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Russell G. Reno

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2009-2010**

Masonic History of the 143rd Grand Master

Russell G. Reno

Russ Reno was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Alliance Lodge No. 183 on March 24, 1977. After moving to Lincoln, he joined Cotner Lodge No. 297 in 1990, where he served as Master in 2002. He also is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln, and is a charter member of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln and Sts. John Lodge of Education No. 331.

In February 2003, he was appointed Grand Chaplain by Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth D. Beebe, followed by appointments as Grand Junior Deacon in 2004 by Grand Master Les Seiler and Grand Senior Deacon in 2005 by Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska. He was elected Grand Junior Warden under the direction of Grand Master Scott J. Krieger, Sr. in 2006, Grand Senior Warden under the direction of Grand Master Dean F. Skokan in 2007 and Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect under the direction of Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn in 2008.

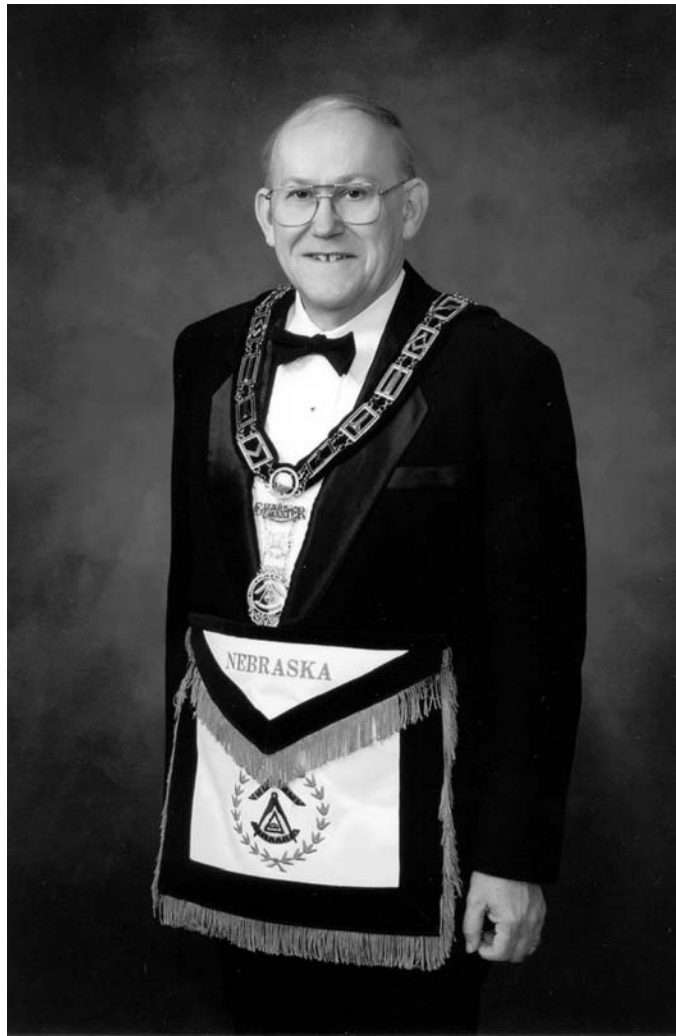
Russ is a past chairman and member of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee from 1988-2004, and chairman of chaperones at the Masonic All-Star Marching Band in 2003. He received the DeMolay Mason of the Year Award in 1998.

Additional Masonic-related memberships:

- Joined the Alliance Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1977, and affiliated with the Lincoln Valley in 1988.
- Joined Sesostris Shrine in Lincoln in 1988. Past director (1990-1993), past president (1994-1995) and member of Ritualistic Divan.
- Became a Royal Arch Mason and member of Capstone Chapter No. 64, a Cryptic Mason and member of Lincoln Council No. 4 and a Knight Templar and member of Mount Moriah Commandery No. 4 in 2004.
- Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 63 in Lincoln from 1988-1993. He was elected Associate Grand Guardian in 1996-1997, and is a recipient of the International H.I.K.E. Board's Volunteer Award.
- Initiated into Omaha Chapter No. 19, National Sojourners in 2004. He also was initiated into Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76 in 2007.

