No. 11
- 7 Installation, Scottish Rite Valley of Lincoln
- 8 Installation, Omadi Lodge No. 5
- 9 Grand Lodge Advancing Line Think Tank Meeting, Lincoln
- 9 Installation, Cotner Lodge No. 297
- 10 Annual Meeting, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 10 Masters Degree, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City
- 11 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 12 Installation, Liberty Lodge No.300, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Lincoln Lodge No. 19
- 14 Installation, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1
- 14 Installation, Shiloh Lodge No. 327
- 14 Installation, Sesostris Shrine Masons
- 15 Installation, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
- 16 Installation, Scottish Rite Valley of Omaha
- 17 Installation, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
- 21 Friendship Membership Dinner, Ainsworth
- 22 Installation, Capitol Lodge No. 3
- 23 Installation, Aksarben Chapter No. 277, OES
- 24 Humanitarian Award, Marvin H. Kraus, Friend
- 28 One-Day Conferral, Omaha
- 28 Installation, Miloma No. 328, Papillion
- 29 Installation, Trinity Chapter No. 299, OES

FEBRUARY 2006

- 1-4 Annual Communication, Kearney

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

The highest award given by this Grand Lodge is the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award. Only two awards may be given per year. They must meet certain criteria and have a long history of service, including service to the Masonic Fraternity. I had the pleasure of presenting two awards to Brothers who display the valued attributes of a Mason.

On October 9, 2005, the award was presented to W.:B.: Roger R. Wehrbein, a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Brother Senator Wehrbein has served in the Nebraska Legislature since 1986. He delivers many lectures in the three degrees and additionally serves our Fraternity with his proficiency of the Masonic Funeral Service. Brother Wehrbein is the recipient of many community honors and awards, serves on numerous boards and has held many offices in the Community.

On January 24, 2006, the Humanitarian Award was presented to W.:B.: Marvin H. Kraus, a member of Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend, Nebraska. Brother Marvin has been a very active and committed Mason for 39 years, serving as Master four times and currently as Lodge Secretary for the past 20 years. He has been very active in community activities, as well as on county and state levels. Marvin is a dedicated servant, sharing his time and talents with the Masonic Family and community.

It is a great honor to present this prestigious award to two very deserving Brothers. They both set a very high standard for all Masons to achieve.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

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 stricken. These changes will be effective the year following the passage of this amendment.

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – *Beginning January 1, 2007*, 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. 2

Amend **Section 1-312 – (Not used)** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-312 – (~~Not used~~) CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) – *The CHIP Committee shall consist of seven (7) Masonic members and three (3) members that shall be at large members not required to be Masons (representing the Dental Profession and Law Enforcement Profession and CHIP Coordinator), each to serve for a period of four years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually, with one of the seven required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Senior Deacon shall serve as the liaison officer. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the CHild Identification Program (CHIP), financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the CHIP Events.*

If Recommendation No. 2 passes, the following sections must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the Standing Committees and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

Amend the second paragraph of **Section 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION

Second paragraph:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, and *Youth and CHild Identification Program (CHIP)*. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than ~~five~~ *nine (9)* members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

Amend **Section 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE – ~~Each member– Mason who is a member of a standing, regular or special committee of the Grand Lodge, except the Masonic All Star Band Committee and the Social Committee, shall be entitled to a seat, and voice and vote. but not vote, by virtue of such appointment. Non-Masons appointed as members of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee and the CHild Identification Program (CHIP) Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote by virtue of such appointment.~~

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 2 does not pass.*

Amend the second paragraph of **Section 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-301 – NUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION

Second paragraph:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, and Youth. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than *five nine (9)* members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Amend **Section 2-610 – LIMITATIONS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-610 – LIMITATIONS – That hereafter no subordinate lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic Charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic Charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other terms indicating Masonic activities regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the *Grand Master* ~~Grand Lodge~~ to do so.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Amend paragraph (b) of **Section 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS

(b) "Period of membership" shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska, if such be the case. Periods of suspension for non-payment of dues less than three years shall be included when making the aforesaid computation, and periods of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in the parent lodge only. Expulsions for any reason or suspensions *except* for non-payment of dues ~~longer less than~~ three years shall be deducted when computing the number of years a member has been in good standing. All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with

any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

This Recommendation deals with the expulsion of a member if he is convicted of or pleads guilty to any felony and certain misdemeanor charges, and consists of amendments to several Sections and the creation of new Sections to integrate the necessary language to maintain consistency throughout the Bylaws. Amendments to all necessary Sections are listed in Parts below, however, the Recommendation should be viewed as and voted on as a whole.

Part 1

Amend **Section 3-102 – ENUMERATED** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

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

(i) Any felony conviction or pleading guilty to any felony charge in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(j) Any conviction of or pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of child molestation, child pornography or any sexual offense involving a child in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Part 2

Create **Section 3-306 – CONVICTION OF OR PLEADING GUILTY TO A FELONY AND TO CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS RELATING TO CHILD MOLESTATION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, OR ANY SEXUAL OFFENSE INVOLVING A CHILD.**

Sec. 3-306 – CONVICTION OF OR PLEADING GUILTY TO A FELONY AND TO CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS RELATING TO CHILD MOLESTATION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, OR ANY SEXUAL OFFENSE INVOLVING A CHILD

(a) Any Mason who has, or hereafter shall plead guilty to or be convicted of a felony in any court of competent jurisdiction shall, by order of the Grand Master, upon the filing with the Grand Master of a certified copy of the court proceedings showing his plea of guilty or verdict of guilty, as provided in Subsection (c) hereof, be expelled from Masonry as provided in Section 3-702 without the presentation of charges and trial.

(b) Any Mason who has, or hereafter shall plead guilty to or be convicted of any misdemeanor in any court of competent jurisdiction for child molestation, child pornography, or any sexual offense involving a child shall, by order of the Grand Master, upon the filing with the Grand Master of a certified copy of the court proceedings showing his plea of guilty or verdict of guilty of such misdemeanor as provided in Subsection (c) hereof, be expelled, from Masonry as provided in Section 3-702 without the presentation of charges and trial.

(c) A certified copy of the court proceedings showing a plea of guilty, verdict of guilty, or special verdict upon which a judgment of conviction may be entered shall be

sufficient evidence to justify expulsion by the Grand Master as provided in Subsections (a) and (b) hereof.

(d) Any Mason expelled under the provisions of this section shall be entitled to the right of appeal as provided in Chapter VIII.

(e) The Grand Master shall deliver his order under this Section to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Secretary shall forthwith send the same to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge of which the expelled member is a member. The Secretary of the subordinate lodge shall enter the order of the Grand Master in the minutes of the lodge at the stated communication next following receipt. The Grand Secretary shall also forthwith send to the expelled member, by either registered or certified mail, the order of the Grand Master and shall notify him of his right to appeal to the Grand Lodge and fully advised him of the manner and time which he may file said appeal.

(f) It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of a subordinate lodge, where a member of his lodge has, or shall hereafter be convicted of or plead guilty to a felony or misdemeanor as set out in Subsections (a) or (b) of this section to immediately file with the Grand Master a certified copy of the court proceedings showing the plea of guilty, verdict of guilty, or special verdict upon which a judgment of conviction may be entered.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Grand Master to promptly execute the provisions of Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section upon his receipt of instruments or documents set out in Subsection (f) hereof.

(h) If the conviction is reversed upon appeal in the criminal court, the Grand Master shall set aside any order of expulsion issued by him under this section and shall reinstate the member without loss of time. The Grand Secretary shall forthwith send to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge of which the expelled member was a member notice of the reinstatement of the member without loss of time and the Secretary of the subordinate lodge shall enter the said reinstatement in the minutes of the lodge at the stated communication next following receipt. The Grand Secretary shall also forthwith send to the expelled member, by either registered or certified mail, a notice of his reinstatement.

Part 3

Amend **Section 3-801 – RIGHTS DEFINED** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 3-801 – RIGHTS DEFINED – Any Mason who has been subjected to discipline by his lodge, his accuser, or any member of the lodge has the right to appeal from any finding or sentence therein. *Any Mason who has been expelled by the Grand Master in accordance with Section 3-306 shall have the right to appeal the order of the Grand Master.* No Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason may appeal from any finding or sentence of his lodge or the Grand Master except as to charges against themselves. The Grand Master notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein may stay the judgment of a trial commission, in any case for gross irregularity practiced in the trial.

Part 4

Amend **Section 3-802 – HOW TAKEN** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 3-802 – HOW TAKEN – All appeals from any ~~chartered-subordinate~~ lodge or of an order of the Grand Master shall be made in writing and filed in duplicate, and shall contain a statement of the case, the exception taken to the decision of the Lodge or the Grand Master appealed from and the grounds upon which the same are based.

The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than 60 days after the regular communication of the subordinate lodge next following the receipt of the findings and judgment from the Grand Secretary.

In the event of an appeal, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Master, the Secretary of the subordinate lodge in which the charges were preferred, the accused and the accuser.

Part 5

Amend **Section 3-803 – NOTICE AND RECORD** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 3-803 – NOTICE AND RECORD – If requested by the appellant, the Grand Secretary shall furnish him with an attested copy of all the charges, specifications, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case. If the 60 day period hereinbefore specified shall not intervene before the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, said appeal shall either be disposed of by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge or be heard by it at the next ensuing Annual communication *provided, however, that an appeal of an order of expulsion by the Grand Master as provided in Section 3-306 shall in all cases be considered by the Committee on Grievances as provided in Section 3-804.*

Part 6

Amend **Section 3-804 – HOW CONSIDERED** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 3-804 – HOW CONSIDERED – When an appeal from the decision of a lodge, on any matter of Masonic discipline, shall be perfected in the Grand Lodge, it shall be referred by the Grand Master to the Committee on Grievances or (*except for an appeal of an order of expulsion by the Grand Master as provided in Section 3-306*) be decided without such reference if it be deemed expedient. ~~and in either case~~. The lodge, ~~or the appellant or the Grand Master, as the case may be,~~ shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, provided the same has been taken agreeably to the notice proscribed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Part 7

Amend **Section 3-805 – DISPOSITION** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 3-805 – DISPOSITION – Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any subordinate lodge or the Grand Master, as above provided, the Grand Lodge shall have sovereign jurisdiction over the whole case and may upon investigation, and by a majority vote of the members, a quorum being present

- (a) Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings, affirm the decision *or order* appealed from or dismiss the charges
- (b) Modify or change a decision, sentence *or order* or inflict a penalty where the subordinate lodge has failed to do so
- (c) Set aside the proceedings of the lodge for informality and remand the case for further proceedings

Part 8

Amend **Section 3-806 – EFFECT OF DECISION** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 3-806 – EFFECT OF DECISION – Whenever the Grand Lodge shall modify or change a decision or sentence adjudged by a subordinate lodge *or the order of the Grand Master* the same shall be final and upon notice thereof the subordinate lodge shall cause the same to be entered upon its records.

Part 9

Amend **Section 3-807 – REVERSAL** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 3-807 – REVERSAL – Whenever the Grand Lodge, on a review of the trial or other proceedings of a lodge *or an order of the Grand Master* resulting in the expulsion or suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the ~~judgment of said proceedings,~~ *decision of said proceeding or order of the Grand Master*, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all rights, privileges and membership.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

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)~~ *Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)*, and for each member, the sum of ~~Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)~~ *Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)* as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January ~~2004~~ *2007*, *with an automatic cost of living dues increase in the amount of three percent (3%) each year thereafter for each member.* ~~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 \$1.00 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member.* Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.

If Recommendation No. 7 passes, the following Section must also be amended in the following ways to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

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 stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The per capita tax of *Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)* shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	1.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50	1.00
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund		<i>Balance of Assessment</i>
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)~~ *Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)* shall be allocated to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 7 does not pass.*

Amend the third paragraph of Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

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)~~ *Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)*...

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 7 does not pass.*

Amend the third paragraph of Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

...and for each member, the sum of ~~Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)~~ *Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)* as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January ~~2001~~ *2007*, ~~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.~~ Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.

If Recommendation No. 9 passes, the following Section must also be amended in the following ways to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

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 stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The per capita tax of *Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)* 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 Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund	<i>Balance of Assessment</i>
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

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 7 does not pass.*

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

...~~with an automatic cost of living dues increase in the amount of three percent (3%) each year thereafter for each member. with an automatic dues increase in the amount of \$1.00 per year for the next 4 years, and for each member.~~ *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.~~ Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 9 is voted upon and passes.*

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 stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The per capita tax of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	1.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50	1.00
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund		Balance of Assessment

RESOLUTION

Submitted at the 148th Annual Communication in February 2005

Be it resolved that Section 2-601 be amended as follows:

In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the Child Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

IMPERIAL SHRINE SESSION

I had the pleasure and honor of attending Imperial Shrine Annual Session July 2-6, 2005, Baltimore, Maryland. Each year the Grand Master is invited to attend the Imperial Shrine Session as the guest of the three Shrine Centers of Nebraska (Tangier, Tehama, and Sesostris). The home Shrine of the Grand Master acts as the lead host. A special thanks to Tangier for all their courtesies and hospitality. It was an honor and privilege for me to attend the session and to sit in on all of their business sessions. Their meetings were run in a first class manner. We in Nebraska can be very proud and thankful for the Unity that we enjoy within our Masonic Family. Imperial Potentate III.: Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. spoke regularly of "Shrine Masons" and the need for Masonic Family Unity. All jurisdictions do not enjoy this relationship and, as a result, a resolution was presented to eliminate the requirement of Masonic Membership as a prerequisite to being a Shriner. The resolution was soundly defeated, however, it is unfortunate that conditions exist that would generate even the thought. Shrine creates a Public Relations Video each year that features two of their Shrine kids. Due to the unity of the Nebraska Masonic Family, we are very fortunate to have Miss Katie Walker as a special guest at our Friday Annual Communication Membership Banquet. I also had the pleasure of attending the installation of III.: Sir Gary Dunwoody and the Imperial Divan as the officers for 2005-2006. They are all "Shrine Masons" and strongly support that concept.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On March 3, 2005, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Peru Lodge No. 14.

On March 10, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 to increase their annual dues.

On March 28, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Jachin Lodge No. 146 to raise the annual compensation paid to the Secretary and Treasurer.

On March 28, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 to change the date of their regular communication in the event of legal holiday or inclement weather from the following Monday to the third Monday of the month, and to move the location of the regular communications of the lodge from the Florence Masonic Temple to the Benson Masonic Temple.

On March 30, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Newman Grove Lodge No. 305 to increase their annual dues.

On April 21, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wausa Lodge No. 251 to increase their annual dues.

On May 5, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Cotner Lodge No. 297 to increase their annual dues.

On May 19, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 to change the date of their regular communication from the 2nd Tuesday of each calendar month to the first Tuesday of each calendar month.

On July 11, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Acacia Lodge No. 34 to increase their annual dues.

On August 26, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wahoo Lodge No. 59 to change the date of their regular communication from the 1st Wednesday of each calendar month to the 1st Tuesday of each calendar month, effective January 2006.

On September 19, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to increase their annual dues.

On September 19, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Seneca Lodge No. 284 to increase their annual dues.

On October 7, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to change the time of their regular communication from 8:00 pm to 7:30 p.m.

On October 7, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to change provisions regarding the payment of bills received by the lodge.

On October 7, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Centennial Lodge No. 326 to increase their degree fees.

On November 9, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Superior Lodge No. 121 to delete a reference to \$1.00 of the year dues of each member being deposited with the Superior Temple Craft Association because of the dissolution of that Fund.

On November 9, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Superior Lodge No. 121 to increase their annual dues.

On November 9, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Union Lodge No. 287 to increase their annual dues, effective January 1, 2006.

On November 9, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Jachin Lodge No. 146 to increase annual dues and their degree fees and change the provision regarding payment of the same.

On November 29, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hiram Lodge No. 52 to increase their annual dues.

On November 29, 2005, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Composite Lodge No. 81 to increase their annual dues for 2006 and again for 2007 and thereafter.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS

Lodge Consolidations and closures are hard to accept, however, we also need to recognize that the demographics of the state are changing and that although we want to do all possible to prevent closing a Lodge in any community, sometimes for the good of the Fraternity it is necessary. The only consolidation this year has been:

Crescent Lodge No. 143, Primrose, merged into Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion, effective the 27th day of September, 2005.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

July 19-23 marked the week of our Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, one of the premier public awareness events of Masons of Nebraska. 258 Nebraska High School musicians attended and participated. We are thankful for the support of the Masonic Family in sponsoring scholarships for the youth and for the many adults who assist with chaperoning the youth day and night, loading, transporting and unloading the instruments, being sure that all are where they are to be, etc., to insure that the band members have a safe and valuable experience. Being part of this week is a very rewarding experience for the youth and adults alike. I invite you to participate. This year Memorial Stadium was not available for use. Practices were held on a soccer field at the former Whittier Junior High School and the Shrine Bowl Game was played at Seacrest Field. The youth were fantastic this year and very appreciative of the Masons of Nebraska. They represented you well in the Shrine Parade and at the halftime performance at the Shrine Bowl Game. Former students have an opportunity to return as band assistants or drum majors. The drum majors receive a small stipend for their time and talent. One young drum major, who had participated in the camp for several years, returned her check with a note stating that she had received so much benefit from her experience in the camps that she could not accept it. She asked that it be shared between the Camp and the Shrine hospital.

As part of the Shrine Bowl experience, two band members and the Grand Master and his wife had the opportunity to join the South Shrine Bowl Football Team to go to Chicago to visit the Shrine Children's Hospital and to spend the day with the patients. It was a very touching experience for all of us, and gave us a better understanding of the purpose of the Bowl Game. The experience was shared with the band members on our return. Many of the youth who attended Band Camp also now have a better understanding of Masonry.

A special thank you to the Band Committee, M.:W.: Jerry Rittenburg, Chairman, Michelle Fulmer, Office Manager, and to E. David Watts, Grand Marshal, for all the work they did and continue to do, to make this a special event for the Youth of Nebraska

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Our Masonic Family invests much time and resources toward our Masonic Charities. Three major Charities supported by our Grand Lodge are: The Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, and our Nebraska Masonic Foundation. To promote visibility, while generating financial resources, Masonic Charities Golf Tournaments were held in the West – Scottsbluff, Jack Nichols, chairman and the East – Fremont, Dan Loring, Chairman. Thanks to the Chairmen and their committees for their dedication, commitment and work; and to the sponsors and participants, over \$10,000 was raised, to be divided equally among these three Charities.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Our Nebraska Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children continues as a valuable charity of our Masonic Family. The home continues to serve and care for youth who have special challenges and to assist them toward being a productive citizen in the future and that they may experience a meaningful life. The Home is in good hands under the leadership of W. B. Ben Harvey, Executive Director and the Board of Directors. These Masonic Family members are committed and dedicated to helping our youth through a quality program and facilities. They continually look toward the future, while maintaining good stewardship of the resources of their contributors. To assist the youth with their education, the home is in the process of constructing an Education Center. This facility will provide an environment to give special assistance and incentive to the youth in their education.

It has been a pleasure to serve with the Board this year. I invite and encourage you to continue to support your Home for Children with your contributions and to plan a visit, perhaps organizing a Lodge trip to the Home.

MASONIC FAMILY

We can be very proud of our Nebraska Masonic Family and the Unity we enjoy. We work together for the betterment and successes of our Family. On March 5, we held a Masonic Family Unity Meeting at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Lincoln. Advancing leadership line members of the adult and youth organizations were invited to attend. The focus of the meeting was for each organization's leaders to know their counterparts and to learn the programs of each organization in order that we may work together toward success for all. I was extremely pleased with the participation and enthusiasm of those attending. You may note that the pin of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star supports the "Masonic Family." Thank you for your family support. As I traveled, it was good to observe the family working together.

MASONIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Confident knowledgeable leaders are important to the success of the Lodge. The original name "Wardens and Deacons School" was modified to that of "Masonic Leadership School." This more properly describes the mission of the school, which is to provide basic leadership training and ideas to all Brethren interested in assisting with the success of their Lodge. Schools were held in Lincoln and Kearney, November 19 and Sidney, December 3. Areas of discussion are directed toward: Planning Your Year, Lodge

Meetings and Regular Events, The "Work," Grand Lodge Activities, Fellowship, The History of Freemasonry, Service to Community & Freemasonry, Membership, Communication, Finances, The Master and His Lodge, Lodge Officer's Manual, and Lodge Planning Calendar. A three ring binder containing chapters on these topics were presented to each attendee to continue to use as reference in their own Lodges. I owe a special thank you to those that lead the Schools and to those that participated. This is one of the most valuable tools to assist a Lodge toward experiencing success.

MASONIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND AIRSHOW

Our Masonic Family is committed to our youth and future generations. It is through good leadership, opportunities and examples that we may be successful and contribute to the leadership of the future. October 16th and 17th were the dates of our Second Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska. Leadership training opportunities were afforded to members and leaders of our Masonic Youth Groups, Members of our Masonic Family in general and also to non-Masonic people interested in youth. The Conference was the responsibility of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee, assisted by the State Leaders of the three Youth Groups. The Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation assumed the fiscal responsibility of raising the resources for the Conference and established a goal of \$50,000.00 to bring in State and Nationally known speakers/presenters. They achieved their goal and the Conference was at a minimal cost to the participants. The three youth groups were committed to the Conference and agreed to refund the registration cost to each youth attending. **"Reaching New Heights!"** was the theme for the conference. Keynote speaker for the Conference was Sean Covey, Author of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens." Other presenters included: Darla Hansen, who suffered childhood burns over 80% of the body, shared her life saving story of being treated for many years by the Shrine Burn Hospital; Tou Ger Xiong shared his story of living in a refugee camp in Southeast Asia and after coming to America learning how to adapt to our culture and life styles; Debby Rihn-Harvey, highest-ranked female aerobatics pilot, Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters and Past DeMolay State Sweetheart, focused on self-esteem and motivation; Ron Gustafson humorously shared his story of overcoming physical handicaps to play college basketball following a farm accident where he lost his right arm and shoulder at the age of eight. Attendance included nearly 500 youth and adults.

The conference was concluded with a two-hour Masonic Air Show Sunday afternoon at the Kearney Municipal Airport under the leadership and planning of W.:B.: Nick Longly, Secretary of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Rob Morris No. 46 and with the assistance of several neighboring Lodges. Debby Rihn-Harvey along with five additional Nebraska Aerobatic Pilots thrilled the crowd with their talents, skills and humor. Receipts indicate over 2000 in attendance, however unofficial counts of attendees within the air field and adjacent properties estimate attendance nearer to 4000. Many in mid-Nebraska and the Kearney Metro area are now more familiar with the presence and work of Masonry.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

We should be proud of our Masonic Youth Organizations – Job's Daughters International, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International. To support the youth groups is of utmost importance, as their ritual teaches moral and ethical

lessons very similar to the adult organizations; plus they also afford the opportunity for our youth to develop leadership and speaking skills. They further gain knowledge of our organizations and, if properly invited, have the potential of continuing their Masonic heritage. Our youth have great potential, however, are only as strong as their adult leadership. They need the support of our Masonic Family. I encourage you to experience the rewards of working with our youth.

I had the pleasure of attending Rainbow Grand Assembly, June 10-11 at Doane College, Crete. They honored me by presenting me the Grand Cross of Color. Diane Broyhill, Worthy Grand Advisor, did an excellent job during her term and in presiding over Grand Assembly Meetings. Through her leadership during the year, the Nebraska Rainbow raised over \$1,500 for CHIP. Courtney Fasnacht was installed as Worthy Grand Advisor for 2005-2006. Thelma Domingo, Supreme Outer Observer and Supreme Inspector in Nebraska, continues to lead Nebraska Rainbow.

Nebraska Grand Bethel, Job's Daughters International, was held June 22-25, at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. It was my pleasure to attend Grand Bethel and to participate in the selection of Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, Kimberly Rieken. Traci Haug, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, presided during the Pageant. Nebraska Job's Daughters hold a ritual competition at Grand Session; these young girls do fantastic ritual work. The enthusiasm and energy of the youth creates a new view of our Masonic Family. Grand Bethel Honored Queen Sarah Willoughby presided over the Grand Bethel Meeting; Hillary Melvin was installed as the new Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Janice Sprague, Grand Guardian and Scott Sprague, Associate Grand Guardian, presided over the Grand Guardian Council Meeting. I welcomed the opportunity to be a member of the Installation Team for the Grand Guardian Council by Judy Wehrbein, Grand Guardian, and Charles McElfresh, Associate Grand Guardian.

Nebraska DeMolay Conclave was held July 16-17, Midland College, Fremont. I attended their business session, banquet and dance. State Master Councilor Jason Holtz presided over the meeting and Rush Storz was elected and installed as State Master Councilor. Bruce Wood continues as the Nebraska DeMolay Executive Officer. Chapters are starting in Nebraska City and Plattsmouth, and are continuing to be developed in North Platte and Norfolk. A Grand Master's Class was held November 13, 11 young men became DeMolays. It was the pleasure of the Grand Master to welcome the North America DeMolay Executive Officers to Omaha for their Annual Meeting.

A special thank you to all the adults involved in working with our youth. You are to be commended for your dedication, and because of you we know the world and our future will be better.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES

Holiday Inn, Coralville, Iowa, August 19-21, 2005, was the site for the Midwest Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Iowa hosted this year's Conference. Members of the Midwest Conference include the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Michigan. This is a hands-on Conference, providing the grand jurisdictions represented in the Midwest Conference with an opportunity to share ideas and programs. Specific programs presented include: Lodge Financial Planning; Iowa's Passport to Light—to provide a roadmap or blueprint for a candidate's journey to Masonic Light—a

method for fulfilling our promise to that candidate; Chartering New Lodges; "A Friend in Need" or "How to help a Lodge regain momentum, up close and personal—a case study;" and Iowa's Master Builder Program. Each jurisdiction presented a report on current programs. In addition, Nebraska was invited to make a presentation on MasoniCHIP. Attending the conference were Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Master; Scott J. Krieger, Sr. Deputy Grand Master; Dean F. Skokan, Grand Senior Warden; Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Junior Warden; and Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

As the Grand Master sits on the Home's board, it is my pleasure to report that we have a hard working and dedicated board. The State of Nebraska imposed the requirement of obtaining a state license and thus required updates and restructuring of the staff. These requirements are imposing costs that previously have not been required. The Home continues to operate as a warm and quality facility offering services from apartments to skilled nursing and the Alzheimer's Unit. It should be noted that the funds contributed from the budget of the Grand Lodge covers less than six months' care for one individual resident. Among your lodge activities should be a visit to the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

NECROLOGY

Our Masonic Membership continues to mature, thus we have 397 brothers who found it to be their time to enter that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. We are thankful for the many years of service of these departed brethren, however, are saddened to see them leave. This year, among those meeting the Grand Architect of the Universe, were two past Grand Masters: M.:W.: Ernest O. Van Wey, 1962, and M.:W.: Harold Hultman, 1975. We are thankful for the leadership they provided the Masons of Nebraska.

PATRIOTISM

Our Masonic Family History relates that our Brothers played very important roles and much commitment to the freedoms that we enjoy and benefit from today. I am proud to say that many of our Lodges continue to recognize those who have fought for and defended, and continue to fight, for the many privileges that we as United States Citizens enjoy. The calendar around Veteran's Day included many such events. I'm sure I am not aware of many of the events, however I would like to recognize some that I attended: Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, hosted a "Lodge of Military Tribute" presented by the brethren of Long Pine Lodge No. 136, with nearly 40 Veterans in attendance; "Vacant Chair Ceremonies" were held in Lincoln (hosted by the Lodges of the Metro Lincoln Area), York (several of the adjacent Lodges participated in the ceremony), and in Hastings (Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Midwest Lodge No. 317). All events and ceremonies were well presented and attended. The Hastings Lodges started the day with a Veteran's Day Parade through the streets of Hastings, recognizing many community Veterans and viewed by many. We currently have several Brethren fighting for the freedoms and rights that we often take for granted. I extend my appreciation, gratitude and thank them for risking their lives that many people may live in a democratic country. The concept of the Swisher Kits, assist these brothers to meet as Masons.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 11, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Masonic Youth Foundation to obtain a list of all Masters and Secretaries of each Lodge for the purpose of soliciting funds for the 2005 Youth Leadership Conference.

On February 14, 2005, 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 February 21, 2005 and February 28, 2005. 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.

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

On February 14, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 to install their 2005 Treasurer out of time.

On February 14, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wahoo Lodge No. 59 to install their 2005 Treasurer, Junior Deacon and Senior Steward out of time.

On February 14, 2005, 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 February 17, 2005. 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.

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

On February 14, 2005, 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 February 24, 2005. 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 February 14, 2005, 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 7, 2005. 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.
- 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 February 15, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Capitol Lodge No. 3 to install their 2005 Marshal, Tyler, Chaplain and Secretary out of time.

On February 16, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on February 16, 2005. 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.

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

On February 16, 2005, I gave permission to Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to sponsor boys and girls basketball tournaments.

On February 17, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 91 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On February 18, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on February 21, 2005, and February 28, 2005, respectively. 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 each Degree.

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

On March 3, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Centennial Lodge No. 326 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master

Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on March 8, 2005, April 12, 2005 and April 16, 2005, respectively. 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 each degree.

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

On March 3, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 of Plattsmouth to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on more than one candidate at a time on March 3, 2005. 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.

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

On March 10, 2005, 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 March 21, 2005. 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 March 11, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Beatrice Lodge No. 26 to install their 2005 Junior Deacon out of time.

On March 28, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Omaha Lodge No. 288 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on April 16, 2005. 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.

- 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.

Omaha Lodge No. 288 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 28, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Hickman Lodge No. 256 to install their 2005 Junior Steward out of time.

On March 28, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Centennial Lodge No. 326 to move the dates of previously approved multi-candidate conferrals. The Fellow Craft Degree will take place on March 22, 2005, and the Master Mason Degree will take place on April 12, 2005. This dispensation supercedes prior dispensation granted on March 3, 2005.

On March 29, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the State Master Councilor of Nebraska DeMolay to obtain a list of all Lodge Secretaries for the purpose of sending an announcement regarding the Conclave Book.

On April 5, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 to obtain a set of labels for all Nebraska Lodges for the purpose of sending an auction flyer.

On April 7, 2005, 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 April 18, 2005. 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 11, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Cedar River Lodge No. 89 to install their 2005 Senior and Junior Steward out of time.

On April 21, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte to move their charter on June 14, 2005, to outdoor setting at Brother Walter Johnson's ranch for the purpose of holding the June stated meeting.

On April 26, 2005, I gave permission to Euclid Lodge No. 97 and the Mid America Council of the Boy Scouts of America to utilize the square and compass logo on model rockets to be fired as a part of a world record attempt.

On April 27, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Cement Lodge No. 211 to obtain a list of all members of Cairo Lodge No. 324 for the purpose of inviting them to a lodge meeting and social function.

On May 1, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 1, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 2, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln to move their charter on June 6, 2005, to 15550 Willard Court in Raymond for the purpose of conducting a pasture lodge.

On May 3, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wymore Lodge No. 104 to install their 2005 Senior Deacon out of time.

On May 6, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons who reside in the Tangier jurisdiction for the purpose of membership recruitment.

On May 11, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Scribner Lodge No. 132 of Scribner to move their charter on the first Tuesday of June, July and August, 2005 to Hooper Lodge No. 72, located at 117 N. Main Street in Hooper for the purpose of continuing regular communications in an air conditioned building.

On May 11, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 of Sidney to confer the Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on May 17, 2005. 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 May 12, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit George Washington Lodge No. 250 to install their Junior and Senior Stewards and Marshal out of time.

On May 16, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 of Hastings to move their charter on June 4, 2005 to W.B.B. Bill Morrow's farm located 4 miles west and 1/2 mile north of Doniphan for the purpose of holding the annual Past Master's Outdoor Degree.

On May 18, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on June 16, 2005, June 23, 2005, and June 30, 2005, respectively. 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 each Degree.

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

On June 3, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Fremont Lodge No. 15 of Fremont to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than one candidate at a time on June 14, 2005. 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.

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

On June 9, 2005, 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 June 20, 2005. 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.

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

On June 20, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Utica Lodge No. 96 of Utica to move their charter on July 7, 2005, to Oliver Lodge No. 38 in Seward for the purpose of performing the Fellow Craft Degree in an air-conditioned lodge building.

On June 29, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Springfield Lodge No. 112 of Springfield to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 16, 2005. 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 thirty;
- 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.
- 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.

Springfield Lodge No. 112 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Springfield/Omaha area.

On July 8, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Friend Lodge No. 73 of Friend to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on July 9, 2005. 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.
- 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 July 11, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I granted permission to Springfield Lodge No. 112 to confer the three degree of Masonry on more than twenty-five candidates at a one-day event scheduled for July 16, 2005. This dispensation supplemented prior dispensation dated June 29, 2005, for the one-day event.

On July 14, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of all new Nebraska Masons since April 30, 2005, for the purpose of inviting them to a membership dinner.

On July 15, 2005, 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 July 27, 2005. 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.

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

On July 25, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hickman Lodge No. 256 of Lincoln to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degree on more than one candidate at a time on August 18, 2005, September 15, 2005, and October 20, 2005, respectively. 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 each Degree.

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

On July 26, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Alliance Lodge No. 183 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 26, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of York Lodge No. 56 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 28, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-508, I granted permission to Hiram Lodge No. 52 to have a float in the Washington County Parade on August 14, 2005.

On August 1, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to move their charter on September 10, 2005, to a farm field north of Sidney, for the purpose of conferring the Masters Degree in an outdoor setting.

On August 2, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 4, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Jachin Lodge No. 146 to conduct a gun raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 4, 2005, 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 15, 2005. 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.

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

On August 12, 2005, 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 Degree on more than one candidate at a time on August 18, 2005, August 25, 2005, and September 8, 2005, respectively. 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 each Degree.

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

On August 12, 2005, 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 5, 2005. 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.
- 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 August 14, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of all Lodge Secretaries for the purpose of sending invitations to the Lincoln Masonic Open House.

On August 17, 2005, 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 August 29, 2005. 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 August 17, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Sesostris Shrine to obtain a list of all new members of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 and Lebanon Lodge No. 323 for the past two years for the purpose of membership recruitment.

On August 24, 2005, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 to sponsor the annual Robert W. Boon Thanksgiving Memorial Food Truck to benefit the Nebraska Masonic Home.

On August 30, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-610, I gave permission to Omaha Lodge No. 288 to become a chartered partner of a Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew Unit for the purpose of furthering youth programs in the Omaha area.

On September 12, 2005, 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 October 15, 2005. 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.
- 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 September 19, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to obtain a list of all Lodge Secretaries for the purpose of sending a letter regarding funding for the annual Christmas parties at The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 19, 2005, 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 10, 2005. 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.

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

On September 19, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Hastings Lodge No. 50 of Hastings to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on October 22, 2005. 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.
- 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.

Hastings Lodge No. 50 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Hastings area.

On September 20, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On September 20, 2005, I granted a request for permission from the Grand Lodge of New York to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

On September 23, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Omadi Lodge No. 5 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On September 26, 2005, 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 September 29, 2005, October 13, 2005, and October 20, 2005, respectively. 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 each Degree.

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

On September 30, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Roger Galusha to obtain a list of all Lodge Secretaries for the purpose of sending a mailing for Job's Daughters.

On October 14, 2005, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On October 21, 2005, I granted a request for permission from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

On October 24, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Omadi Lodge No. 5 of Sioux City to move their charter on January 8, 2006 to the Scottish Rite Temple located at 801 Douglas Street in Sioux City, Iowa for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On October 31, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of York Lodge No. 56 of York to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on December 10, 2005. 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.
- 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.

York Lodge No. 56 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the York area.

On November 4, 2005, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Palisade Lodge No. 216 of Palisade to elect their 2006 officers out of time.

On November 9, 2005, 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 November 21, 2005. 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.

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

On November 10, 2005, 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 10, 2005, November 17, 2005, and December 8, 2005, respectively. 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 each Degree.

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

On November 17, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason

Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on January 28, 2006. 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.
- 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.

Capitol Lodge No. 3 will be allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in the Omaha area.

On December 5, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Purity Lodge No. 198 of Imperial to move their charter beginning January 5, 2006, and continuing thereafter, to 320 West 10th Street, Imperial, Nebraska due to an order by Adams Bank & Trust to vacate the current lodge premises by December 31, 2005.

On December 12, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Swisher Lodge U.D. in Afghanistan to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on a date yet to be determined. The officers of Swisher Lodge U.D. will notify the Grand Lodge Office of the date for the one-day conferral when such date has been set. 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. Each candidate will be conducted to the Secretary's table to sign the Bylaws of his Lodge upon completion of the Master's Degree.

On December 16, 2005, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 to move their charter on January 28, 2006, to the Papillion Lodge Building at 101 W. Centennial Road in Papillion, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On December 19, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of the Masters of all Nebraska Lodges in 2006, for the purpose of inviting them to a Scottish Rite event.

On December 20, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I granted permission to Wayne Lodge No. 120 to elect their officers for the year 2006 out of time.

On December 22, 2005, as provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the request of Liberty Lodge No. 300 of Lincoln to confer the Degree on more than one candidate at a time on December 22, 2005. 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.

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

On December 27, 2005, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to obtain labels for all Omaha area Lodges for the purpose of sending installation invitations.

On January 4, 2006, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 91 to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 5, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I granted permission to Highland Lodge No. 194 to elect their 2006 Master out of time.

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

We are proud to continue our positive relationship with our brother Masons of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. Nebraska was the first jurisdiction to fully recognize our brothers without restrictions and limitations. This year, the Grand Lodge Officers of each Grand Lodge gathered at a special social event, under the direction of our PHA Brothers, to recognize the 15th Anniversary of the occasion. Plaques were presented to each Grand Lodge to honor the event. I was pleased to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.: to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Hall F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. It is a pleasure to enjoy Fraternal Relations with our Brothers.

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:

March 3, 2005	Todd Melcher	Northern Light No. 41
April 13, 2005	Gary W. Ryba.....	Hickman Lodge No. 256
April 13, 2005	Michael S. Lyman	Shiloh Lodge No. 327
April 21, 2005	John Harvey Hinz.....	Falls City Lodge No. 9
May 5, 2005	Nelce A. Martinsen	Crescent Lodge No. 143
May 16, 2005	Richard H. Bartlett	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
May 19, 2005	Jeffrey C. Meyer.....	Fairbury Lodge No. 35
May 19, 2005	Robert L. Doty	Wausa Lodge No. 251
July 11, 2005.....	Paul R. Larson.....	Omadi Lodge No. 5
August 16, 2005	Jack D. Sherman.....	Thistle Lodge No. 61
August 22, 2005	Thomas W. Riggs.....	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
September 22, 2005	Richard D. Meyer.....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
November 29, 2005.....	Donald S. Maple.....	Papillion Lodge No. 39
December 16, 2005	Kenneth R. Hazel	Culbertson Lodge No. 174

A major challenge facing Masonry in Nebraska is the loss of Members due to suspension for non-payment of dues (SNPD's). This number accounted for over 900 members in the past three years. For those suspended in the past three, I issued a letter in September to these members stating that if they responded prior to November 1, they would be reinstated by paying the current year's dues. Return post cards were issued with the letters to learn why they elected to drop their memberships. The reasons were varied, however, ranged from not receiving dues notices to not being able to break the barrier of feeling welcome in the Lodge. Responses also included being too busy, Masonry being too expensive, no longer interested, deceased, etc. The exact number of members reinstated through this program is unknown at this time, however, is estimated to be somewhere around 25 to 30 brothers. A program is greatly needed to enroll, engage, bind, or whatever the term, the brothers to our fraternity. We need to place the value of Masonry at a level that members will not want to drop their membership. The following were reinstated by this program:

Stephen Hecox	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Roger B. Magner.....	Papillion Lodge No. 39
Kevin R. Newberg	Papillion Lodge No. 39
Michael J. Green	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Water J. Schall	York Lodge No. 56
Grant L. Beck.....	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Michael G. Nelson, Jr.	Oakland Lodge No. 91
William H. Bennett.....	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
Michael F. Melies	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
Terry L. Cavin.....	Springfield Lodge No. 112
Chad E. Ford.....	Springfield Lodge No. 112
Robert A. Payton.....	Parian Lodge No. 207
Willard Schleiger	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Dennis M. Stewart	Bloomfield Lodge No. 218
Steve Crooker	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224

Bradley W. Norris.....	George Washington Lodge No. 250
Ricky L. Riedel.....	George Washington Lodge No. 250
Rhn Jacobsen.....	Franklin Lodge No. 264
Leonard R. Larson.....	Robert Furnas Lodge No. 265
Neil E. Priest.....	Robert Furnas Lodge No. 265
Kent W. Myers.....	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
Gary Roberts.....	Omaha Lodge No. 288
Alan J. McCoy.....	Monument Lodge No. 293
John L. Snelling, Sr.....	Miloma Lodge No. 328
Kevin R. Watkins.....	Miloma Lodge No. 328

RELIEF EFFORTS

Masonic Relief is difficult to offer from the Grand Lodge, as our resources provide for only a very limited assistance. However, we are still able to comply in limited responses to our obligations. Our Grand Lodge Office received a call from a widow of a Maine Master Mason that she was experiencing vehicle challenges and requested assistance to return to Maine. Her request was verified and granted. We have since received reimbursement from Tyrian Lodge No. 73, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, Mechanic Falls, Maine, stating that the "Brothers of Tyrian Lodge are Most Grateful" for our assistance.

Following the devastation of the hurricanes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Texas, we contacted the Grand Masters to offer our assistance. A letter was submitted to each Lodge encouraging the support of our membership to our brothers in the South with contributions through our Masonic Service Association (MSA). Our Masonic Relief Committee offered their assistance in directly helping the Lodges with contributions of excess furnishings and paraphernalia; this is a project in process.

SPECIAL FUND RAISING EFFORT

An opportunity was presented through the Affinity Marketing Associates to offer to our brethren a Nebraska Masonic Birthstone Ring. Several brothers accepted the offer, and through their purchases the Grand Lodge received a commission check for \$880.00. This program involved only permission to do a mailing to all Nebraska Masons with no investment on our part. Thank you to all that participated.

SWISHER KITS

The concept of the Swisher Kit has been implemented with a kit sent to Afghanistan, with special dispensation granted to establish Swisher Lodge U.D. in Kabul. I have also issued permission to hold a multiple candidate one-day class. Because of the environment and conditions in which they are, the process of opening a new Lodge includes many special challenges. There are additional queries regarding another Swisher Lodge in the Mid-East.

TABLE LODGE

Table Lodges continue to be a popular social event for many Nebraska Lodges. There are editions of the ceremony that provides for a Brothers-only table lodge, Ladies at the Table and a Colonial Table as presented by Sojourners, Omaha No. 19. I had the

pleasure of attending and participating in several this year and tell you that they are very enjoyable, of good fellowship and fun. They are a great opportunity to involve members of the family.

TOWARD THE FUTURE

There are several items in progress. Steps have been implemented to assist the Secretaries with their work. A new membership software program has been purchased and is being installed with conversion from the existing program having begun. Plans are that the new program will be user friendly for our secretaries. Efforts are also being directed toward more cost effective and timely communication to the brothers through electronic methods. Our three proficiency manuals are being reviewed and enhanced. As our supply of Ciphers is running low, a review of the cipher is in process to correct issues where conflicts have been identified. Efforts are in progress to upgrade lecture slides to be friendly and usable for Power Point presentations. A review of our current perpetual membership program and policies has been implemented. Quality products take time and thus patience must prevail.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

The appeal of the Trial Commission decision for an expelled member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 is still pending.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic Fraternity on July 19, 2005. An appeal is pending in the matter.

Pursuant to the authority delineated in Section 1-103 of the Bylaws, a Trial Commission was appointed in the matter of a criminal offense by a member of York Lodge No. 56. On October 16, 2005, the individual was found guilty and expelled from the Masonic Fraternity.

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

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

- November 2, 2005.....M. Duane O’Neil
Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Iowa
- November 28, 2005.....Jerald King
Tyrian Lodge No. 508, Iowa

YEAR PIN PRESENTATIONS

It is always an honor and pleasure to recognize those pillars of stability of the Lodges, Brothers who have been members of their Lodge for given periods of time. 106 Brothers received pins for 25 years of service to Masonry; 277 received pins for 50 years of service to Masonry; 121 received pins for 60 years of service to Masonry; and 10 received pins for 70 years of service to Masonry. A unique and distinct pleasure was to

present pins for 80 years of service and membership to Lawrence Mandelko in May and to M.:W.: Harry A. Spencer in July. Brother Mandelko celebrated the 102nd anniversary of his birth in May and M.:W.: Brother Spencer his 102nd in September.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

During the year we stressed that each Lodge has its own personality and culture within their community and each Lodge was encouraged to become relevant with a positive image in their community. Although we have many common threads that bind us as a Fraternity, how we blend those threads are unique to each Lodge. Being members of a symbolic craft that worked in quarries and ordered stones into various beautiful and magnificent monumental structures, it is up to each Lodge to place their stones into Lodge structures as they envision them, bonded with the cement of brotherly love and affection. It made me very proud to observe many Lodges arranging the various stones into thriving and vibrant organizations of brothers with much enthusiasm toward their Lodge, positive views toward the future, pride in the Masonic Family and the resulting limited time to complete the necessary ritual work for new members. These Lodges are becoming relevant and visible in their communities. It was a true indication that both optimism and pessimism are contagious and it is up to us as Masons to decide which we choose to support.

It is rewarding to further observe many Lodges assuming leadership roles to lead their communities in service to their citizens. An example is that of hosting CHIP Events, the warmth of doing a valuable community function, citizens working together as community, Masons working together to give of our services and not ask for anything in return. Doesn't that feel good? Isn't that good for our Masonic Family? Visibility! A healthy Fraternal Organization! Other examples include sponsoring softball and basketball tournaments, soccer fields, cornerstones, working county fairs, various community activities and the list goes on. Perhaps the most unique was to assist with the simultaneous launching of 399 model rockets to set a new record in the Guinness Book of World Records. Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water, worked in conjunction with the Boy Scouts. Each rocket carried the square and compass logo. Don't these activities make you feel good? These Lodges are receiving petitions from their exposure.

Membership continues to be an area requiring attention. The number of members meeting the Grand Architect of the Universe is more than the number of new members we are initiating, passing and raising each year. We are encountering challenges in retaining our membership and are experiencing too many brothers being suspended for non-payment of dues. We must continue to develop methods, programs, activities, fellowship, etc. in our Lodges that places value in our membership. Many of our Lodges are achieving these goals; we must all strive to do so.

The craft continues to maintain ritual work at a high level of standard and take great pride in doing so. Masonic Education continues to be of high interest among the brethren, thanks much in part to our Masonic Education Committee for their Masonic Education programs which include "To Light."

The Committees and Grand Lodge Officers continue to prepare leadership development tools and materials for use by all Lodges. A "Grand Lodge Programs Guide" has been prepared and distributed to provide a brief synopsis and reference of many of the programs that are available to the Lodges. Several Lodges are taking advantage of this

resource. The "Masonic Leadership Schools" afford an excellent opportunity to learn skills and ideas among a group of Masons seeking the betterment of their Lodges. There are many positive comments regarding the benefits of these resources and the opportunity to interact with other brothers experiencing similar concerns. I encourage all to participate.

There are many positive signs that Nebraska Masonry is making the turn to regaining the status and value of previous tradition. Brethren keep up the momentum; I look toward a bright and valuable future.

CONCLUSION

As we transition into 2006-2007, Karen and I wish to again thank our Masonic Family for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master. I hope that through the energy and effort of many, that several positive steps have been taken and that the renewal of our Fraternity continues to be positive. That we look toward a stronger bond between the new members and the current membership and that harmony and unity shall continue to prevail.

We as individuals have much to offer for the good of our Fraternity. I continue to be reminded of those ten most important two letter words, appropriate to each of us. **"If it is to be, it is up to me."** So may it be.

Thank you, God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan A. Vrtiska
Grand Master

The 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.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Charles Spohr, Chairman

The Awards Committee met in April 2005 at the direction of Most Worshipful Grand Master Vrtiska to review the Rock Maul Award criteria. The Committee made some changes in the point system, in an attempt to level the playing field for all lodges, large and small.

The Committee also thought that a lodge could win the Rock Maul and Gold Pan Award only once every five years, but on review by members of the Grand Lodge, it was determined that this was not the case, so until changed, a lodge can receive either award in successive years.

The Committee also discussed other methods of recognizing more lodges such as dividing the state into regions. Another idea was to divide the lodges into classes by

membership. These were only ideas discussed and are not recommended at this time. If any lodges have any suggestions or ideas on this matter, please feel free to let a Committee member know.

As all the lodges should know, the Rock Maul application is mandatory and is to be submitted by every lodge in the state, to the Grand Lodge office. Please use only current forms. A large number of the lodges used the 2003 forms for the Rock Maul Award, which had the old point system.

In 2005, of the 155 lodges, only 36 returned an application for the Rock Maul Award – not good, but 50% better than 2004. The Gold Pan application is voluntary, but only six applications were received in 2005, a 62% decrease from 2004.

The award for CHIP is new this year. The Committee received seven nominations, which we felt was very good for the first year.

There were several Masonic and Non-Masonic Achievement awards given. This was quite gratifying but wished there could have been more.

The Committee strongly urges all lodges to aggressively compete for all the awards, as a means of developing an interest in your lodges and communities, beyond just reading the minutes and paying the bills at meetings.

In the future, a system may be derived to share some of the activities and projects that are successful with all lodges, as ideas for them to consider and implement.

The Committee wishes to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Vrtiska for his interest in the Committee, as well as Jeannie and the Grand Lodge office staff, for their major contribution to the success of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Spohr, 97, Chairman
Paul R. Eveland, 119
Herman F. Hansen, 51
Fred E. Liebers, 297
Kevin R. Lindly, 148

After supplementing the printed report, Charles Spohr, Chairman of the Awards Committee, moved for the adoption of the printed report, including the supplemental remarks. The motion was seconded and carried.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.:Grand Master Vrtiska asked R.:W.: Scott Krieger for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master:

As we conclude another Masonic year, we must once again embark on the next. Just like the electrons flowing through the wire feeding the lights in this room, we must keep moving at a constant pace. For if we stop, just as the electrons do when you throw the switch to the off position, everything goes dark.

Now that I have your attention. We cannot afford to stand still and allow our lodges to go dark. It is a must that the electrons keep flowing to bring light to our world. We as Masons must continue to work diligently to bring Masonic light to this world.

I would like to explain to you my vision for the ensuing Masonic year. As many of you know, my first love of Masonry is the ritual work. Having been a Deputy Grand Custodian for 15 years and proficient for 20 years, I'm sure you will understand that. But even above all of that, the ritual work is what separates us from all the other fraternities and service organizations. If we cannot impress our new candidates with an outstanding performance of our ritual work, we won't have a second chance to impress them with the rest of our precepts. (As a great man once said, you only have one chance to make a good first impression.) Let's use it!

I cannot emphasize to you enough the importance of working hard with each of your officers to make them proficient in the memorization of our ritual work so that we can give that outstanding first impression.

My goals for the year 2006-2007 are few and simple. You will discover in the Grand Lodge line behind me some of the most intelligent men I have ever had the pleasure to work with, and they have impressed upon me the need for me to use the "kiss" method (keep it simple stupid) - being just a simple electrical contractor.

Seriously Brethren, I could never impress upon you the intelligence and the ability of the officers you have selected to lead your Grand Lodge. They are an outstanding group of men, and I thank you for allowing me the privilege to be associated among them. Sorry, now back to the goals.

Goal #1 Implement a Nebraska Grand Lodge enrollment program in every Lodge in the state of Nebraska. Every year, we lose large numbers of members due to nonpayment of dues. We are not enrolling these men into our lodges as "our brothers." This program is an effort to change that. (Information on the enrollment program was presented yesterday during the Grand Lodge workshops. A mentoring school will be held later in the year.)

Goal #2 Work with your Membership Committee to increase membership by 5% in every Lodge in this Grand jurisdiction. This has been a long-standing goal of many Grand Masters in the past, and brethren we must work toward that goal.

Goal #3 Perform at least two events within your community, which give your Lodge recognition and relevance to your community - from CHIP events to scholarships, and from parades to fundraisers, the possibilities are endless. (As Most Worshipful Brother Les Seiler stressed over and over - We must be relevant in our communities, or we will die.)

In closing, I want to sincerely thank each one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Grand Master of your Grand Lodge, and I promise you I will perform to the best of my ability. Thank You!

Fraternally yours,
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.:W.: John M. McHenry, Chairman

Due to the absence of M.:W.: John M. McHenry, M.:W.: Les Seiler presented the report.

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 2, 2006 by M.:W.: Brother John M. McHenry with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Dwight E. Smith, Steven F. Mattoon, Don E. Rasmussen and Les Seiler. Also present were thirteen Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Masters Charles Amidon and Jerry Rittenburg.

Pursuant to Section 1-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the Jurisprudence Committee is to review all Resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, including a request for Bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of delivery whether the Resolutions are in proper form. The Resolution delivered to the Grand Secretary at the 148th Annual Communication held on February 4 and 5, 2005 was found to be in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this Session.

Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge provides that at least 15 days prior to the opening of the session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence shall meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on January 11, 2006 and submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, we found that Recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to Recommendation 2, if adopted, together with the additional amendments of Sections 1-301 and 1-302 allows a non-Mason a seat and voice at the Grand Lodge when in session and therefore, the Committee has determined that parts one and two of Recommendation 2 are in proper form and that the third part of Recommendation 2 is not in proper form to be voted upon at this Grand Lodge session. In the event Section 1-312 is amended, then the Committee on Codification of the Law will harmonize Section 1-302 with Section 1-312.

With regard to Recommendation 6, if adopted, grants to the Grand Master judicial powers that are reserved to the Grand Lodge and would be contrary to the provisions of Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution. In addition, the provisions of Recommendation 6, if adopted, is contrary to the due process provisions afforded a member in Chapters IV through VIII of the Bylaws and therefore, the Committee has determined that Recommendation 6 is not in proper form to be voted upon at this Grand Lodge session.

With regard to the permissions and dispensations, the Committee found them to be proper. The Committee further reviewed the permissions and dispensations granted by the Grand Master from the time of his report to the beginning of this Grand Lodge session. The Committee on Jurisprudence found all permissions and dispensations to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry of Nebraska and approved the same.

With regard to the Bylaw Amendments that were approved by the Grand Master, the Committee found that all such approvals were proper.

With regard to the Grand Master's actions set forth in the Grand Master's Address on page 51 regarding the Swisher Kits and the formation of a Swisher Lodge U.D., the Committee requested clarification regarding the following:

1. Was a petition for dispensation presented to any subordinate lodge in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-101 of the Bylaws?
2. What were the facts that satisfied you that it was in the best interest of the Fraternity to issue the dispensation for the U.D. Lodge?
3. Is the Swisher Lodge U.D. initiating members and if so, are they complying with the residency requirements of Section 2-803 of the Bylaws?
4. Who are the officers of the Swisher Lodge U.D. and how were they installed?
5. What type of warrant was issued to the Swisher Lodge U.D.?

Such clarifications were provided by the Grand Master.

The next order of business was the election of a Chairman and Secretary of the Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, M.:W.: Brother Les Seiler was elected Chairman and M.:W.: Brother Dwight Smith was elected Secretary.

The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending M.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska on his very successful year as Grand Master and commended him and his officers for their year of service to the Fraternity.

The Committee on Jurisprudence stands willing, ready and able to aid and assist your Grand Master and all of the elected Grand Lodge Officers to advise and assist them in any way we can with reference to the laws of our Grand Lodge's grand jurisdiction and to aid all of our officers in the execution of the duties of their office.

At this time I would like to thank the other members of the Committee.

Fraternally,
John M. McHenry, 19, Chairman
Steven F. Mattoon, 75
Dwight E. Smith, 205
Don E. Rasmussen, 82 & 135
Les Seiler, 317

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

If there is anyone beside myself who is counting, this is the end of my second full year as Grand Secretary. It has been a great experience and seems to get better and better. I think that is because of the opportunity to visit more Lodges, meet more brethren across the State and see the activities and the commitments from those Lodges and brethren in their local communities. The past couple of years we have been talking about "relevance" in our communities and to see the local Lodges carrying that out is very rewarding. It has helped gain recognition in a positive light and has made membership in our fraternity much more desirable. Successes like this tend to spread and build more success, which will be positive for the future of our fraternity.

Part of our positive exposure throughout the State has to do with our cornerstone laying ceremony. I was able to participate in several of these throughout the year. An elementary school in Juniata, a Shrine room addition to the Masonic Center in North Platte, Learning Center at the Children's Home in Fremont, courthouse in Seward, assisted living center in Superior, Fire Hall in Wood River, FCA Building in Minden, and Library in Lexington. I also participated in degree work at One-Day Blue Lodge conferrals at Barneston, Friend, two in Omaha and two in Lincoln; an outdoor Masters Degree at Hastings and Sidney, and the Deputy Grand Custodians school at Grand Island. All was not work as I played in the Masonic Charities golf outings at Scottsbluff and Fremont. I also had the privilege of attending the Conference of Grand Secretaries in Calgary, Alberta, Canada in February and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Coralville, Iowa in August.

The work of a Lodge Secretary is very important, not only to their local lodge but to the Grand Lodge as well. We appreciate all their time and the work they do for Masonry. The duties of a Lodge Secretary include preparing and submitting reports to the Grand Lodge office. For those Secretaries who file these reports on time as required, we award them a certificate at the Secretaries Workshop. Those Secretaries who received a certificate at the Annual Communication in 2005 for their work in 2004 are as follows:

Jay Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6	Loren Hawkinson, Robert Burns No. 173
Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley No. 32	Viron Baxter, Palisade No. 216
Bill Parrish, Ashlar No. 33	Lowell Erickson, Wausa No. 251
Dale Wulff, Papillion No. 39	Darrel VerMaas, Hickman No. 256
Nick Longly, Rob Morris No. 46	Richard Cooper, Mitchell No. 263
Merv Ransom, Osceola No. 65	Ron Stites, George W. Lininger No. 268
Frank Harris, Nelson No. 77	Merton Rose, Oshkosh No. 268
John Jacobs, Geneva No. 79	Maynard Tatelman, Omaha No. 288
Loren McNeil, Utica No. 96	Armando Benietz, John J Mercer No. 290
Dan Wellendorf, Springfield No. 112	Dee Frye, Cotner No. 297
Dick Ely, Guide Rock No. 128	Bruce Watkins, Liberty No. 300
Harold Mueksch, Scribner No. 132	Art Dye, Mid-West No. 317
Marshall Grant, McCook No. 135	Phil Edwards, Centennial No. 326
Richard Gable, Long Pine No. 136	Don Miller, Miloma No. 328

The only secretary receiving the award for five consecutive years was:
Marshall Grant, McCook Lodge No. 135

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Number of Lodges	156	155
Initiated	398	375
Passed	407	361
Raised	417	345
Affiliated	63	45
Dual Memberships	41	30
Reinstatements	161	148
Consolidations	86	18
Other	2	0
Total Gains	770	586
Deaths	514	490
Demits	59	53
Suspensions	460	427
Withdrawals	3	0
Consolidations	86	18
Termination of Dual	33	11
Other	13	22
Total Losses	1,168	1003
Net Membership Changes	(398)	(417)
Membership 12/31/2003	15,655	
Membership 12/31/2004	15,257	
Membership as of 12/31/2005		14,840

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

277- 50 year pins presented
 121- 60 year pins presented
 10 - 70 year pins presented
 2 - 80 year pins presented

This report would not be complete without thanking the three ladies who work in our Grand Lodge office; Michelle Fulmer, Carol Schroeder, and Jean Holt. They do a terrific job in taking care of all the duties there and keep us going on a smooth basis. We appreciate it very much. Please give them a word of thanks when you see them or stop in the office and thank them there. I know they would appreciate it.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Grand Secretary and I appreciate it very much. My thanks to the entire Grand Lodge for allowing me to do so. I hope that I have been able to fulfill my duties to the satisfaction and advancement of our great fraternity. Thanks again. I am sincerely and

Fraternally yours,
 Bruce A. Watkins, 300
 Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins moved for the adoption of the report of the Grand Secretary, as printed, along with the adoption of 2005 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



At this time M.:W.: Vrtiska asked Jim Erixon, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home Board, to come forward to bring greetings from the Home.