His family has been active in the Masonic family as well. His wife, Julie, is a Past Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters and a recipient of the Royal Purple Degree. Julie is a Past Honored Queen of St. Paul Bethel No. 71, and Past Guardian of Bethel No. 3 Alliance and Bethel No. 5 Lincoln. She is a member of Naphis Temple No. 66 of the Daughters of the Nile.

Daughters Heather Younger and Natalie Kent are Past Honored Queens of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 63, Lincoln, and both earned the Lily of the Valley Award, and Heather received the Royal Purple Degree and is a Past Guardian of Bethel No. 63. The two sisters are members of Naphis Temple of the Daughters of the Nile. Natalie is a member of Beulah Chapter No. 40, Order of Eastern Star in Norfolk. Natalie and Heather also served as Sweethearts of Dr. Frederick Eiche DeMolay Chapter in Lincoln. Son-in-law Erik Younger is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Sesostris Shrine.



John T. Parsons

**Grand Master-Elect of Masons of Nebraska
2010-2011**

Masonic History of the 144th Grand Master

John T. Parsons

John T. Parsons was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha, on November 25, 1975. While serving overseas in the Air Force from 1977 to 1980, he affiliated with Okinawa Lodge No. 118, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and served as Junior and Senior Warden. While serving in Korea in 1983, he affiliated with Harry S. Truman Lodge No. 1727, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Upon his return to Nebraska, he passed through the chairs in Lininger Lodge, serving as its Master in 1992. He also became a dual member of Papillion Lodge No. 39 in 1986.

John joined Florence Chapter No. 61 Royal Arch Masons, Omaha Council No. 1 Cryptic Masons, and Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar in 1976. While on Okinawa, he became a dual member of the Okinawa York Rite Bodies, under the jurisdiction of the Grand York Rite of the Philippines. He served as High Priest of Okinawa Chapter No. 14 in 1979 and Commander of Okinawa Commandery No. 2 in 1978, and retains a life membership in those bodies. In 1985, he served as Illustrious Master of Omaha Council No. 1.

John served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska in 2003, the Most Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska in 1997, and the North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, from 1999-2002.

He joined the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite in the spring of 1976. He served as Venerable Master of the Omaha Consistory in 1994 and was named a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1995. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 1999. He is the director for the 31st Degree team, and is a member of the 33rd Degree team. He has served on the Omaha Valley Cathedral Board since 2001, and is the editor for the Omaha Valley News.

John joined Tangier Shrine in 1976, and is a member of Crescent Shrine Club, Ritual Divan, and Legion of Honor. He was initiated into Omaha Court No. 19, Royal Order of Jesters, in 1996.

John and his wife Pauline were initiated into Trinity Chapter No. 299, Order of the Eastern Star in 1976. John served as Worthy Patron in 1988 and again in 1989, while Pauline served as Worthy Matron in 1989.

John is a member of and has presided over numerous other Masonic bodies. He was initiated into Okinawa Chapter No. 264, National Sojourners in 1977, and into Joseph Warren Camp Heroes of '76 later that year. He served as chapter president in 1978 and as Camp Commander in 1979. He is now a member of Omaha Chapter No. 19, and served as its president in 1982. He is a Past Sovereign of Coeur de Lion Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Prior of Sir Galahad Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Past Prior of Sangre de Christo Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Past Sovereign Master of Sneh Bo' Aire Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

John was appointed Grand Historian by Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming in 1997, and served eight years in that capacity. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon in 2005 by Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska; Grand Senior Deacon in 2006 by Grand Master

Scott J. Krieger, Sr.; elected Grand Junior Warden in 2007 under the direction of Grand Master Dean F. Skokan; elected Grand Senior Warden in 2008 under the direction of Grand Master Reginald S. Kuhn; and was elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect in 2009 under the direction of Grand Master Russ Reno. John was installed as the 144th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, on February 14, 2010, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Omaha.

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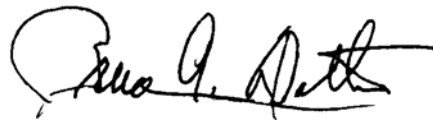
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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Grand Island, Nebraska, February 5 and 6, 2010, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 1st day of August, 2010.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful Russell G. Reno
Grand Master

First Day – Public Opening
Friday, February 5, 2010

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 5, 2010.

Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn presided.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Russell G. Reno and his Lady Julie.