Grand Master Ivan called on Ben Harvey, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, to bring greetings from the Children's Home.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Steven R. Barchus, Chairman

The Membership Committee is encouraging subordinate lodges to take advantage of the material developed and distributed over the past couple of years. Programs to promote membership are working in several parts of the state. Masonic unity is a very important factor. If we are able to present all of the different Masonic groups in a favorable light we will all benefit.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has funding available to subordinate lodges to promote membership. Lodges that need the assistance the most under utilize these limited funds. CHIP has raised the visibility of Masonry in the state of Nebraska. These events have given us very favorable press. The Lodge Leadership Course has many ideas relating to membership and the running of a successful lodge. All of the lodges in the state should take advantage of these programs to help improve both the lodge, and their membership.

Membership is the lifeblood of Masonry. We need to promote it or we will disappear and end up a footnote in history. Each lodge needs to be able to show the value of this special fraternity. We have an opportunity to bring in younger members. They are looking for something special to become a part of. Many have grandparents who were Masons and lovers of the craft.

We are seeing positive strides in membership in some lodges in Nebraska. The number of new members is on the rise in these lodges. Unfortunately, there are several lodges that are not doing any work. Deaths and suspensions are taking their toll. About 6% of our membership is lost per year in these two areas. While we cannot control deaths, we can decrease suspensions. We need to reconnect with those who we have lost. We have already done the work with these past brethren. Why not bring them back? 140 of these past members were reinstated in 2005. If we reinstated half of the people we have suspended in the past three years we would be in positive numbers.

We all need to work membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven R. Barchus, 302, Chairman
Kenneth A. Bills, 106
Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317
James N. Screws, 61
Stanley R. Thayer, 50

W.:B.: Steve Barchus 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

Before going into the printed report, W.: Brother Verbeek thanked the members of the Committee on Work, Phil Lorenzen, Steve Green and Roger Shillington, for their assistance with the degree work.

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 is always a privilege 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 68 lodges will be recertified, and with ongoing work I expect 8 more to complete recertification. To date 23 lodges have been certified for more than 60 years. This is a record worthy of note and the officers and members of these lodges are to be congratulated for their efforts. The lodges are as follows:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 (82)
Fremont Lodge No. 15 (75)
Lincoln Lodge No. 19 (70)
Beatrice Lodge No. 26 (76)
Ashlar Lodge No. 33 (72)
Crete Lodge No. 37 (73)
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 (60)
Hastings Lodge No. 50 (82)
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 (84)
Wahoo Lodge No. 59 (81)
Hooper Lodge No. 72 (81)
Utica Lodge No. 96 (77)

Euclid Lodge No. 97 (75)
McCook Lodge No. 135 (60)
Custer Lodge No. 148 (62)
Samaritan Lodge No. 158 (61)
Alliance Lodge No. 183 (61)
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 (72)
North Star Lodge No. 227 (73)
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 (67)
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 (74)
Cotner Lodge No. 297 (64)
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 (82)

Brothers Don Gasparetti, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Greg I. Nability, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 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: Jerry G. Niday and Gene F. Peterson, Comet Lodge No. 229 and Jerry V. Zellers, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.

The following brethren completed 25 years of proficiency: David B. Hunter, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, and Roland L. Wallick, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

The following brethren have completed 30 years of proficiency: Leslie A. Evert, Deputy Grand Custodian, Arcana Lodge No. 195, Ralph Olson, Comet Lodge No. 229, Roy L. Smith, Deputy Grand Custodian, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and William H. Veith, Florence Lodge No. 281.

The following brethren completed their 35th year of proficiency: Jimmie L. Brown, College View Lodge No. 320, Harold W. Noble, Deputy Grand Custodian, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Max E. Rothwell, Zion Lodge No. 234, Virgil E. VerMaas, Hickman Lodge No. 256, and Donald L. Veskrna, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.

The following brethren completed 40 years of proficiency: Doyle E. Berg, Florence Lodge No. 281, Frank W. Brooks, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Robert E. Wolf, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

Most Worshipful Brother Charles W. Amidon, Past Grand Master, Florence Lodge No. 281 and Shiloh Lodge No. 327, and Donald S. Mack, Fremont Lodge No. 15 completed their 45th year of proficiency:

The following brethren have been certified 50 years or more:

75 years – Harry A. Spencer Sr., Past Grand Master, North Star Lodge No. 227, and Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; 57 years – Ben D. Fussell, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, Geneva Lodge No. 79 and Marion Reed, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; 56 years – Kenneth O. Smith, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 55 years – Lloyd I. Edwards, Deputy Grand Custodian, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 and James W. Gray, Blue River Lodge No. 30 and East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; 53 years – Richard L. Ely Sr., Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 and Norris L. Rusmisell, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; 51 years – Most Worshipful Brother Wayne G. Lueningborg, Past Grand Master, Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, Dean E. Taylor, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and David E. Anthony, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177; 50 years – Norman L. Sorenson, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Truman J. Berry, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Arthur S. Dye, Deputy Grand Custodian, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Richard B. Hobson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Most Worshipful Brother Donald R. Swanson, Past Grand Master, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

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. Worshipful Brother Harold Noble, District No. 35, having served as Deputy Grand Custodian since October 1, 1989, has decided to retire. We thank him for his work and are pleased to announce that Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska, Grand Master, has appointed him to Emeritus Status.

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
Suman Vallabhbai, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 – District No. 11
Ashley H. Story, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and Jachin Lodge No. 146 – 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
- Daniel L. Scarborough, Geneva Lodge No. 79 – 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
- Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 – District No. 26
- Roy William Lichtenberger, Parian Lodge No. 207 and 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 – District No. 30
- Gordon L. Carley, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 – District No. 31
- Roger L. Shillington, Justice Lodge No. 180 – District No. 32
- Frank Veverka, Fremont Lodge No. 15 – 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
- Dean Papenhagen, Hastings Lodge No. 50 – District No. 38

Most Worshipful Brother Jerry L. Rittenburg, Past Grand Master, and Worshipful Brother Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro are Grand Custodian Emeriti. They have earned this high honor and continue to be active participants in the work in this grand jurisdiction. I thank them for their continued support in this important part of the Masonic Work.

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. I am pleased to report that we have some very talented apprentice custodians who are very much a part of the total program designed to assist lodges in their areas.

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| Glenn W. Binder | Eugene C. Sibley |
| Richard L. Mauch | Richard W. Linnemeyer |
| Frank R. Harris | Vincent Rosenberger |
| Ben D. Fussell | Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master |
| Ralph McNulty | Michael G. Birnstihl |
| A. W. Clark | Scott J. Krieger Sr. |
| D. Wayne Erickson | Harold C. Mueksch |
| Lynn Doty | |

The annual custodians school was held in Grand Island on September 8, 2005. My thanks to Most Worshipful Brother Philip A. Lorenzen, Chair of the Committee on Nebraska work, Steven A. Green and Roger L. Shillington, Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work for their support and contributions during this past Masonic Year, and to all the Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentice Deputy Grand Custodians for their cooperation, support and work, not only at the school but also in the field. We were pleased to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska attend and address the brethren participating in the school. Thirty attended the school, including Scott J. Krieger Sr., Deputy Grand Master, who participated in the work. I was especially pleased to have three Apprentice Deputy Grand Custodians present to participate in the school. My thanks to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Worshipful Brother Edwin Weber for his

help; he remained near at hand during the school to keep the lodge hall in order and the required equipment available for our use.

This year, with the assistance of the Deputy Custodians, the lodge officers and members of the lodges, I had the pleasure of conducting 16 schools of instruction of all types. My thanks to all who assisted and attended these schools. I also had the privilege of participating in Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremonies, the installation of lodge officers and many Grand Lodge, local lodge, and other Masonic functions in the State of Nebraska. I offer a special "Thank You" for all the support and cooperation I have received this year from Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office Staff and all Masons in Nebraska.

I thank Most Worshipful Brother Ivan A. Vrtiska for the opportunity of serving as your Grand Custodian this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15
Grand Custodian

Before moving for the adoption of the report, W.:B.: Jerry Verbeek noted that the printed report includes information up to the printing deadline date for the packet, and that any new information he receives will be included in the final report submitted for the proceedings. Grand Custodian Verbeek moved for the acceptance of the printed report with the inclusion of any additional information he may receive. The report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

A brief verbal report was given before the printed report was presented. W.:B.: Zwart told those gathered that the Grand Lodge was looking for individuals to volunteer for appointments as Grand Representatives.

The Grand Lodge of Bulgaria and The Grand Lodge of Romania have met the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and are therefore recommended for full recognition.

The committee recommends that we not recognize the following jurisdictions at this time because of lack of recommendation by the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, and that they be carried forward for further consideration in the ensuing year:

Grand Loge du Niger, The Grand Lodge of Estado de Aguascalientes (Mexico), The Grand Lodge of Estado De Guerrero (Mexico), The Grand Lodge of Montenegro, The Grand Lodge of the Kingdom of Morocco, The Grand Lodge of San Marino, Grand Lodge of Baja California (Mexico) and the Gran Logia "Occidental Mexicana" (Mexico).

A study on the effectiveness, viability and participation of the appointees of the Grand Representative System is underway. The role of the Grand Representative is one of the most misunderstood functions of our Grand Lodge and requires better understanding and direction. We are not alone in our desire for clarification. Other jurisdictions are also

seeking a better definition of this function. Letters have gone out to the existing Grand Representatives requesting input from them concerning their continued participation. We have received replies from a large number of them, but not all. Some recommendations for nominations for Representatives to various jurisdictions have been made. At year's end this project continues to be a work in progress.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman, 11
David H. Eads, 6
Joseph K. Humphrey, 159
Robert A. Jones, 83
Cullen F. Pilker, 39

W. B. : Larry Zwart 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

Rob Kinsey, Chairman

In the absence of Chairman Rob Kinsey, Curt Edic came forward to give the report.

The Lodge Advisory Committee stands ready to assist and encourage lodges experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active program.

We encourage lodges to use the ten-step lodge renewal program and the lodge membership packets, both of which are available from the Grand Lodge office. The membership packets may be distributed to the members of the lodge as a recruiting tool for potential new members. Secretaries are reminded that representatives to the Grand Lodge Session must have a credential card or proxy, which must have the signature and seal of their lodge secretary to be counted as delegates.

To date your chairman has received visitation reports for thirteen lodges. They are lodge numbers 14, 38, 61, 82, 89, 119, 126, 136, 162, 204, 305 (2), and 325. My thanks to the members of the Committee for attending statewide committee meetings and assisting in visitations.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Kinsey, 297, Chairman
Curt M. Edic, 268 & 1
Vernon L. Platt, 177
Merton L. Rose, 286
Daniel L. Scarborough, 79

W. B. : Curt Edic moved for the adoption of the Lodge Advisory Report, as printed. The motion was seconded and the report was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.



R. W. : Don Porter, Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming, was asked to come forward and bring greetings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

Don C. Bottorf, Chairman

The Committee on Grievances had two matters appealed to it for the 2005 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska

The Committee unanimously upheld the expulsion of a brother from East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 for unmasonic conduct in August by reason of entering a guilty plea to the charge of attempted sexual assault.

The Committee also heard an appeal of expulsion from Lancaster Lodge No. 54 for violating acts prohibited by the laws of the land and involving moral turpitude. The Committee reached a split decision on Count One, a Felony conviction from 1985. Two members voted for expulsion and two members found that no weight should be given that offense, because more than 20 years had passed and no timely action was taken by the Lodge. Count Two also resulted in a split vote of three to one for expulsion. By majority vote on Count Two, expulsion should be upheld.

Respectfully submitted,
Don C. Bottorf, 49, Chairman
Richard H. Cooper, 263
Jay H. Speck, 6
Charles Hastings, 317

W. : Brother Don Bottorf moved for the adoption of the report of the Grievances Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.



Most Worshipful Ivan invited W. : Brother Don Jelinek, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee for 2006, to the podium to give the report of the contributions that will be made to the youth groups from the silent auction.

Thanks were given to Brother Gene and Judy Wehrbein for spearheading the silent auction efforts again this year, as well as Sharon McElfresh and Thelma Domino and others who helped with the auction. Thanks were also given to the Grand Lodge for sending out notices about the auction and requesting items to be donated to the cause. Brother Don thanked those who donated the items, as well as those who bid and won the items in the auction. The total raised in the silent auction was approximately \$2750.00 that will be split equally among the three youth groups of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.



R.: W.: Brian L. Cotter, Junior Grand Warden, was called upon to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Colorado.



Most Worshipful Vrtiska asked Bruce W. Lahti, Grand Treasurer, to come forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Montana.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

Jerry L. Rittenburg, Chairman

Jerry first asked all the brethren present to stand who were band chaperones in the 11th Annual Masonic All-Star Band Camp. He asked those still seated to look around and see who was standing and talk to those brothers before they leave and ask them how they enjoyed being a chaperone last year because without good chaperones the camp doesn't work.

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

"This past year was a particular challenge for us. They were working on putting a new field down in the football stadium so we had to do things completely different than we had ever done before. That presented some challenges to us, including monetary challenges. We found a lot of free fields we could use, but then we had to hire buses to haul 257 kids and 20 chaperones back and forth and that costs a lot of money that we didn't have. So we found a field. I say we, Michelle found a field that was fairly close, easy walking distance, but they charged us \$4 per day, per kid, to practice on it. So we had to find places we could cut expenses to come up with that much money. We didn't like it very well at the time, but I think in retrospect it turned out to be a really good thing because, if you remember, it was hot last year. But, out there in that open field, if there was any breeze, we got it. There was no shade, but sometimes there was a little breeze and that kept us a little cooler. Otherwise we would have lost a lot of kids because it was just too hot to be down in the bottom of that stadium during the afternoon practice sessions.

Another problem we had with that was that the band directors like to get up high so they can look down on their formations and see if they look like they do on paper. Out there in this open field there wasn't any way to do that. So Dave Watts brought over one of his trucks. I don't know what you call it; it was like a cherry picker, except that it was a rectangular metal platform with a railing around it and it went up real high. The band directors didn't seem to mind it. Michelle went up on it one time and she spent a lot of time hanging on to the railing. There were a couple of other people who went up. Not me. I'm not going up there. But there were a couple who went and I think one of them kept his eyes shut all the time and hung on to the railing real tight. I'm sure there are fingerprints on it yet. But without Dave's truck, we just couldn't have had the formations that we ended up with and the band directors would not have been able to see. So I don't know where Dave is this morning, but if you see him...oh, he's way back there in the back...Dave, thank you very much for the use of your truck.

One other person we really do need thank besides the office staff and the people who contribute to band camp, is our supplier of water. When it's that hot, those kids go through a lot of water. Jack Lorenzen, who was Grand Tyler three or four years ago

donated, and I'm not talking about cartons, I'm talking about two pallet loads of water to the kids. They drank every bit of it. So if you run across Jack sometime, be sure and thank him too."

The printed report reads as follows:

As always, thanks to the Grand Master for the opportunity to work with the Masonic All-Star Marching Band, the committee members, the band directors and the staff from the Grand Lodge office.

This was another very successful band camp. Again this year we had several returning campers and this really helps. They teach the new kids so much about what we expect.

First, this was one of the largest bands we have had. There were 257 band members and they sounded great. It seems that I say the same thing every year, but this band came together very quick and really sounded very good, very quickly. We had a few people cancel during the last few days but less than the last few years.

A new wrinkle this year was that the stadium was under construction and we usually use the field for our practice sessions and at no cost. This year we had to move our practice to another field where we had to pay so much per day for each band member. That hurt financially but in other ways was a blessing. The field was out in the open and if there was any breeze we got it. There was very little shade but we were better off than we would have been down in the bowl of the stadium. In the past the band directors were able to get up in the stands and look down on the band to assess the positions of the band on the field. This year, thanks to Dave Watts we had the use of a very tall cherry picker on a truck that allowed the band directors to get very high. It did kind of sway in the wind and I saw them hanging on a few times but it worked very well. Again, thank you to Dave Watts.

Due to not being able to use the stadium, we had to make some other changes. We usually take the group picture in the stadium on Tuesday. This year we used the steps in front of the capitol building on Saturday afternoon following the parade. After the picture some of the band members were able to tour the capitol building and the rest went directly to the Scottish Rite for lunch. There were also tours of the Scottish Rite building during the afternoon.

Since we had not had a chance to practice on the field we left for Seacrest early and had a walk through before people started arriving for the game. After practice the members of Lancaster Lodge served a picnic lunch in the adjoining park with lots of cold drinks. The drinks especially were very welcome.

The kids did a great job of playing during the half time show and I will have to say that it was another successful year.

Even though we had some unusual expenses this year we were able to have some saving in other areas so that we came out a little bit ahead. Some of that is due to all the people and companies that make contributions to the camp. Various stores donated most of the food for the Saturday evening picnic. Worshipful Brother Jack Lorenzen again donated lots of bottled water. We really do thank Jack for that water. The Scottish Rite allowed us

to spend the afternoon enjoying their air conditioning and provided lunch on Saturday. We just can't thank them enough.

We had a great bunch of chaperones this year and they are a very important component to the success of this camp. I just can't thank them enough. If you see someone wearing one of those blue ribbons that says band chaperone, take the time to thank them. You might also stop them and talk about the experience they had. You just might want to join us next year. It is a fun experience.

Thank you to the rest of this committee. We have several meetings, starting early in the year and we had almost perfect attendance at committee meetings. If they couldn't be there they had a very good reason.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rittenburg, 210 & 64, Chairman
Michael E. Jones, 51 & 173
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 198
Jan Thoman
Sarah Yokel
Ad-hoc members
Joseph A. Chapman, 21
K. Roger Dill, 310
Donald Havekost, 132

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



Grand Master Vrtiska granted the request of W.:B.: Major Charles Folsom to briefly address those present at the business meeting regarding the National Sojourners.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska began a PowerPoint presentation showing a summary of each of the Grand Master's Recommendations to be voted upon. Grand Master Vrtiska then asked Deputy Grand Master Krieger to take the podium and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations. R.:W.: Krieger announced that voting on the Recommendations will take place by a show of hands. If the outcome is close, a written ballot will be taken.

Recommendation No. 1

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 stricken. These changes will be effective the year following the passage of this amendment.

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – *Beginning January 1, 2007*, 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.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend **Section 1-312 – (Not used)** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-312 – ~~(Not used)~~ CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) – *The CHIP Committee shall consist of seven (7) Masonic members and three (3) members that shall be at large members not required to be Masons (representing the Dental Profession and Law Enforcement Profession and CHIP Coordinator), each to serve for a period of four years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually, with one of the seven required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Senior Deacon shall serve as the liaison officer. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the CHild Identification Program (CHIP), financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the CHIP Events.*

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 3 – *Because Recommendation No. 2 passed, Recommendation No. 3 was not voted upon.*

Recommendation No. 4

Amend **Section 2-610 – LIMITATIONS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-610 – LIMITATIONS – That hereafter no subordinate lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic Charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic Charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other terms indicating Masonic activities regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of

Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the *Grand Master* ~~Grand Lodge~~ to do so.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 4 was made and seconded. After brief discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 5

Amend paragraph (b) of **Section 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS

(b) "Period of membership" shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska, if such be the case. Periods of suspension for non-payment of dues less than three years shall be included when making the aforesaid computation, and periods of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in the parent lodge only. Expulsions for any reason or suspensions *except* for non-payment of dues ~~longer less than~~ three years shall be deducted when computing the number of years a member has been in good standing. All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 5 was made and seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 6 – *The Jurisprudence Committee found that Recommendation No. 6 was not in proper form to be voted upon at the Annual Communication because the Recommendation would grant judicial power to the Grand Master.*

Recommendation No. 7

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

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)~~ *Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)*, and for each member, the sum of ~~Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)~~ *Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)* as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January ~~2001~~ *2007*, with an *automatic cost of living dues increase in the amount of three percent (3%) each year thereafter for each member.* ~~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. Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.~~

During discussion it was decided that a written ballot would be taken on Recommendation No. 7. A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 7 was made and seconded. After discussion, the written ballot was taken.

While waiting for the ballots cast for Recommendation No. 7 to be counted, the Resolution was discussed and voted upon.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Submitted at the 148th Annual Communication in February 2005

Be it resolved that **Section 2-601** be amended as follows:

In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the CHild Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

R. W. Scott Krieger asked for one of the signers of the Resolution to explain the reason for the submission of the Resolution. Maynard Tatelman came forward, and after a brief explanation, made a motion for its adoption. The motion was seconded, and after discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.



Results of Recommendation No. 7

After voting on the Resolution, the results of voting on Recommendation No. 7 was announced. The motion on Recommendation No. 7 failed to gain a 2/3rds majority vote, with 123 votes for and 110 votes against, or a 53 percent margin.

Recommendation No. 8 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 7 does not pass.*

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

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)~~ *Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)*...

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 8 was made and seconded. After discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 9 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 7 does not pass.*

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

...and for each member, the sum of ~~Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$14.50)~~ *Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)* as per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2004 2007, ~~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.~~ Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.

A speaker came forward and called for the question, and made a motion to vote on Recommendation No. 9 by written ballot. The motion for written ballot was seconded and carried by a show of hands.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 9 was made and seconded. After discussion, the motion failed to gain a 2/3rds majority vote, with 165 votes for and 118 votes against, or a 59 percent margin.

Recommendation No. 10 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 7 does not pass.*

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken, to be effective as of January 1, 2007:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third paragraph:

~~...with an automatic cost of living dues increase in the amount of three percent (3%) each year thereafter for each member. 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 \$1.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member. Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid.~~

The question being called, a motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 10 was made and seconded. After discussion, the motion failed by a show of hands.

Recommendation No. 11 – *To be used and voted upon only if Recommendation No. 9 is voted upon and passes.*

Because Recommendation No. 9 failed, Recommendation No. 11 was not voted upon.



M.: W.: Ivan Vrtiska asked for any reports not yet received.



The 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:

- Masonic Relief
- Masonic Education
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee
- Finance Committee
- Grand Lodge Offices
- Public Relations Committee
- Charters and Dispensations
- Insurance Review
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Freemasonry and Religion
- Child Identification Program (CHIP)
- Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
- The Nebraska Masonic Home
- Necrology – Report received during Public Opening

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

Ronald W. Osborne, Chairman

The Committee on Masonic Relief received no appeals for relief during the past Masonic year and no funds were dispersed through our committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald W. Osborne, 256, Chairman
David G. Otte, 119
George Akerson, 314
Mark Gwin, 265
Jerry Sievers, 256

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee is one of the hardest working committees, if not the hardest. The calendar year begins with the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Breakfast. A very professional Masonic Education Program is presented by the talented members of the committee, including, Max Miller, Larry Jacobsen, John Parsons, Tom Hauder, Ron Stites, Bob Whipple, Keith Neisler and Ken Fleming. Masons from all over Nebraska have the opportunity to attend this presentation and go home with a little more knowledge about the Fraternity than what they arrived with. In addition, the committee makes book reading recommendations that enable the Masons of Nebraska to expand their Masonic knowledge even more.

The second major task for the Education Committee comes at the end of March when the Spring Symposium is scheduled. Members of the committee present this Symposium in four locations in the state. Again, a very professional program is presented, which will allow the attendees to walk away with Masonic history, philosophy, information, etc., about the fraternity. In addition, a game of Masonic Jeopardy is presented and enjoyed by all.

The third major task is for someone from the Committee to attend the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. This conference gives the committee ideas about how to better channel Masonic Education to the Masons of Nebraska. Many of the committee activities are aided, if not born by ideas picked up at these conferences. This conference gives the committee the opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education.

It is becoming more important for the committee to have representation, for in 2008, the conference will be held in Omaha. This is a great opportunity for the Nebraska Grand Lodge to host Masons from Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois. Not to mention for the Grand Lodge Education Committee to set a new standard for the conference, as far as giving attendees something to take home and demonstrating a higher level of organization and planning that many of the conferences lack. The 2005 conference was held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It is held in the latter part of April.

The fourth major task is to present the Fall Masonic Education Symposium. As with the spring symposium, a Masonic Education presentation is performed at 4 locations in Nebraska.

Throughout the whole year, Max Miller produces a monthly article called the "To Light Moment." The "To Light Moment" is emailed to all Nebraska Masons who have requested to be on the list. It is recommended that the presentation be read in Lodge, so that members go home with some Masonic education from the regular business meeting. All members of the Education Committee continue to request Brethren who have email addresses to sign up for this mailing. Contacting the Grand Lodge is all it takes to get your email address on the list.

Also the quarterly section of the Nebraska Mason called "To Light" is a product of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen and John Parsons, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. Thanks to utilizing the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered. Articles are provided by the MSRICF and the Saints John Lodge of Education, in addition to members of the Education Committee.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Saints John) continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2006 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year. There are 2 meetings per year. The meetings include papers being presented by members and of course, no Masonic gathering would be complete without a meal.

Thanks to the members of the committee and other volunteers who take the time and effort to make the presentations. The committee thanks the lodges, and valleys that volunteer to support the committee in this task.

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, reading the "To Light Moment," 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
W. Keith Neisler, 1

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

Warren D. Lichty, Chairman

The year opened with the convening of the annual corporation stockholders meeting of the Association in Calgary, Alberta, presided over for the last time by your chairman, Warren Lichty. After transaction of necessary business, officers of the Association were

elected. Pursuant to rules, which Lichty had gotten adopted during his turn as President, his maximum term of three years had elapsed, and thus, it was appropriate that the First Vice President moved up to the presidency. He is Right Worshipful W. Scott Stoner, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1991, and continues to serve as Chairman of the Planned Giving Committee of the Association.

The point when Warren Lichty stepped down as President was just twenty-five years after he first addressed the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America as Vice-chairman of the Conference. So when he stepped down, the members of the Conference gave him a standing ovation. It was quite a thrill.

Other officers and members of the Committee are Past Grand Masters Michael D. Brumback of Indiana, 1st Vice President, Anthony P. Wordlow of California, 2nd Vice President, Roger A. Simmons of Alabama, 3rd Vice President, and Donald G. Hicks of Massachusetts, Executive Committee Member. Other members of the Executive Committee are Worshipful Brother Frank R. Dunaway Jr, Representative on the Board of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, and Worshipful Brother George D. Seghers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial, that magnificent monument with its impressive site atop Shooters Hill represents and honors our greatest Mason, Worshipful Brother George Washington. Everyone who is interested in Masonry should make a special effort to visit it if he or she is going to be anywhere near Alexandria or the Washington D.C. area. There are guided tours every day except certain holidays. The guide staff has just started offering special interest tours of the Memorial. One concentrates on Washington and Freemasonry with emphasis on explaining Masonry. These are conducted on Wednesdays and one Saturday each month. Another concentrates on the art and architecture of the building, on the same days. We should honor George Washington, not only for giving us this magnificent country by first wresting it from colonial power in battle, but then by setting the procedures and honest practices by which government operates. In the current era, almost every newspaper and magazine has headlines about corruption, cheating, stealing and lying, we look back to Washington's time when he always spoke favorably of and lived a moral and upright life. George Washington lived the lessons taught in the Masonic Degrees. Now, we Masons must all do the same. Instead of winking at crooks and crookedness, we must speak out for morality and for living a moral life, lived according to the lessons taught by the working tools of Masonry.

Respectfully Submitted:
Warren D. Lichty, 314, Chairman
Gayle L. Angus, 95 & 297
Maj. Charles A. Folsom, 15
Ronald Stites, 268

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 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 evidence 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 reconciliation to verify their accuracy.
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.

Revenues for the calendar year 2005 totaled \$409,023.72 while the anticipated budgeted revenues were \$404,633.00 resulting in a difference of \$4,390.72. The actual expenses for 2005 were \$461,412.81, while the anticipated budgeted expenses were \$487,920.10, resulting in a savings of \$26,507.29. A total of \$68,496 was utilized from the interest income of the general investment funds, while the anticipated budgeted amount was \$83,287.00, resulting in a savings of \$14,791.00. 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 2005.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory verification for 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.

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
Paul D. Rutherford, 327
Ben F. Hughes, 38 & 96
Rick E. Nelson, 317
Steve B. Wetzel, 227

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman

The Grand Lodge Office Committee is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the efficient operation of the Grand Lodge Office and its employees. Additionally, the committee manages the assets required by the Grand Lodge Office. In discharging this

responsibility the committee met formally on two occasions and at other times through the use of email. The results of the actions taken by this committee follow:

- **New Membership Software** – In 2004 the Grand Lodge Office Committee approved new membership software to be created by Bizco in Lincoln. By email correspondence, that decision was retracted and new software was acquired from Wendell Bell and Associates in Colorado. The Nebraska Masonic Foundation will contract and pay for the membership software at an amount not to exceed \$24,000 and charge the Grand Lodge rent for use of the system.
- **Mileage Reimbursement Amount** – The committee raised the standard mileage reimbursement amount from 20¢ to 25¢ for Grand Lodge Officers, office staff, and Deputy Grand Custodians. Further, the committee decided that since the financial assets of CHIP are handled through the Foundation, that the Foundation should be asked to subsidize mileage expenses incurred by the Office Manager in conjunction with travel on behalf of the CHIP program.
- **Grand Lodge Fixed Assets** – The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge, acknowledged the purchase of a new collator in March 2005 at a cost of \$5,686.65, and approved the removal and disposal of the Rena Labeler from the list of assets owned by the Grand Lodge. The chairman noted that last year the committee acknowledged the gift of equipment for CHIP from the Foundation. Because the assets of CHIP are handled through the Foundation, that equipment will be administratively removed from the Grand Lodge list of fixed assets and added to the Foundation. The Office Manager requested permission to research the purchase of a new laser printer. The current laser printer is four years old and has seen heavy use in its time. It is used to print numerous lodge mailing envelopes, as well as lodge lists, dues cards and other miscellaneous lodge membership reports. The committee suggested that a professional printer technician should be contacted to do a thorough cleaning of the machine. If this does not solve the problem, the committee granted permission for the Office Manager to research the purchase of a new machine, with approval to be granted via email, and requested that the current machine be kept as backup even if a new purchase is made.
- **Annual Communication Mileage** – The chairman noted that because of the passage of a Grand Master's Recommendation during the 2005 Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge Office Committee no longer has to set a mileage amount for travel to the Annual Communication for Deputy Grand Custodians.
- **Committee Budget** – The 2006 budget request for the Grand Lodge Office Committee was set at \$50.
- **Grand Lodge Liability and Insurance Package** – The current status of the insurance package carried by the Grand Lodge for liability, directors and officers, workers compensation, office contents, etc. was reviewed. The Office Manager indicated that because the three-year contract with the

current insurer expires at the end of 2005, the Insurance Review Committee put the package up for bids in November, with bids due to the Grand Lodge Office by December 10. The Insurance Review Committee will review all bids received and choose the best overall package.

- Health Care Costs – The projected changes in Health Care costs for the 2006-year were reviewed and approved. Our current plan is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and requires at least two participants.
- Disability Insurance Proposal – The committee received a disability insurance proposal from a Nebraska Mason. After discussion, the committee decided that the budget is unable to handle such an additional expenditure at this time.
- Grand York Rite Discussions – Due to Jay Speck's impending retirement as Grand Secretary of Nebraska York Rite, preliminary discussions have been held between the Grand Lodge and members of York Rite regarding the feasibility of moving the York Rite operations into the Grand Lodge Office. The committee discussed current resource capacities and usage levels and came to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge does not have office space to offer, the office staff does not have additional time, and equipment is being efficiently utilized. It would not be in the best interests of the Grand Lodge to overload those resources. The committee did decide to offer the York Rite the option of using the copy machine in the Grand Lodge Office when arranged in advance. The York Rite would need to provide two weeks prior notice. There would be a 2¢ per copy charge, plus the cost of paper, to pay for usage and maintenance on the machine.
- Grand Lodge Office Employees – The Grand Lodge Office Committee discussed and reaffirmed the policy that raises given to the employees of the Grand Lodge should not exceed 5 percent in any fiscal year. Raises for the employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and communicated to the employees.
- Revision of Employment Policies – The committee will hold a meeting on May 8, 2006 at 3:00 pm at the Grand Lodge Office for the purpose of reviewing the Employment Policies document.

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

Respectfully submitted,
James F. Brown, Jr., 54, Chairman
W. Glen Jorgenson, 50
Francis L. Crowe, 56
Michael R. McFarlin, 1
Suman Vallabhbbhai, 314

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wade Kendle, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee continued its promotion of Masonry in Nebraska in 2005.

The Grand Lodge office again sent form news releases to Nebraska lodges for their use to publicize installation of officers, awarding of scholarships, naming local students who participate in the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp and presentations of membership year pins and Jordan medals. These forms were also available in the information presented at the Lodge Leadership Courses held in Sidney, Lincoln, and Kearney in November and December.

Assistance was given by committee members to help publicize the Grand Master's 4th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament.

The Committee continued to review the content of publications from other Grand Jurisdictions and provided a standing column for The Nebraska Mason newspaper.

The committee continued working on some public service announcements to promote a variety of Masonic charities, however these have not gone live at this time. A musical image has been custom produced for this purpose and was brought before all the Grand Lodge Committees at the last all committee day of 2005.

The committee has also been working with the Internet and Computer Technology committee on a new website, <http://www.masonshelp.org/> to use in conjunction with the PSAs. The goal of the PSAs will be to drive traffic to the website for more information concerning Masonic charities and their sponsoring bodies. The website will also provide a request for information form which, upon clicking a submit button, would email the Grand Lodge office with questions, comments, and contact information from the form. It is also hoped that we can use this website to promote upcoming CHIP events. This site is past the alpha stage and should be live the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Wade Kendle, 300, Chairman
Ed Bennett, 61
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119
Kent Priest, 32
Russ Reno, 297

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Donald W. Madsen, 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
Scott Brendel, 146
H. Frank Erickson, 146
Phillip F. Harris, 290

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Lowell C. Erickson, Chairman

We are approaching the second renewal period on the three-year package policy carried by Nebraska Grand Lodge. Our committee has addressed several issues concerning this coverage and changes will be made on the renewal to correct these issues. The need to purchase umbrella coverage was also recommended by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Lowell C. Erickson, 251, Chairman
Roger D. Anderson, 46
Jeffrey J. Noble, 78

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

W. Scott Dodge, Chairman

The I.C.T.C. was busy in the 2005 year. Goals set for the beginning of the year were categorized into five distinct areas: "Development & Maintenance, Administration, Advertisement, Training, and Infrastructure Support." Many of these goals were met in the first quarter of the 2005-year; others later in the year, and some were held off, dependant on the possibility of near future blossoming and upcoming technologies or due to scheduling conflicts. Each area, their specific goals for 2005, and their results are listed below:

01. Development & Maintenance

At the beginning of 2005 there was a drive to do a final implementation of the "Masonic Family Calendar" before the end of the 1st quarter of 2005. This goal was met in the 2005 year, and although it was not utilized to its maximum efficiency during the course of the year, it may become better used in the near future. In the 2005 year, the committee was to focus on maintenance and expansion of online reporting for subordinate Lodge secretaries. This goal was not fully achieved. Minor maintenance to the reporting system was done in 2005. Major fixes, such as the "Summaries" report was not completed due to its very possible replacement by another web based system altogether in the 2006 year.

Lastly under "Development and Maintenance," the idea of creating an "Online building usage calendar for Masonic buildings" was put forth as a possible development project. Again, due to the possibility of replacement technologies, this project was not developed.

02. Administration

In the first half of 2005 one of the goals of the I.C.T.C. was to implement a set of web site rules for governance of hosted subordinate Lodge websites, and appendant body websites. This goal was completed and implemented. During the course of the year the Committee performed many administration tasks including: updating page content, setting up new Lodge websites, resetting passwords, etc.

Lastly, one goal brought up during the first all committee meeting in the spring of 2005, was for the Committee to work on improving the Grand Lodge web sites content, to include investigating a submission and addition process. This goal has not been achieved and is expected to carry over into the 2006 year.

03. Advertisement

One of the initial goals that came out of the spring all committee meeting in regards to help advertising the Grand Lodge website, was to post all Grand Lodge letters and communications to subordinate Lodges on the website in PDF format and to include the document's web site address on the communication as if it was physically mailed out during the course of the year. Due to possible disk space requirements, this goal is still under review and may yet be implemented in the 2006 year.

In advertising the website and its usage, a presentation was made at the secretary's luncheon during the 2005 Annual Communication in Hastings. The presentation was well received by those who were in attendance, and a draft of the webmaster's handbook was distributed.

The website was also slated to be presented at the Lodge Leadership Course through out the state during the course of the year. This did not occur, due to schedule conflicts. A presentation about the website was requested at the March 6 Masonic Unity Meeting, held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Lincoln. This was done, and the Masonic youth groups were invited to make use of space as a sub-site on the Grand Lodge's website. Inviting the youth groups to make use of the website was also a goal set forth by the committee.

The website, more specifically an article on how to use the "Masonic Family Calendar" was advertised in the spring edition of the "Nebraska Mason." This was the first step of the goal of increasing the advertising of the website, through this publication.

04. Training

One of the goals set forth at the onset was to explore the possibility of having a "webmaster and secretaries training symposium" dealing specifically with the website. It was put forth to have this symposium at sites both in the eastern and western portions of the state. This goal did not come to fruition due to scheduling conflicts, but will again be reviewed for possible implementation in 2006.

05. Infrastructure Support

The I.C.T.C. in 2005 spent time and resource helping the Grand Lodge office Committee and the Grand Lodge office in the selection of a new database system to replace the limited custom system currently in place. The committee spent time in helping evaluate a number of different systems, including the Sentinel System. A decision was finally made to purchase a vendor provided system that already is in use and has market share with the Grand Lodges of Texas, Washington State, and others. Once the final decision was made, help was given in the purchasing of both hardware and software, taking advantage of special discounts available.

Infrastructure help was also provided in helping switch the Grand Lodge office staff's email accounts to forwarded hosted email accounts. This was an effort to relieve the occurrence of email loss due to communication failures to the Grand Lodge's Linux mail server and firewall as well as failures of the Linux server altogether. The outdated Linux firewall server was then replaced with a physical appliance.

Lastly the committee provided some infrastructure support in helping to correct a DSL communication and router problem at the Grand Lodge office in the course of the 2005-year.

In conclusion, the goals for 2005 were aggressive, and although not all the goals were completely met, a large portion of work was completed. Much of the work that was completed in 2005 was foundation work, which is expected to start coming to fruition in

the coming years. With this said, many thanks must be given to the members of the Committee, as well as to Michelle Fulmer, and the Grand Lodge office staff.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Scott Dodge, 297, Chairman
Patrick J. O'Neil, 327
Dean Papenhagen, 50
Matthew W. Vandergriff, 327
Loyal T. Winborn, 11
Les Seiler, 317

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FREEMASONRY AND 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. As happens every year, occasionally anti-masonic tracts appear from obscure sources, and with an author or publisher seldom, if ever, identified. These publications most often confuse Masonry with a church or religion, and they then argue that we promote false doctrine.

Although Masonry is not a religion, the vast majority of Masons are actively religious in their own houses of worship. As such, they do not believe in efforts by secularists to remove Christian, Jewish or other religious observances from our nation's life. For example, it is refreshing to see citizens who rebel against those merchants who refuse to use "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Hanukkah" in their stores and advertising. This has been especially true this year with several major retailers taking heat (and losing customers) with this "politically correct" approach.

Although we are happy to provide our opinions on matters, often well-researched publications provided by the Masonic Service Association, available through our own Grand Lodge Office, are an excellent source of information. Do not hesitate to contact members of this committee, or the Grand Lodge to see what publications are available.

Respectfully submitted,
V. Kaye Ramsey, 290 & 317, Chairman
Don D. Ball, 119
Rev. John F. Dale, 126
Maynard Tatelman, 288

REPORT OF THE CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) COMMITTEE

John T. Maxell, Chairman

After completing its first year of existence the CHIP program has completed the goals set in front it by the CHIP committee and the Nebraska Grand Lodge. To promote a program that identifies a child from the age of 1-month though young adult, to promote Free Masons in the Nebraska community, and to get the Masonic family active in the community.