M.: W.: Russell G. Reno presided from the lectern and introduced the Grand Chaplain for the invocation.



Very Worshipful James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.



Grand Master Reno asked that all remain standing for the presentation of the colors. The Colors were presented by Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of '76, National Sojourners.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.



M.:W.: Reno welcomed the audience to the 153rd Annual Communication. During the Public Opening, he explained that presiding officers from several of the appendant bodies of the Nebraska Masonic family would be welcomed; proper tribute would be paid to deceased brothers and the Grand Orator would bring his oration. However, most of the introductions of visiting brothers would take place after the Formal Opening later in the morning.



M.:W.: Reno asked the Grand Marshal to escort to the East the representatives from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Nebraska Job's Daughters, Nebraska DeMolay, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and the Social Order of the Beauceant to be seated in preparation to bring greetings.



Grand Marshal Joe McBride introduced the representatives:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Amber Naylor, Grand Worthy Advisor
Betty Garwood, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska

Nebraska Job's Daughters

Abbi Raasch, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Kelli Ferguson, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
Charmel Brown, Miss Nebraska Congeniality
Mary Warren, Grand Guardian
Bruce Bugbee, Associate Grand Guardian
Mary Louise Gillispie, Past Grand Guardian and Grand Secretary

Nebraska DeMolay

Travis Bader, State Master Councilor
Cameron Daiss, State Senior Councilor
Dalton Kock, State Junior Councilor
Michael W. Stuhr, Executive Officer

DeMolay International

Nick Walker, Field Representative

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Billie Mattern, Worthy Grand Matron
Bruce Raddatz, Worthy Grand Patron
Jerrie Wilcox, Associate Grand Matron
Denny Smith, Associate Grand Patron

Daughters of the Nile, from Sat-ra Temple No. 59 in Omaha

Sue Ellenberger, Queen

Social Order of the Beauceant from Omaha Assembly No. 91

Anne Phillips, Worthy President

By applause, M.:W.: Reno asked all those in attendance to thank these Masonic family leaders for attending the Public Opening.



M.:W.: Reno called on Amber Naylor, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



Miss Abbi Raasch, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, was asked to bring greetings from Nebraska Job’s Daughters.



M.:W.: Reno invited State Master Councilor Travis Bader to the podium to bring greetings and introduce the officers who presented the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year and the DeMolay Mason of the Year awards.

DEMOLAY SPONSORING BODY OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

State Senior Councilor Cameron Daiss and State Junior Councilor Dalton Kock presented the awards for DeMolay Mason of the Year and Sponsoring Body of the Year.

DeMolay Mason of the Year Award was presented to Kent Broyhill, Past Master of Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City. W.:B.: Broyhill is a successful businessman, leader in his industry and an innovative Mason with initiative and commitment to blue lodge, other Masonic bodies, Masonic youth, and in fact, all youth. He is a leader in his community and served as a leader of his industry’s professional group on a statewide basis, which included advocating before the Nebraska Legislature. In the 15 years since he began working with Masonic youth, he served as an adult leader of Lynn Brohill Assembly No. 12, and is active on the state level as well. His leadership resulted in imaginative activities and garnered him tremendous support from parents and members. To many of the members, he became a real dad to them for his work. He received the state’s highest honor and continues as an ambassador for the group. But that wasn’t the extent of his service to Masonic youth. Last year, he was key to starting a new DeMolay Chapter in his community. Dedication at that level truly is rare. He is active in several other Masonic organizations and has leadership and responsible positions in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and High Twelve. His hard work for the Masonic fraternity also is evident in his contribution statewide while serving on Grand Lodge committees, including chairman of the Child Identification Program, where he provides a strong and steady hand to this most critical of Masonic community service activities offered through the Grand Lodge. He has served as Master of his lodge three times and earned the title as Master of the Year when his lodge also earned the Rock Maul Award. He holds membership in lodges in two other states and is currently serving as Master of a lodge in South Dakota. It is my pleasure to announce the 2009 recipient of the DeMolay Mason of the Award – W.:B.: Kent Broyhill.