The concept of CHIP in Nebraska is to provide a service to the families of our communities and to assist with bringing relevance to Masonry in Nebraska. The comprehensive CHIP is composed of five components: 1) a digital photo for use in identification and Amber Alert; 2) 3-5 minute videotape interview to learn vital

information to child's habits, mannerisms, and four profiles/views of the child; 3) fingerprints and vital stats of the child; 4) Toothprint (tooth impression) which provides a dental record, DNA and scent for canine detection and location; and 5) cheek swab for long term DNA (if kept frozen is said to retain DNA for up to 30 years). This ID packet is all given at no cost to the parents and with only a permission sheet from the parents retained by the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic family had 24 events and identified over 6,000 children. All events were funded, manned and promoted by a local Masonic family. An additional 15 events have been scheduled for the year 2006 with other lodges having events in the planning process. Local and County police departments; local dentists and dental hygienists were all instrumental in helping with CHIP events.

Over the past year the CHIP committee has put together the manual on how run a CHIP event, we assign area Ad-hoc members to help over see CHIP events in their part of the state of Nebraska, upgraded and improved the equipment to improve the efficiency of CHIP events, raised funds for the purchase of equipment, put together a promotion DVD, and meet with Social, Professional and Civic groups across the State of Nebraska to promote the CHIP program.

Respectfully Submitted,
John T. Maxell 327, Chairman
Kent B. Broyhill, 5, Co-Chairman
M.W. Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327
Dr. E. Newton Kelley, 3
Maynard Tatelman, 288
Richard Corwine, 39
Jerry Bishop, 302

REPORT ON THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

I am always happy to report the activities and happenings of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, but this being our 90th year at this location makes it special. You will be pleased to know that Executive Director Ben Harvey and his efficient staff of office, house parents and supervisory personnel continue to operate your home in a smooth and efficient manner. We recently distributed a well compiled and written history book relating stories and pictures of our wonderful Home and the thousands of children who lived here. Some of those children were with us for a short period and many for long periods, but all those children as well as those with us today received love, care, education and direction as well as memories they will have forever. Currently we have about 30 children under our continuing care on the Home grounds, and are proud to have three in college. We make every effort to provide a clean place to live and a home environment that encourages learning and exhibiting a work ethic while gaining an education. We provide meaningful experience through the 4-H program for stimulating self worth and self-esteem, and for those who qualify, a chance to further their education at a college or trade school. Children come to us with personal deficiencies in many areas of their lifestyle and especially their learning ability. Thanks to you, sisters and brothers, we have the ability and the desire to prepare them for their future life.

We have cleared the area for construction, and are installing infrastructure for what, for now, we refer to as a "Learning Center." We will continue working with the Fremont School System and Midland College so as to include the latest and best solutions for our children's problems. We live in a world of CHANGE both in our operations of the Home and in the lives of those children we serve. This will be a place in which each child can receive tutoring under close supervision, and those with special needs in other areas can receive the help they need. Education is the cornerstone of their future. If you have the desire to help fund this project please earmark those donations for the Learning Center Fund.

Our board members meet monthly to pay the bills, set the annual budget, discuss current activity on our farm properties and the storage business, and make plans for the future. We have a well-informed and hard working group of board members, and I speak for those very proud members who happily perform their duties in your behalf. We commend you and thank 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 are greatly enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives. What we do here is truly Masonry at work.

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

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director

As in all years past, The Nebraska Masonic Home's employees strive on a daily basis to provide a dignified and loving environment for eligible Nebraska Masons and their eligible female relatives. Keeping this as our mission and primary goal continues to be a challenge in this very competitive and changing industry of healthcare.

A primary change that The Masonic Home staff has been challenged with is the directive we received from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in June of 2004 that licensure of our assisted living and nursing facility areas was necessary. This required two separate surveys and licenses. It is with great pride that we received our official license for our assisted living areas on December 7, 2005. Our current goal in the second step of this process is to have all necessary, mandatory inspections and the actual survey completed for our nursing facility and Alzheimer's Unit by the end of April. We hope to receive our official license for these areas no later than June of 2006.

The entire staff and Board of Trustees deserve a great deal of praise for facing the challenge in a positive and aggressive manner. This approach was definitely necessary when so many changes needed to be made. I am grateful we have had the full support and confidence of the Board of Trustees through the entire process since these changes have required large monetary budget increases that will continue to be an annual burden to the organization.

The ongoing emotional and monetary support we receive from everyone in The Masonic Family continues to give us the strength and inspiration we need to maintain The

Masonic Home's excellent reputation. On behalf of the residents and staff, I extend to each of you a special thank you.

With the number of Nebraska Masons declining in Nebraska, it continues to be a challenge for the Board of Trustees to address our current admission criteria. At the writing of this report, our admission criterion remains the same. A gentleman must be a Nebraska Mason in good standing to apply for admission and his eligibility qualifies his wife, widow, mother, sister, and daughter. If the Nebraska Mason is deceased, he must have been a member in good standing and met the necessary years of service eligibility to have his female relatives qualify for eligibility to apply for admission.

The resident census is down compared to last year. The resident census has fluctuated this year from a high of 94 in January to a low of 88 in November. Our average census was 94 during 2004 compared to 92 during 2005. The current census is 89 and is comprised of 71 women, 18 men and 5 couples. As you can all see, The Masonic Home continues to provide our excellent services to Nebraska Masons's female relatives in greater number than we are caring for the Nebraska Masons themselves.

On June 7 Narcissus Kensington treated our residents to a lovely picnic dinner with dozens of food and dessert choices.

On July 10 Home Chapter No. 189 of Plattsmouth served our residents a delicious fried chicken indoor picnic dinner with all the trimmings, which were provided by Chapter members.

These two traditions are special annual favorites of all our residents and employees. It is always an honor to receive the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of Eastern Star officers and their companions as our special guests at the Home Chapter picnic. Many Grand Chapter officers and their companions travel quite a distance to visit on that special day and a guided tour always follows the meal. I am always proud to show off our beautiful facility to our guests and make them proud that they are such faithful donors to such a worthy cause. Our residents truly enjoy the social aspect of both annual picnics and look forward to a day of companionship with their brothers and sisters.

Many Masonic groups have chosen The Home as their place to gather for one of their regular monthly meetings. Our staff enjoys the Masonic groups that return every year for a special meal, a meeting room, and tour if desired. When Masonic groups return annually, it is a testament to all employees that they are doing a great job and all of their daily efforts continue to make The Home as pleasant and welcoming to our guests as it is to our residents.

On November 22 the Boon Memorial Food Truck delivery arrived. The yearly delivery to The Masonic Home is greatly appreciated by the residents, staff, and Board of Trustees. Ed Weber of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 is the coordinator for this huge project and deserves our grateful thanks. Special thanks are extended to the lodges and chapters for their annual commitment of giving to this very worthwhile and long-standing project.

Our residents were overjoyed to have our Christmas season officially open December 6 when the Tangier Shrine Chanters entertained everyone with a beautiful musical program in our chapel.

To the Masters and Wardens Club of the Omaha-Metro area, our December 23 Resident Christmas Party is a success because of the efforts all of you put forth to make sure each of our regular-way residents receive his or her very own personally-selected gift. A special thanks is extended to Dan Wellendorf, who chairs this annual holiday project. We very much appreciate the contributions that are made to this project by Masons throughout the area. Their contribution shows the true spirit of giving to others during the Christmas season.

To Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska and his Grand Lodge Officers I extend a very special thank you and my appreciation to the Grand Lodge staff for their continued administrative support. To the Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Thoman; Worthy Grand Patron, Tregan Albers; and the Eastern Star Grand family I send you thanks for another year of support and loyalty to The Nebraska Masonic Home and to the residents we are dedicated to caring for. The Home depends greatly on both Grand families, and we look forward to another year of working closely together for the betterment of The Home.

There are not enough words to express my deep appreciation to the Administrative Staff and Department Supervisors for the ongoing teamwork and commitment to the residents and The Home they have demonstrated through this very challenging year. I am proud of the positive example they have made for their employees to follow. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all the employees for the high quality of care they provide on a 24-hour a day basis; their hard work, loyalty, and concern for our residents resulted in a successful year for The Masonic Home. All employees are to be credited for the excellent reputation that The Home continues to maintain.

A sincere thank you is extended to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation's staff Anita Crisp, Executive Director, and Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant, for their commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home and our residents.

The gratitude and personal appreciation that I extend to our Masonic Home 15-member Board of Trustees is immeasurable. The Nebraska Masonic Home residents and employees are extremely fortunate to have the expertise, loyalty, and dedication of these fine gentlemen. Your guidance and decision-making responsibilities have continued to maintain The Masonic Home as one of the finest facilities in the Midwest. On behalf of the residents and employees, I extend to each of you a special thank you for performing your responsibilities in a professional and caring manner.

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

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

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Philip E. Lorenen made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Reginald S. Kuhn, Chairman

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2006), Section 2-605 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, 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 of the same year, if not paid by that date.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2005), Section 1-312 is a new section of the bylaws:

Sec. 1-312 – CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) – The CHIP Committee shall consist of seven (7) Masonic members and three (3) members that shall be at large members not required to be Masons (representing the Dental Profession and Law Enforcement Profession and CHIP Coordinator), each to serve for a period of four years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually, with one of the seven required Masons being a past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Master shall designate one of the Masonic members of the Committee as the Chairman of the Committee. The then seated Grand Senior Deacon shall serve as the liaison officer. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the committee to coordinate, organize and supervise the CHild Identification Program (CHIP), financial resources and personnel needed for the function of the CHIP Events.

Section 1-301 will now read in the second paragraph:

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Masonic Relief, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory, Masonic All Star Band, Public Relations, Membership, Youth and CHild Identification Program (CHIP). Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine (9) members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

Upon concurrence of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Codification of the Law has incorporated those two amendments and now Section 1-302 shall read:

Sec. 1-302 – SEAT AND VOICE – Each member of a standing, regular, or special committee of the Grand Lodge except the Masonic All-Star Band committee and the Child Identification Program Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote, at the Annual Communication. Each non-Mason who is a member of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee and the Child Identification Program Committee shall be entitled to a seat and voice during committee meetings held in public sessions at the Annual Communication or otherwise, but not a vote by virtue of such appointment.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 4 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2006), Section 2-602 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-610 – LIMITATIONS – That hereafter no subordinate lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic Charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic Charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other terms indicating Masonic activities regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Master to do so.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 5 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2006), Section 2-1601 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-1601 – DEFINITIONS – The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:

Paragraph (b):

(b) "Period of membership" shall be determined by computing the aggregate time a Master Mason shall have been a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction given fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, if such be the case. Periods of suspension for non-payment of dues less than three years shall be included when making the aforesaid computation, and periods of dual membership shall be computed on the basis of membership in the parent lodge only. Expulsions for any reason or suspensions except for non-payment of dues less than three years shall be deducted when computing the number of years a member has been in good standing. All subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction shall cooperate with any Master Mason in attempting to establish his period of membership and said lodges shall also cooperate with the Grand Lodge in all matters relating thereto.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 8 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws (Feb/2006), Section 2-601 is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS –

Third paragraph:

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 an initiation fee in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The initiation fee shall increase to Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) on January 1, 2007. In addition, each Lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Eighteen and

50/100 Dollars (\$18.50) as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2005. The Grand Lodge shall use \$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member. Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidated with another lodge, the per capita tax for the year preceding the year of consolidation shall be determined and paid. In addition to the per capita tax as currently provided, commencing on January 1, 2006, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.00 per member to support the Child Identification Program. Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

Respectfully submitted,
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19 & 134, Chairman
Loren S. Lindahl, 59
Thomas S. Stewart, 46

R.: W.: Reg Kuhn moved that the report be approved. The Report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as summarized, by the Masons assembled.



V.: W.: Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes led the delegation in prayer.

Following the prayer, M.: W.: Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska then closed the 149th 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 Shiloh Lodge No. 327.

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Kearney, Nebraska
February 3-4, 2006

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.: Ivan A. Vrtiska.....	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Dean F. Skokan.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.: W.: Bruce A. Watkins.....	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: James C. Lapseotes.....	Grand Chaplain
W.: Kent B. Broyhill.....	Grand Orator
W.: Joe D. McBride.....	Grand Historian
W.: Gerald D. Verbeek.....	Grand Custodian
W.: E. David Watts.....	Grand Marshal
W.: Russell G. Reno.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: John T. Parsons.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Alvin O. Benemerito.....	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Stephen C. Kennedy.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.: John T. Maxell.....	Grand Tyler

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Dale W. Anderson	Jack D. Nichols	Kent D. Priest
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ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 32.....	(97th).....	1962
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5 McKenzie Ln., Bella Vista, AR 72715-5006, 501-855-2383		
JACK H. HENDRIX, 174.....	(113th).....	1978
6450 S Boston, Rm 1207, Greenwood Village CO 80111, 303-741-2604		
WARREN D. LICHTY, 314.....	(114th).....	1979
PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112		
BEVIN B. BUMP, 158.....	(118th).....	1983
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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
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STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75	(128th)	1994
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JERRY L. RITTENBURG, 210 & 64	(129th)	1995
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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	(134th)	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		
MICHAEL E. JONES, 51, 173	(136th)	2002
PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3342		
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GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

(Per Section 1-301 of Grand Lodge Bylaws)

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

- Chm. Dennis H. Brydl, 314 & 287 (2006), 2510 Kessler Blvd., Lincoln 68502-5813, 402-436-4204, Db22849@alltel.net
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 W. Keith Neisler, 1 (2008), 5717 S 153rd St., Omaha 68137-2473, 402-614-8778
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Appropriations (§1-325: 5 members - 5 year term)

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District #1

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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, 64708 730 Rd, Brownville 68321, 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, 402-944-7014 1960
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, 402-477-9055 1988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; Lancaster #54, Lincoln; East Lincoln #210, Lincoln;
Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln

District #11

Suman Vallabhbhai, 314, 5221 English Dr., Lincoln 68516-3243, 402-420-7616 2004
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, 72516 U Rd., Wilcox 68982-9541, 402-567-2405 2002
Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Fairbury #35, Fairbury; Wymore #104, Wymore; Barneston #165, Barneston

District #14

To Be Appointed

Garfield #95, O'Neill; Atkinson #164, Atkinson

District #15

James R. Taylor, 327, 11335 Fowler Ave., Omaha 68164-2220, 402-493-2854 2002
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, 402-462-8146 1998
Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman

District #18

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

District #19

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

District #20

Daniel L. Scarborough, 79, 317 S. 10th St., Geneva 68361-2517, 402-759-3211 2005
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, 308-237-9234 1992
Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Thistle #61, Lexington; Jachin #146, Holdrege; Elwood #167, Elwood

District #25

To be Appointed

McCook #135, McCook; Culbertson #174, Culbertson; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument #293, Arapahoe

District #26

Arthur J. Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221-0776, 402-967-3361..... 1979
Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth; Seneca #284, Thedford

District #27

R. William Lichtenberger, 207, HC 74 Box 3, Callaway 68825-9302, 308-836-4492 2003
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Mason City #170, Mason City; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway

District #28

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

District #29

Leslie A. Evert, 195, 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343-1348, 308-282-0214 1984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263 & 265, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-2238 1996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell; Oasis #271, Morrill

District #31

Gordon L. Carley, 75, PO Box 1, Dalton 69131-0001, 308-377-2511 2003
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

Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 3020 S. Willow St., North Platte 69101-6873, 308-532-0270 2005
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace

District #34

Frank Veverka, 15, 1525 E. 5th St., Fremont 68025-5342, 402-721-9529 2005
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner

District #35

Harold W. Noble, 325, 2504 Sidney St., Bellevue 68005-4020, 402-733-9081 1987
Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha #288, Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue

District #36

Bruce A. Watkins, 300, 3711 S. 57th St., Lincoln 68506-4509, 402-474-4141 1999
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Lincoln; DeWitt #111, DeWitt; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North Star #227, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, PO Box 63, Geneva 68361-0063, 402-759-3869..... 1992
Oliver #38, Seward; Evening Star #49, Sutton; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

Dean Papenhagen, 50, 210 E. 2nd St., Hastings 68901-5217, 402-462-8540 2003
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

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						Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes		TOTAL
1 - Nebraska	7	2	6	0	217	6	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	13	7	0	0	0	21	203
2 - Western Star	2	1	2	0	172	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	172
3 - Capitol	6	1	5	0	124	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	10	6	0	1	0	17	113
4 - Nemaha Valley	1	1	1	0	69	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	64
5 - Omadi	1	3	1	0	139	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	134
6 - Plattsmouth	8	1	7	1	264	6	2	2	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	271
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	54
10 - Solomon	3	0	3	0	70	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	71
11 - Covert	21	0	21	0	610	21	1	0	1	0	0	23	3	15	25	0	1	0	44	589
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	32
15 - Fremont	5	0	5	3	279	3	0	0	6	0	0	9	3	10	15	0	0	0	28	260
19 - Lincoln	1	1	0	0	237	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	4	0	0	0	12	225
21 - Washington	1	0	1	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	89
23 - Pawnee	2	0	2	2	93	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	93
26 - Beatrice	2	0	2	0	216	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	8	210
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	21
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
31 - Tekamah	3	0	3	0	160	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	12	0	0	0	19	144
32 - Platte Valley	4	3	4	0	250	4	5	0	8	0	0	17	2	10	10	0	0	0	22	245
33 - Ashlar	0	1	0	1	209	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	1	6	6	0	0	0	13	200
34 - Acacia	1	0	1	0	94	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	89
35 - Fairbury	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	63
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45
37 - Crete	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	71
38 - Oliver	1	1	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	59
39 - Papillion	12	0	12	1	313	13	1	3	7	0	0	24	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	334
40 - Humboldt	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	43
41 - Northern Light	1	0	1	1	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
43 - Hebron	3	0	3	2	51	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	19
46 - Rob Morris	7	0	7	0	244	7	2	2	0	0	0	11	2	7	9	0	0	0	18	237
49 - Evening Star	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
50 - Hastings	4	0	5	1	202	5	2	0	1	0	0	8	1	9	8	0	0	0	18	192
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	51

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52 - Hiram	1	0	1	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38
54 - Lancaster	5	1	4	1	373	3	0	0	5	0	0	8	1	22	16	0	0	0	1	40	341			
55 - Mosaic	2	2	0	1	136	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	9	0	1	0	16	122				
56 - York	3	0	3	0	117	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	8	0	0	1	11	110				
57 - Mt. Moriah	3	1	3	1	45	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	47				
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	91	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	10	7	0	2	0	21	73				
61 - Thistle	2	0	1	0	160	1	1	0	5	0	0	7	0	6	7	0	0	0	13	154				
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	47				
64 - Blue Valley	2	0	2	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	58				
65 - Osceola	1	2	2	1	95	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97				
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	38				
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	48				
73 - Friend	1	0	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	47				
75 - Frank Welch	2	0	2	2	142	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	1	0	8	139				
77 - Nelson	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	52				
78 - Albion	1	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	1	18	0	19	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	54				
79 - Geneva	3	3	2	0	120	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	120				
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	43				
82 - St. Paul	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	10	46				
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	30				
89 - Cedar River	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	47				
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	41				
94 - Bennett	4	0	3	1	36	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	39				
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	61				
96 - Utica	4	0	4	1	29	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	30				
97 - Euclid	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	64				
102 - Waterloo	3	0	3	0	111	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	111				
103 - Ord	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	40				
104 - Wymore	0	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	64				
106 - Porter	1	0	1	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	46				
108 - Table Rock	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	18				
110 - Pomegranate	0	0	0	0	109	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	103				
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	25				

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112 - Springfield	29	1	29	0	242	29	1	0	6	0	0	36	4	4	14	0	0	0	22	256
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
119 - North Bend	1	0	1	0	93	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	
120 - Wayne	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	8	97	
121 - Superior	2	0	2	2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	48	
126 - Stromsburg	3	0	2	0	75	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	73	
127 - Minden	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	39	
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	
134 - Solar	0	0	0	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
135 - McCook	2	0	2	1	133	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	129	
136 - Long Pine	1	0	4	0	32	4	1	1	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37	
143 - Crescent	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	18	19	0	
146 - Jachin	7	3	7	2	129	5	2	0	1	0	8	2	1	5	0	0	0	8	129	
148 - Custer	2	0	2	0	124	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	124	
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
158 - Samaritan	3	3	1	2	88	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	84	
159 - Ogalalla	1	1	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	86	
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	
165 - Barneston	2	0	2	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	
167 - Etwood	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	35	
174 - Culbertson	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	
177 - Hay Springs	1	0	1	0	59	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	58	
180 - Justice	0	1	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	35	
183 - Alliance	2	1	2	1	169	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	8	0	0	1	11	160	
184 - Bee Hive	1	0	1	0	221	2	0	0	8	0	10	1	15	25	0	0	0	41	190	
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	52	
194 - Highland	1	1	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	
195 - Arcana	0	0	0	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	51	
198 - Purity	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	44	
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	
201 - Scotts Bluff	1	0	1	0	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	7	108	

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204 - Plainview	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	8	49
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	1	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27
210 - East Lincoln	0	0	0	1	325	1	0	0	5	0	0	6	1	9	7	0	0	1	18	313
211 - Cement	1	0	2	0	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	54
216 - Palisade	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	30
218 - Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	37
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	33
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	44
224 - Silver Cord	1	0	1	0	79	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	75
227 - North Star	1	2	1	0	155	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	5	0	0	0	10	146
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	65
229 - Comet	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	60
234 - Zion	1	1	3	0	43	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	43
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	27
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	29
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	37
250 - G Washington	3	1	3	0	69	3	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	72
251 - Wausa	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	65
256 - Hickman	17	2	16	0	193	16	1	1	8	0	0	26	0	5	15	0	1	0	21	198
263 - Mitchell	2	0	2	0	118	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	117
264 - Franklin	1	0	1	0	58	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	58
265 - R W Furnas	4	1	4	0	119	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	119
268 - G W Lininger	17	1	17	0	179	17	1	0	0	0	0	18	1	3	5	0	0	0	9	188
274 - Olive Branch	1	0	1	0	68	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	4	0	1	0	8	63
279 - Wallace	4	1	2	2	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
281 - Florence	7	1	7	0	151	7	0	0	7	0	0	14	1	8	12	0	0	0	21	144
284 - Seneca	1	0	2	1	28	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	0	0	75	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	40

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287 - Union	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	42
288 - Omaha	5	1	4	0	96	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	94
289 - Lotus	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
290 - John J. Mercer	12	0	12	0	509	12	1	1	15	0	0	29	1	18	20	0	0	0	0	0	39	499
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	47
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	49
284 - James Eatmon	2	0	2	1	84	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	81	
297 - Cotner	10	2	10	1	207	11	0	1	2	0	0	14	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	9	212	
300 - Liberty	24	3	24	1	247	25	2	0	0	0	0	27	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	269	
302 - Mizpah	17	5	15	0	282	17	1	4	2	0	0	24	0	13	5	0	0	0	0	18	288	
305 - Newman Grove	3	0	3	0	31	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	
310 - Victory	1	0	1	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	13	62	
311 - Polk	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	
314 - Craftsmen	1	0	2	2	231	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	12	222	
317 - Mid-West	2	0	2	0	277	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	4	11	10	0	0	0	0	25	257	
320 - College View	2	0	2	0	72	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	12	64	
323 - Lebanon	3	1	4	0	112	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	112	
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	
325 - Bellevue	9	2	8	0	240	9	1	1	2	0	0	13	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	8	245	
326 - Centennial	4	0	4	0	146	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	10	141	
327 - Shiloh	8	3	8	0	165	7	2	0	1	0	0	10	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	6	169	
328 - Miloma	16	2	14	2	165	12	0	1	3	0	0	16	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	8	173	
TOTALS	375	66	361	44	15257	345	45	30	148	18	0	586	53	490	427	0	11	22	1003	14840		

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YEAR	SERVED	NAME	LODGE
1st	1857-58-59	Robert C. Jordan	3
2nd	1860-61-62	George Armstrong	3
3rd	1863-64	Daniel H. Wheeler	6
4th	1865-66	Robert W. Furnas	4
5th	1867-68	Orsamus H. Irish	5
6th	1869-70	Harry P. Deuel	11
7th	1871-72	William E. Hill	2
8th	1873	Martin Dunham	3
9th	1874	Frank Welch	27
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19
11th	1876	George H. Thummel	33
12th	1877	George W. Lininger	3
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley	19
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys	53
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple	50
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese	59
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67
23rd	1888	George B. France	56
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4
25th	1890	Robert E. French	46
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson	17
28th	1893	James P.A. Black	76
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49
33rd	1898	Frank H. Young	207
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	55
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell	31
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King	54
43rd	1908	William A. DeBord	3
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	105
48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple	61

53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136
57th	1922	Edward W. Wellman	1
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95
60th	1925	John Wright	19
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119
67th	1932	Edwin R. Johnston	33
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Philips	150
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge	317
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter	201
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt	318
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee	227
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	59
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund	268
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183
88th	1953	Fay Smith	198
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68
90th	1955	Herbert T. White	11
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver	153
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46
95th	1960	John F. 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. Luenenborg	32, 39
122nd	1988	Paul R. Eveland	119
123rd	1989	Thomas W. Tye	46
124th	1990	John M. McHenry	19
125th	1991	James N. DeMoss	325
126th	1992	James L. Eatmon	294
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg	210, 64
130th	1996	V. Kaye Ramsey	290, 317
131st	1997	Kenneth G. Fleming	75
132nd	1998	Don E. Rasmussen	82, 135
133rd	1999	Dwight E. Smith	205
134th	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.	54
135th	2001	Philip A. Lorenzen	10, 327, 1
136th	2002	Michael E. Jones	51, 173
137th	2003	Kenneth D. Beebe	119
138th	2004	Les Seiler	317

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

- George Armstrong September 23, 1857 To June 2, 1858
- Robert W. Furnas June 2, 1858 To June 4, 1862
- Robert C. Jordan June 4, 1862 To June 24, 1863
- Stephen D. Bangs June 24, 1863 To June 24, 1865
- J. Newton Wise June 24, 1865 To October 27, 1869
- Robert W. Furnas October 27, 1869 To June 21, 1872
- William R. Bowen June 21, 1872 To May 6, 1899
- Francis E. White June 9, 1899 To June 11, 1925
- Lewis E. Smith June 11, 1925 To June 6, 1946
- Carl R. Greisen June 7, 1946 To June 6, 1968
- Robert W. Cook June 6, 1968 To April 5, 1969
- Norris W. Lallman June 4, 1969 To June 13, 1981
- Ralph W. Gerry June 13, 1981 To June 15, 1985
- Paul R. Pierce June 15, 1985 To December 6, 1986
- Edward M. Cummings December 6, 1986 To May 1987
- Albert T. Reddish May 1987 To September 1989
- Don E. Rasmussen September 1989 To November 1992
- Virgil L. Tubach November 1992 to August 1995
- Reginald S. Kuhn August 1995 to October 2003
- Deceased

PAST GRAND CUSTODIANS

- Lee P. Gillette, 2 1882-1883, 1887-1894
- Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84 1884-1887
- James A. Tulleys, 53 1894-1900
- Robert E. French, 46 1901-1927
- Lute M. Savage, 3 1927-1948
- Raymond C. Cook, 6 1948-1965
- Robert W. Cook, 33 1965-1967
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281 1968-1981
- Mannie O. Hansen, 1 1981-1984
- T. Leo Stines, 36 1984-1985
- Jerry L. Rittenburg, 210 & 64 1985-1990
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 3 1990-2000
- 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. Entriken, 295.....1934
- Harrold D. Weddel, 208.....1937
- Cecil C. Gates, 227.....1938
- Fred G. Christensen, 33.....1938
- Ross Van Sickle, 184.....1938
- S. William Beck, 43.....1940
- Stanley B. Fryar, 139.....1940
- Roy S. Planck, 15.....1940
- Buren P. Wells, 315.....1940
- Clarence G. McNamee, 55.....1941
- F. Ray Dilts, 83.....1942
- Ernest C. Purdy, 195.....1942
- Lewis E. Baker, 135.....1943
- Howard E. Bradstreet, 261.....1943
- George S. Schwab, 49.....1946
- Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....1946
- Irving S. Johnson, 148.....1946
- LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....1946
- Ernest E. James, 1.....1946
- Frank A. Anderson, 17.....1949
- Robert W. Cook, 33.....1949
- Paul D. Fleming, 293.....1949
- Charles M. Frederick, 136.....1949
- Sylvester Shumard, 227.....1949
- Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....1950
- Morris V. Balcom, 46.....1950
- William F. Flicklinger, 56.....1951
- Forest A. Lape, 183.....1951
- Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....1954
- Harold M. Wilkerson, 54.....1954
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.....1955
- Clifford D. Webster, 75.....1956
- Matthias E. Mauel, 173.....1956
- Frank H. Smith, 301.....1957
- Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....1957
- Richard L. Ely, 128.....1957
- Asa J. Farnham, 106.....1958
- Robert B. Conrad, 125.....1958
- Winston C. Swanson, 120.....1958
- Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210.....1959
- Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....1959
- Harry N. Ahl, 112.....1959
- Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....1960

Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
• Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
• Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966
• Walter Brown, 1	1967
• John C. Nelson, 250	1967
• Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	1967
• Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
• Howard G. Whitmore, 81	1967
• Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
• Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
• John C. Sierks, 4	1969
• Paul D. Jacobsen, 148	1969
• David O. Kipling, 281	1970
• Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
• D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
• Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
• Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136	1971
• O. Wayne Thompson, 201	1971
• John A. Brandt, 26	1971
• Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
• Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972
• Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1973
• Richard O. Cowles, 174	1975
• Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975
• Ralph E. McNulty, 61	1975
• Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
• Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
• Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
• Roger L. Shillington, 180	1976
• James E. Cornish, 31	1976
• Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
• Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
• Lynn Doty, 251	1977

- Marvin R. Weber, 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 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, 542001
- Joseph D. Chrisman, 2792002
- Ashley H. Story, 314.....2002
- James R. Taylor, 327.....2002
- Dean Papenhagen, 50.....2003
- R. William Lichtenberger, 207.....2003
- Gordon L. Carley, 752003
- Suman Vallabhbbhai, 314.....2004
- Daniel L. Scarborough, 79.....2005
- Frank Veverka, 15.....2005
- Glenn R. Mulholland, 32.....2005

- 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
Ernest O. Van Wey	July 16, 2005	32	(97th)	1962
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
Harold Hultman	April 3, 2005	39	(110th)	1975
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
2004	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
2005	Liberty Lodge	No. 300	Lincoln

**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
2004	Camp Clarke Lodge	No. 285	Bridgeport
2005	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

**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
2003	Floyd P. Vrtiska	Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock
2003	Warren K. Urbom	Craftsmen No. 314	Lincoln
2004	Harold J. Daub, Jr.	Nebraska No. 1	Omaha
2004	Richard L. Ely	Guide Rock No. 128	Guide Rock
2005	Roger R. Wehrbein	Plattsmouth No. 6	Plattsmouth
2005	Marvin H. Kraus	Friend No. 73	Friend

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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
• Formed Grand Lodge of Nebraska September 23, 1857 • Chartered by ¹ Illinois, ² Missouri, ³ Iowa					
Nemaha Valley	No. 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December 15,1857	June 2,1858
Omadi	No. 5	So. Sioux City	Dakota	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Plattsmouth	No. 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18,1858	June 2,1858
Falls City	No. 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4,1864	June 23,1865
Solomon	No. 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington.....	August 15,1865	June 22,1866
Covert	No. 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24,1865	June 22,1866
Peru	No. 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23,1867	June 19,1867
Fremont	No. 15	Fremont.....	Dodge	July 3,1866	June 20,1867
Lincoln	No. 19	Lincoln	Lancaster.....	May 4,1868	June 25,1868
Washington	No. 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24,1868	June 25,1868
Pawnee	No. 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4,1869	Oct. 28,1869
Beatrice	No. 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23,1870	June 22,1870
Jordan	No. 27	West Point	Cuming	December 25,1869	June 23,1870
Blue River	No. 30	Milford	Seward	April 25,1870	June 23,1870
Tekamah	No. 31	Tekamah	Burt	August 19,1869	June 23,1870
Platte Valley	No. 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15,1870	June 23,1870
Ashlar	No. 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11,1870	June 22,1871

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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
Blue Valley	No. 64	Wilber	Saline	October 6,1876	June 20,1877

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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
DeWitt	No. 111	DeWitt	Saline	February 28, 1883	June 19, 1883
Springfield	No. 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30, 1883	June 19, 1883

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114 Wisner	Cuming	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No. 119 North Bend	Dodge	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No. 120 Wayne	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No. 121 Superior	Nuckolls	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No. 126 Stromsburg	Polk	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
Guide Rock	No. 128 Guide Rock	Webster	January 28,1884	June 24,1884
Scribner	No. 132 Scribner	Dodge	July 9,1884	June 24,1885
Solar	No. 134 Clarks	Merrick	August 8,1884	June 24,1885
McCook	No. 135 McCook	Red Willow	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Long Pine	No. 136 Long Pine	Brown	October 6,1884	June 24,1885
Jachin	No. 146 Holdrege	Phelps	July 13,1885	June 17,1886
Custer	No. 148 Broken Bow	Custer	August 10,1885	June 17,1886
Lily	No. 154 Davenport	Thayer	November 28,1885	June 17,1886
Samaritan	No. 158 Chadron	Dawes	March 17,1886	June 16,1887
Ogallala	No. 159 Ogallala	Keith	August 14,1886	June 16,1887
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Magnolia	No. 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21,1893	June 15,1893
Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22,1892	June 21,1894
Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington	March 1,1893	June 21,1894
Silver Cord	No. 224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17,1893	June 21,1894
North Star	No. 227	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 28,1894	June 13,1895
Bartley	No. 228	Bartley	Red Willow	November 23,1894	June 13,1895
Comet	No. 229	Ceresco	Saunders	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
Zion	No. 234	Hyannis	Grant	July 19,1895	June 10,1896
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Polk	No. 311	Polk	Polk.....	January 4,1921	June 8,1921
Craftsmen	No. 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March 22,1922	June 5,1923
Mid-West	No. 317	Hastings	Adams	January 8,1925	June 10,1925
College View	No. 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1,1927	June 6,1928
Lebanon	No. 323	Columbus	Platte	November 14,1928	June 5,1929
Cairo	No. 324	Cairo.....	Hall	January 16,1936	June 1937
Bellevue	No. 325	Bellevue	Sarpy	March 5,1955	June 8,1955
Centennial	No. 326	Omaha	Douglas	November 26,1955	June 6,1956
Shiloh	No. 327	Omaha	Douglas	September 3,1965	June 10,1966
Miloma	No. 328	Omaha	Douglas	January 19,1972	June 28,1972
Saints John Education	No. 331			December 27, 2000	February 2, 2002

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohioa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271 Morrill, April 10, 1969
Compass & Square No. 212	Sumner with Thistle No. 61 Lexington, April 20, 1969

Hope No. 29	Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4 Brownville, September 9, 1969
Elm Creek No. 133	Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267 Overton, March 17, 1970
Napthali No. 206	Diller with Fairbury No. 35 Fairbury, March 23, 1970
Alexandria No. 74	Alexandria with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, September 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156	Ewing with Diamond No. 291 Orchard, December 4, 1970
Grace No. 226	Wilcox with Jachin No. 146 Holdrege, May 11, 1971
Wolbach No. 292	Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, December 23, 1971
Tyrian No. 243	Oak with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, June 9, 1972
Mystic Tie No. 166	Tilden with Trowel No. 71 Neligh, June 12, 1972
Roman Eagle No. 203	Pender with Bancroft No. 145 Bancroft, April 20, 1973
Amethyst No. 190	Stapleton with Cable No. 225 Arnold, April 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179	Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96 Utica, April 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84	Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139 Clay Center, January 24, 1974
Ramah No. 275	Bertrand with Elwood No. 167 Elwood, February 14, 1974
Sterling No. 70	Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 20, 1974
Mt. Hermon No. 231	Cook with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 15, 1974
Winnebago No. 309	Winnebago with Olive Branch No. 274 Walthill, December 3, 1974
Temple No. 175	Filley with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, March 26, 1975
Beemer No. 253	Beemer with Wisner No. 114 Wisner, June 17, 1975
Signet No. 193	Leigh with Northern Light No. 41 Stanton, February 20, 1976
Plumline 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
Mason City No. 170	Mason City with Porter No. 106 Loup City, July 16, 2004
Relief No. 219	Coleridge with Wausa No. 251 Wausa, October 29, 2004
Oasis No. 271	Morrill with Mitchell No. 263 Mitchell, December 1, 2004
Crescent No. 143	Primrose with Albion No. 78 Albion, September 27, 2005

**LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORIES
OTHER THAN NEBRASKA**

Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado - Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	Gold Hill, Colorado - Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.D.	Central City, Colorado - Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.D.	Bannack City, Idaho - Instituted April 1863 or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.D.	United States Army - Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.D.	Nevada City, Idaho - Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	South Pass City, Wyoming - Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874
Swisher Lodge No. U.D.	Kabul, Afghanistan - Instituted September 12, 2005

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
Macyo No. 22 - Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 - Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 - Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 - Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 - Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 - Indianola	June 8, 1904
Minden No. 127 - Minden	October 27, 2003
Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 - Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 - Pierce	September, 1989
Grafton No. 172 - Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 - Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 - Grant	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 - Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 - Arcadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller	June 6, 1918
Wauneta No. 217 - Wauneta	December 31, 1991
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Springview No. 260 - Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley	June 7, 1939
Swastika No. 280 - Sargent	December 31, 1988
Mullen No. 282 - Mullen	December 17, 1998
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter	December 16, 1952
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, 2004 and 4000 = 6004.
A.:A.:S.: RITE	Add 3760 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 3760 = 5764. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH	Add 530 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 530 = 2534.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS		Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 2004 and 1000 = 3004.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR		From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 2004 = 886.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD		To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 2004 and 1913 = 3917.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska #1	Gregory Wells	John B. Holzhey*	W. Keith Neisler	Jack Duffield
Western Star #2	Charles E. McElfresh	Carl Satterfield, Jr.*	Erhardt Steinman*	David A. Wetrosky
Capitol #3	E. Newton Kelley	Charles Lovell*	Randall C. Busse*	Raymond L. Bally
Nemaha Valley #4	Michael Andrew*	-	Brandon Oestman*	Clay W. Kennedy*
Omadi #5	David G. Krogh	Kyle J. Peterson	Wayne Benson*	Chris T. Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Travis G. McGill	Brett R. Bennett	L. Joe Work	Jay H. Speck
Falls City #9	Darrel J. Koso	-	Robert L. Ferguson	-
Solomon #10	Rick L. Burmeister	-	-	Philip A. Lorenzen
Covert #11	Loyal T. Winborn*	-	Dan J. Davis	Donald L. Gockley
Peru #14	Steven Norris	David L. Pease*	William B. Kieler	Theodore R. Groves
Fremont #15	Art Twyford	Karl Rasmussen	Dave Bute	Dennis L. Smith
Lincoln #19	Kurt R. Weiss	Douglas B. Johnson	Charles A. Burk	Reginald S. Kuhn
Washington #21	-	-	-	-
Pawnee #23	Daniel C. Boellstorff*	Don R. Monnette*	Edward D. Roper*	Gary Bedea*
Beatrice #26	Lance R. Brinkman	Joseph E. Manes*	Robert L. Ewing*	Kelly R. Kuhl*
Jordan #27	-	Robert Rose	Michael L. Pohlen	Ralph H. Eby*
Blue River #30	Dennis Reichenberg	Gary L. Brhel	James D. Boshart*	Richard T. Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Randall L. Hart	-	-	-
Platte Valley #32	Howard C. Gebhardt	Walter W. Johnson	Allan A. Marth	Glenn R. Mulholland
Ashlar #33	Thomas G. Townsley	David A. Zlomke	-	William D. Parrish
Acacia #34	Dennis Coufal	Roger Coufal	Charles R. Hall	Marlyn Grubbs
Fairbury #35	John A. Lammers	James Mahaffey*	-	-
Lone Tree #36	Jean F. Steckmyer	-	John F. Jefferson	-
Crete #37	Jerry F. Bespelec	James A. Clark	-	-
Oliver #38	-	Randal P. Colberg*	-	-
Papillion #39	Edward W. Nolte	-	Noland J. McIntosh, Jr.*	Dale H. Wulff*
Humboldt #40	Steven W. Hilgenfeld*	-	-	Homer H. Fishwood
No. Light #41	-	-	-	Robert E. Schellpeper
Hebron #43	-	-	-	-
Harvard #44	Bruce W. Schwenk*	Warren Christensen	-	Steve E. Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Michael J. Webb	Daren L. Morgan	Ronald A. Nielsen	Nick V. Longly
Evening Star #49	-	-	-	Don C. Bottorf
Hastings #50	Erik Nielsen	Stanley Thayer	Dermont Malouf, II	W. Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51	Rex M. Rehmer*	Dennis D. Gustafson*	Douglas J. Schmid*	Allen Covault*