The 2009 recipient of the DeMolay Sponsoring Body of the Year Award was Tangier Shrine of Omaha. They were cited for always looking for ways to assist their Chapter. They have always been very generous of their time and financial resources. The officers of Tangier Shrine are known to the members of their DeMolay Chapter not only because

they see them around the building, but because they attend meetings on occasion and work side by side with them on various projects. Their unsolicited response has always been “Whatever it takes.” The decision for this year’s award was very difficult, not only because there are several DeMolay sponsoring bodies doing a good job, but also because this group has won the award previously. The 2010 presiding officer of this sponsoring body has a grandson in the Chapter and works hard to make certain the Chapter is successful.



M.:W.: Reno explained the significance of the gavel he used during the day’s session. It was his late mother’s gavel when she served as Worthy Matron of Aloyah Chapter No. 185 in Alliance, and was handmade by his late uncle, Everett Reno, a member of Alliance Lodge No. 183.



M.:W.: Reno invited Billie Mattern, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bruce Raddatz, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Sue Ellenberger, Queen of Sat-ra Temple No. 59 in Omaha, brought greetings from Daughters of the Nile.



M.:W.: Reno welcomed Anne Phillips, Worthy President of Assembly No. 91, to bring greetings from the Social Order of the Beauceant.



M.:W.: Reno explained that in the past year he has had open, honest and unbridled conversations with the leaders of the appendant bodies. And, whether they agreed or not on the topic, they left those discussions in smiles and friendship, and have met later as brothers and sisters in the fraternity. He extended his personal thanks to the leaders of the appendant bodies for their hard work and support over the past 12 months.



M.:W.: Reno called attention to the lists of Emick, Grand Lodge Youth Committee, and Houghton Scholarships printed in the program, indicating Masonic funds were well invested in these young scholars.



M.:W.: Reno then asked James Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

James C. Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain

Brethren, ladies and friends, each year we gather at this time for our Annual Communication for this Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We are blessed to have the opportunity to meet with old acquaintances and to make new ones. We use our time here to reflect on the past and to plan for the future so generations to come will benefit from our labor.

As we assemble, we are also reminded of those 363 brethren who are not with us today. We are reminded of their hard work and dedication which has preserved the integrity and honor of this great fraternity. Masonry teaches us many lessons, which we are to use in our daily lives. We have learned that our progression through Masonry is emblematic of our progression through life. The study of Freemasonry and the applications of it into our daily lives will help us to build upon the foundation which our forefathers passed on to us. It is our honor and duty to pass these teachings on to future generations so that they may discover the useful tenants of the order as well.

We shall be forever grateful to our brothers who have passed from this life and we pray that you will comfort their families and give them strength in these hours of darkness.

LET US PRAY

Our Father, Which art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day, our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

And now, as we observe the names of our brethren who have been called from labor to refreshment this past year, let us keep their memories eternal and rejoice in the time we spent together. The hourglass for our lives continues to flow swiftly and soon our time will come when we will stand in the presence of the Master, and submit to his judgment our performance of the duties we owe to God, our neighbor, our families, and to ourselves, and may it be our reward to hear from him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, those welcome words, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Lapaseotes
Grand Chaplain

A PowerPoint presentation was then observed listing the names and lodges of the brethren who departed in 2009 to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

M.: W.: Reno thanked V.: W.: Lapaseotes for his report.

GRAND ORATION

Patrick D. Barger, Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, brethren, and family. Greetings! As has been the custom of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska's Annual Communication for many years, it is my honor to stand before you as Grand Orator to share my thoughts concerning our mutual horizon through the success of the Masonic year we bring to a close and the enthusiasm for the one about to embark. As you know, and have been reminded of several times this morning, Grand Master Russ Reno crafted a roadmap for the 2009 Masonic year entitled, "Freemasonry: Values in Action." My interpretation of his use of the word "values" includes not only his reference to Masonic ethics and beliefs, but also to the fundamental principles of Masonry we deem of significant value and which we put into action. In keeping with the Grand Master's theme, let's take a moment to review the common characteristics of things people value.

I'm sure we can agree very few of the things we value in life came easily. I'm not referring to your worldly possessions, but I'm referring to the success stories of your life, such as your family, your health, or your country itself. Only in rare cases did any of us stumble upon something of great value by waiting around for it to come to us.

Masonry is also an experience of tremendous value, the success of which we shouldn't hope to stumble upon by waiting around for it to come to us. You are here today because you value Masonry as a way of life. Grand Master Russ Reno's theme was firmly grounded on those values of Masonry that transcend time. The greatest and most enduring ideals of man are those that use our fundamental Masonic principles to clarify the mysteries of life. They transcend all ages and have been interpreted over the centuries to apply to the problems of the time. Because of our preceding brothers' labor upon the grand edifice that is the Masonic way of life they valued so much, as well as our own labors in that respect, we are able to provide Masonic charity to the stranger, the fatherless, the widow, and many who are less fortunate than we are. It also teaches us to use the common gavel of Masonry to break off the corners of our individual rough ashlar to transform them into one as perfect as we can make it here on earth. When it's all said and done, Masonry helps reassure us of the significant value of our own lives.

In Speculative Masonry, our wages are not earned in coin. They are the internal rewards earned through acts of kindness, good deeds, and the gift of our time and effort to others. It's no accident that our ancient brethren's hard labor of building with stone is the metaphor through which Masonry's instruction is imparted to us. Nor is it by chance that he who seeks the degrees of Masonry is repeatedly tested for his willingness to proceed further. And if he is to be a Mason, he will, because Masonry, even at its most fundamental stages of initiation, is a gift he values and desires to put into action.

Through the allegory of Masonry, each Master Mason becomes an architect. Each supervises the spiritual contribution and construction of his own "house not made with hands." Each builds into the structure of his soul the values of beauty, harmony, and knowledge. 2009 was underscored by the tenets of Masonry to build upon the ideals we value that established and sustained our beloved fraternity generation after generation. When faced with the challenges of modern society and the worldwide decline Masonry has sadly experienced in the last 50 years, we cannot afford to scale back our personal commitment to its value. If we do, the fraternity would surely face indisputable extinction.

So, we prepare to close the 2009 trestle board our Grand Master designed for a successful Masonic Year that through your hard work, helped ensure the future value of our beloved fraternity! Likewise, we prepare to launch the 2010 Masonic Year Deputy Grand Master John Parsons has masterfully crafted for our labors. Your continued efforts will no doubt ensure the success of his well-laid plans to reinforce the fact Masonry and the United States military have been profoundly allied since the earliest beginnings of this country. Our fraternity has always patriotically supported our men and women in military uniform. I have no doubt you will rally behind our 2010 Grand Master to waive the flag of freedom so courageously valued by our service members in their defense of this great nation so valuable to all of us.

May God bless you, our beloved country, and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.



M.:W.: Reno made closing remarks and announcements, thanked the Heroes' of '76, National Sojourners for serving as the color guard; Bill Gekas and Gary Jones for serving as photographers throughout the session; and Paul Rutherford for his dedicated service as audio specialist for so many years.

M.:W.: Reno brought attention to the historical displays in the atrium by Nebraska Lodge No. 1 of Omaha, Western Star Lodge No. 2 of Nebraska City and Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha. The lodges were asked to put the displays together by the new Grand Lodge Masonic Heritage Committee.

The brethren were asked to clear the room in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin promptly at 9:55 a.m. M.:W.: Reno told those assembled that the Grand Lodge session would be formally opened by selected 2009 Masters from across the state who were among the best ritualists observed during the past year.

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First Day – Opening Session
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A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by 2009 Masters of lodges from across the state who exemplified superior ritualistic skills.

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

The Grand Master declared the 153rd Annual Communication duly opened for the transaction of business and asked that the Grand Marshal proclaim the Annual Communication open in ample form.

M.: W.: Reno again welcomed the brothers to the session and reminded the brethren that cell phones should be off or set on vibrate. He said any ring of a phone heard would require the owner to pay a \$25 donation to the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program.