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Hiram #52	-	-	-	-
Charity #53	-	-	-	Marlin K. Hoffman
Lancaster #54	Donald C. Gasparetti	David R. Bloomquist	-	William H. Cummins
Mosaic #55	Robert Sisson	Mark Clyde*	Kirk Strausser	Webb McNally
York #56	Fred O. Wyant	Kim E. Shepherd	Kevin Leapley	Ronald L. Winquest*
Mt. Moriah #57	-	-	-	-
Wahoo #59	-	-	-	Marvin Lillie
Thistle #61	-	-	Daniel Screws	James N. Screws
Keystone #62	Mylus Robison	Gerald Hunnicutt	Scott Schuster*-	-
Blue Valley #64	-	Mark Havel	-	Leonard L. Freeouf
Osceola #65	James D. Carlson	Kerry L. Voigt	Lucas Carlson*	-
Aurora #68	-	-	-	-
Hoopers #72	Roger Huntemann	John Ramsay*	-	-
Friend #73	-	-	-	Marvin H. Kraus
Frank Welch #75	Jeffrey Makris	-	-	Melvin M. Minshall
Nelson #77	Allan D. Sole	-	-	Frank R. Harris
Albion #78	David W. Gallion	Jeffrey J. Noble	E. Lee Howell*	John S. Williams
Geneva #79	Charles Barbur, Jr.	Jeffrey L. Bennett	Jeffrey L. Andrews	John M. Jacobs
Composite #81	-	-	-	Gregory A. Whitmore
St. Paul #82	James Ross	-	-	Wesley E. Stevens
Corinthian #83	Terry L. Henschke	Alvin G. Sundell	Bradley A. Jones*	Robert A. Jones*
Cedar River #89	Joe Britt Blackwell	-	-	V. Keith Olson
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	Norman E. Case*	Don A. Johnson*	-
Bennett #94	Roger Miner	Fred Liebers	-	-
Garfield #95	-	-	-	Lance Clay
Utica #96	Ray E. Cain	Ben F. Hughes	Robert O. Rhodes	Loren L. McNeil
Euclid #97	Joel D. Christensen*	Gerald A. Stohlman*	Scott M. Miller*	Willie C. Kunz
Waterloo #102	Rex Moats*	James W. Farr*	Gene Geise	Robert R. Attebery
Ord #103	-	-	-	-
Wymore #104	-	-	-	-
Porter #106	George McFadden*	Dennis McClary*	Lyle Lovitt	Lanny R. Kizer*
Table Rock #108	-	-	-	Lloyd F. Vrtiska
Pomegranate #110	-	-	-	-
DeWitt #111	-	-	-	-
Springfield #112	Richard F. Wiese, III*	James D. Hirl	Dale C. Pennington	Donald P. Ellenberger
Wisner #114	-	-	-	Clint W. Frerichs

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North Bend #119	Gregory Beebe	Douglas Rasmussen	-	David G. Otte
Wayne #120	Robert A. Carhart	Frank G. Teach, Jr.*	Curtis F. Jeffries*-	David Headley*
Superior #121	Lloyd D. Swihart	Alan D. Sole	Patrick Dunn	A. Gary Keeling*
Stromsburg #126	-	-	Wayne Beatty	Timm O. Waller*
Guide Rock #128	Lester R. Montgomery*	-	John Ely	Richard L. Ely
Scribner #132	Donald G. Havekost	Elza Appleby*	Paul R. Morris*	Harold C. Mueksch
Solar #134	Philip E. Foulk	-	-	-
McCook #135	Leon E. Wright*	Leland V. Petsch	-	Marshall D. Grant
Long Pine #136	-	Philip A. Brown	-	-
Jachin #146	Scott Brendel	Leonard L. Matejka*	Doak P. Doolittle	Bruce G. Raddatz
Custer #148	Bill Lichtenberger	-	-	-
Lily #154	Tregan P. Albers	-	Perry O. Rhoades*	Richard D. Mosier*
Samaritan #158	Dale W. Anderson	-	Allen Shepherd	Jay Bradt*
Ogalalla #159	-	David P. Sheldon*	-	Richard L. Lindauer*
Trestle Board #162	Daniel Boellstorff*	Ted R. Groves	Ival Schumucker*	Bruce A. Petzoldt*
Atkinson #164	-	-	-	-
Barneston #165	-	-	-	-
Elwood #167	-	-	-	Geoff K. Bogle
Robert Burns #173	-	-	-	-
Culbertson #174	-	-	-	-
Hay Springs #177	-	-	-	-
Justice #180	Alan L. Shillington*	-	-	Paul Erdman
Alliance #183	Bradley M. Dutton	-	S. Todd Harris*	Roscoe W. Bills
Bee Hive #184	Chase A. Wicken*	Robert L. Waite	-	Bradley A. Waite
Minnekadusa #192	-	-	-	-
Highland #194	-	-	-	-
Arcana #195	Ronald D. Jensen	-	-	Dale E. Berndt*
Purity #198	Keith A. Wood	Donivan W. Norman*	John D. Osler*	Byron L. Hust
Blazing Star #200	-	-	-	Paul Anderson
Scottsbluff #201	-	-	-	-
Plainview #204	Alan L. Tharnish*	Robert Baird*	-	Dick Hemmingsen*
Golden Fleece #205	-	Douglas A. Criswell*	-	Robert A. Hayes
Parian #207	-	-	-	-
Canopy #209	-	-	-	Raymond K. Althouse

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East Lincoln #210	Robert Pratt	-	-	Monte D. Dietrick
Cement #211	-	-	-	David E. Thienel
Palisade #216	Steven D. Ridlen*	Richard L. Baxter*	Charles B. Schluckebier*	Viron E. Baxter
Bloomfield #218	-	-	-	-
Magnolia #220	-	-	-	-
Wood Lake #221	-	-	-	-
Landmark #222	-	-	Randy L. Hart	-
Silver Cord #224	Wilber C. Saner	Michael E. Hitchcock	-	Evan C. Evans
North Star #227	Harry A. Storz	Richard Sulley	Keith Brocksmith	Steve B. Wetzel
Bartley #228	-	Marvin Colson	-	Gary A. Newcomb*
Comet #229	Darrell L. Beaman	-	-	James F. Hunter
Zion #234	-	-	-	-
Golden Rule #236	-	-	-	-
Friendship #239	-	-	-	-
Geo. Armstrong #241	-	-	-	-
Laurel #248	-	-	-	-
G. Washington #250	Earl L. Robinett	-	-	-
Wausa #251	-	-	-	Lowell E. Erickson
Hickman #256	-	-	-	-
Mitchell #263	Rodney L. Ramig*	Ames Hartung III*	Dale E. Buckley*	Richard H. Cooper
Franklin #264	Jarrell F. Gerdes	-	-	Steve D. Siel
Robt. Furnas #265	L. Douglas Fausnaugh	David E. Loos*	Leonard F. Ecklund*	Donald E. Loos
G.W. Lininger #268	Anthony Johnson	Gary W. Bunnell	Christopher M. Carter	Ronald D. Stites
Olive Branch #274	Richard G. Leitschuck*	Kyle J. Peterson	Joel E. Lamplot*	John S. Kruse*
Wallace #279	Keith Gartrell	Otis Pierce*	Paul R. Ogier*	Eric J. Chrisman
Florence #281	Jeffrey A. Merriman	Micah I. Evans*	Randall A. McFarland	Doyle E. Berg*
Seneca #284	Roger L. Galusha	-	Calvin "Hap" Jones*	-
Camp Clarke #285	-	-	-	-
Oshkosh #286	-	Rex D. Beam*	Harold L. Allen*	Merton L. Rose
Union #287	-	Dewaine L. Knutson*	-	Dale H. Rood*
Omaha #288	Mark D. Pilley	Trevor N. Gerson	Robert J. Connelly	Maynard Tatelman
Lotus #289	-	-	-	Dale R. Link
John J. Mercer #290	George C. Eckert	Wendell C. Manley*	William E. Martin	Armando R. Benitez*
Diamond #291	Duard O. Dempster*	-	-	-
Monument #293	Melvin W. Johnston	-	-	-
James Eatmon #294	-	-	-	-

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Cotner #297	James B. Hyland	Patrick D. Barger*	Mark K. Clinton*	Ralph J. Riemann
Liberty #300	Brent Myers	James Pischel*	Justin Wendt	Bruce A. Watkins
Mizpah #302	Steve R. Wagner	Dean R. Stockman	Ronald McKerlie	Craig R. Crawford
Newman Grove #305	Richard G. Christensen	-	-	-
Victory #310	Cal Peacock	-	Gail Bevington	K. Roger Dill
Polk #311	-	-	-	-
Craftsmen #314	-	Dennis Brydl	-	-
Mid-West #317	Eduardo Casas	Richard M. Goehring III*	Robert E. Summers	Arthur S. Dye
College View #320	Robert L. Brommer	John W. Fait	-	Douglas B. Johnson
Lebanon #323	Rick Porter	Mark Sindt	-	John H. Lippert*
Cairo #324	-	Lawrence O. Rolofson, Jr.	-	-
Bellevue #325	-	-	-	Paul "Al" Zamiska
Centennial #326	Brian W. Schamber*	Richard C. Voshell*	Carl Diamond*	Philip O. Edwards
Shiloh #327	James R. Taylor	Andrew L. Winslow*	Kevin Orr*	Dennis R. Myers*
Miloma #328	Barry P. Higgins	-	Paul H. Bohannon	Kenneth W. Olson*

* Denotes proxy

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Emile Ouosso	10/27/2005	Africa, Cameroon Africa, Congo Africa, Guinnee	Wade R. Kendle, 300	10/31/2005
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		
		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	2/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brazilia		
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Ceumar Luiz Sepulcri	8/4/2005	Brazil, Espirito Santo	Armando Benitez, 290	8/23/2005
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Geraldo Carlos de Oliveira	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso		
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rasmusel, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutomo Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
		Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 26	4/18/1994
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Scott G. Brendel, 146	5/31/2002
		Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte		
Jose W K Neto	9/10/1992	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul	Marvin Colson, 228	1/15/1993
		Brazil, Rondonia	Duard O. Dempster, 291	
		Brazil, Roraima	Richard H. Cooper, 263	3/19/1999
Sidnei Luiz Saut	12/1/1991	Brazil, Santa Catarina		
R.W. Orivaldo Fernandes	4/15/2003	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Charles W. Amidon, 281, 327	6/7/1977
Sadi Paulo Castiel Gitz	5/29/1992	Brazil, Sergipe	Will Medow, 55	6/16/1992
Jose M. Ferreira 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
J.R. Malcolm Berry	2/24/2003	Canada, Alberta	Steven A. Green, 54	11/6/1995
Barney R. Peatt	12/30/1986	Canada, British Columbia	Ken A. Tahich, 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 & Labrador	Jay H. Speck, 6	11/17/1999
Harvey J. Ford		Canada, Nova Scotia	Chad Richter, 317	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 L. Lane, 201, 265	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 Bospalec, 37	8/17/1999

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Leonard S. Strycharz	1/28/1971	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	6/12/1987
Ib Andersen	8/22/2003	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	Ben F. Hughes, 38, 96	7/17/2003
Heikki Aitola	12/31/1997	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchoff, 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	Benjamin 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		
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
Jerry Scott James	12/4/1974	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuehler, 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		
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Giancarlo Beero	5/1/1986	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Yasuhiko Ide		Japan	Robert Driever, 75	6/3/1994
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Kentucky	Wayne G. Luenenborg, 39, 32	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
		Madagascar		
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, Benito Juarez		
		Mexico, Nuevo Leon	Del D. Hamilton, 256	12/4/1995
		Mexico, Sinloea		
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Rex M. Rehmer, 51, 81	2/7/2003
		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, 64	6/30/1994
Ludvik H. Jun	8/18/1988	Montana	Dean Skokan, 15	
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Netherlands	William R. Zalman, 201	12/23/1990
W. Wayne Perkins	10/31/2003	Nevada	D. Sidney Stewart, 135	3/7/2003
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
Albert Hoffman	5/16/2005	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	T. John Hinkel, 96, 38	3/6/2003
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	North Dakota	Ted McNeese, 210	12/15/1995
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	2/10/1989
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	Ohio		
John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oklahoma		
Joseph C. Willhoft	1985	Oregon	Michael Birmstihl, 314	12/13/1999
Elias S. Mizrachi	1/13/1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
		Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 204	
Victor Vidal Mantilla	12/20/2002	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136	6/4/1971
Antonia Espinosa		Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
Vasco Trancoso	10/31/2005	Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56	
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico		

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Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Rhode Island	Tren Miller, 289	3/11/2003
		Romania	Max H. Miller, 79	2/7/2003
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Russia	John M. Weidner, Sr., 33, 75	1/15/1992
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	Scotland	Delmar Jones, 46	12/31/1989
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Africa	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Carolina		
Howard M. Stoler	3/6/2001	South Dakota		
Jan Mansfield	2/27/2002	Spain	Dale W. Anderson, 158	3/11/2002
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Tennessee		
Attila Athi	12/29/1971	Texas	Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327, 1	5/20/1992
		Turkey	Howard G. Whitmore, 81	5/30/2003
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 78	8/5/1992
Tom Eastwood	1/10/1990	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	Richard H. Roberts, 159	1/1/2002
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	West Africa, Senegal	Robert A. Jones, 83	2/7/2003
		West Africa, Togo		
J. K. Ferguson	9/28/1961	West Virginia	Gary W. Radil, 268	12/31/1989
Lawrence L. Myers	1/5/1992	Wisconsin		
		Yugoslavia	David L. Lang, 108	1/12/2004

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2005

Description -	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		116,954	116,954
Bonds			
<u>Government Securities:</u>			
FNMA Notes, 7.25%, 1-15-2010	25,000	24,304	27,242
FNMA Benchmark Notes, 4.125%, 5-15-2014	50,000	46,125	47,672
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 8-1-2018	50,000	49,175	48,868
FHLMC MTN Ser 3, 4.250%, 8-01-2018	50,000	48,975	49,040
FHLMC MTN Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	100,000	97,545	97,397
FNMA Step CPN, 5.00%, 6-17-2019	50,000	49,750	49,407
Total government securities	<u>325,000</u>	<u>315,874</u>	<u>319,626</u>
<u>Public Utility Bonds:</u>			
Union Electric Co., 6.75%, 5-1-2008	50,000	49,054	51,817
<u>Transportation, Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds:</u>			
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	50,000	46,451	51,705
Albertson's, Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	50,000	57,646	52,739
Abbott Laboratories, 3.75%, 3-15-2011	50,000	47,042	47,327
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	73,590
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	50,938
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	48,121
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	<u>325,000</u>	<u>325,020</u>	<u>324,420</u>
Total Bonds	<u>700,000</u>	<u>689,948</u>	<u>695,863</u>

Common Stocks

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
600	Abbott Labs	23,974	23,658
950	Allied Capital Corp.	24,659	27,902
1,000	Applebees International Inc.	24,298	22,590
725	Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	21,074	22,388
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	23,490
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	25,688
600	Burlington Res Inc.	11,130	51,720
825	Cato Corp.	12,031	17,696
1,400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	12,923	35,294
1,850	Cholestech Corp.	18,483	18,352
925	Corning Inc.	37,877	18,186
220	Discovery Hldg Co.	2,768	3,333
605	Fidelity National Financial Inc.	9,890	22,258
105	Fidelity National Title Group Inc.	2,336	2,557
975	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	11,454	33,706
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	24,431
375	Houston Exploration Company Com	8,956	19,800
625	Inco Ltd.	21,317	27,231
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	19,544
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	18,848
2,200	Liberty Media Corp.	16,152	17,314
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	19,830
500	Newmont Mng. Corp.	14,505	26,700
525	Omnicare Inc.	20,538	30,040
600	Peabody Energy Corp.	13,356	49,452
450	Performance Food Group	7,523	12,766
1,000	Pfizer Inc.	31,736	23,320
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	25,235
625	Viacom Inc.	29,987	20,375
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	20,325
700	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,129	23,296

Total Common Stocks525,923 727,325**TOTAL FUND**1,215,871 1,423,188

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2005

	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted			
U. S. Government Money Market Funds		24,548	24,548
Bonds			
<u>Government Securities:</u>			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.625%, 5-15-2007	25,000	25,001	25,727
U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.0%, 8-15-2009	50,000	47,930	52,696
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	30,697
FNMA Mtn Step CPN, 4.00%, 5-20-2009	25,000	24,718	24,758
FNMA Step CPN, 3.125%, 8-26-2009	25,000	24,550	24,625
FNMA Step CPN, 3.00%, 10-21-2009	30,000	29,137	29,353
FNMA Inv Step CPN, 4.00%, 12-9-2014	25,000	23,773	24,336
FHLMC Mtn Step CPN, 4.5%, 7-22-2016	25,000	24,331	24,650
FHLMC Mtn Step CPN, 4.125%, 7-25-2018	50,000	48,773	48,698
FHLMC Mtn Ser 3, 4.25%, 8-1-2018	<u>50,000</u>	<u>48,975</u>	<u>49,040</u>
Total Government Securities	<u>330,000</u>	<u>325,300</u>	<u>334,580</u>
<u>Corporate Bonds:</u>			
Citizens Utilities, 7.6%, 6-1-2006	25,000	25,000	25,281
Florida Power Corp., 6.875%, 2-1-2008	25,000	26,434	25,906
Dell Computer Corp., 6.55%, 4-15-2008	25,000	24,230	25,853
Merril Lynch & Co., 6%, 2-17-2009	25,000	24,393	25,781
Albertson's Inc., 8.35%, 5-1-2010	25,000	28,823	26,369
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	24,530
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	25,469
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	48,121
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	28,313
General Elec Cap Corp., 4.00%, 5-15-2015	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,562</u>	<u>24,343</u>
Total Corporate Bonds	<u>275,000</u>	<u>277,319</u>	<u>279,836</u>
Total Bonds	<u>605,000</u>	<u>602,619</u>	<u>614,416</u>

Common Stocks

<u>Shares</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Approximate Market Value</u>
600	Abbott Labs	23,962	23,658
950	Allied Capital Corp.	24,726	27,902
1,000	Applebees International Inc.	24,298	22,590
775	Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	22,533	23,932
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	23,490
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	22,244	25,688
550	Burlington Res Inc.	10,203	47,410
675	Cato Corp.	9,844	14,479
1,400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	11,892	35,294
1,700	Cholestech Corp.	16,235	16,864
825	Corning Inc.	29,667	16,220
230	Discovery Hldg Co.	2,894	3,485
605	Fidelity National Financial Inc.	9,890	22,258
105	Fidelity National Title Group Inc.	2,336	2,557
1,050	Fording Canadian Coal Trust	12,335	36,298
250	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	12,639	24,431
400	Houston Exploration Company	11,337	21,120
625	Inco Ltd.	21,312	27,231
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	19,544
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	18,847
2,300	Liberty Media Corp.	16,886	18,101
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	19,830
600	Newmont Mng Corp.	17,406	32,040
475	Omnicare Inc.	18,582	27,179
600	Peabody Energy Corp.	13,355	49,452
475	Performance Food Group Co.	8,550	13,476
1,050	Pfizer Inc.	32,724	24,486
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	21,630
650	Viacom Inc.	28,619	21,190
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	20,325
725	Winnebago Industries Inc.	23,856	24,128

Total Common Stocks517,028 725,135**TOTAL FUND**1,119,647 1,339,551

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