M.: W.: Reno thanked the brothers who opened the Grand Lodge session. The Grand Marshal escorted the brothers to the East for introduction. They follow:

Master: M.:W.: James F. Brown, Jr, Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, Lincoln
 Senior Warden: Dan Nonneman, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings
 Junior Warden: Steve Ewalt, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva
 Secretary: Jeffrey Noble, Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion
 Chaplain: Joel Zilmer, Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance
 Marshal: Robert Rhodes, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica
 Senior Deacon: Dathe Benissan-Messan, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
 Junior Deacon: Josh Foster, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
 Senior Steward: Merv McDonough, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
 Junior Steward: Jerrell Gerdes, Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin
 Tyler: Ted Miller, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff

M.:W.: Reno appointed M.:W.:B.: Dwight Smith, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 153rd 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 Grand Secretary moved approval, and the motion was seconded and passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF THE BALLOT

M.:W.: Reno declared the ballot for the Election of Officers open. He gave instructions for the proper balloting process. Delegates could choose to either write in the names of the officers for whom they wished to vote, or could check the box advancing all officers. The checkbox would result in a vote to retain the Grand Secretary and advance the current Grand Junior Deacon to Grand Senior Deacon, advance the Grand Senior Deacon to Grand Junior Warden, advance the Grand Junior Warden to Grand Senior Warden, and advance the current Grand Senior Warden to Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect. M.:W.: Reno noted that only one option could be used. If ballots are received with names written in, as well as the box for advancement checked, the ballot will not be counted. Ballots should be placed in the ballot box at the back of the lodge room and the ballot will remain open for about one hour, at which time the ballot will be declared closed and turned over to the tellers for proper counting.



M.:W.: Reno asked all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to retire with the Grand Marshal to form a procession to be received by the Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.:W.: Reno raised the lodge and the Past Grand Masters were brought to the East. Grand Marshal Joe McBride introduced them individually.

Charles W. Amidon	1986
Paul R. Eveland.....	1988
Donald L. Pohlman	1993
V. Kaye Ramsey	1996
Don E. Rasmussen	1998
Dwight E. Smith	1999
James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000
Philip A. Lorenzen	2001
Kenneth D. Beebe	2003
Les Seiler	2004
Ivan A. Vrtiska.....	2005
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	2006
Dean Skokan	2007
Reginald S. Kuhn.....	2008

M.:W.: Reno led the grand honors.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

Due to the absence of John E. Lorenzen, W. :. B. :. David Krogh, a member of the Finance Committee, brought attention to the printed report.

The Finance Committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for 2010 and found it to be in order for submission to the Grand Lodge in proper form.



M. :. W. :. Reno asked Grand Senior Warden E. David Watts to approach the podium. R. :. W. :. Watts announced that the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska would be held in Kearney at the Holiday Inn, February 2, 3, and 4, 2012.



M. :. W. :. Reno asked all visiting Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other distinguished guests from other jurisdictions to retire with the Grand Marshal to form in procession to be received by the Grand Lodge. He noted that officers of Nebraska appendant bodies would be introduced shortly, and asked that they remain in the room.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gene Wehrbein, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Youth Committee set the following goals for 2009:

1. Continue the Silent Auction at the Annual Communication in February 2010 to raise funds for the three Nebraska Masonic youth groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow.
2. Plan for the Tri-Annual Masonic Youth Leadership Conference to be held October 1 & 2, 2011.
3. Continue to promote membership in our Masonic youth organizations and encourage adults/parents to be involved with the youth.

The committee selected the following youth to receive \$1000 scholarships: Marcus Hartzler – DeMolay International, Stephanie Eggleston – Job's Daughters International, Megan Stuhr – The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Heather Wilke (The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls) – Grand Master's Scholarship.

The Committee for the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference has been formed and meetings have been held to begin plans for the next Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, October 1- 2, 2011.

I would like to thank everyone who has given of their time and talents in support of our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Wehrbein, 6, Chairman
James A. Carlton, 325
Ervin E. Imig, 102
Keith Neisler, 1
Tim Birdsall, 210

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICERS OF VISITING JURISDICTIONS

The visiting brethren were escorted to the front and introduced in order of the state’s entrance into the Union by Grand Marshal Joe McBride.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska Eric Critchlow, Grand Master
Glenn W. Dee, Deputy Grand Master
Edward F. Medlin, Past Grand Master
Norman C. Hall, Past Grand Master
John W. Reed, Sr., Past Grand Master
Frederick H. Wisdom, Past Grand Master
David L. Jefferson, Past Grand Master
Russell W. Hobson, Grand Lecturer Emeritus

From the Grand Lodge of Iowa..... Craig C. Hummel, Grand Master
William R. Crawford, Grand Secretary
Craig L. Davis, Chairman of Division and Reference

From the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.....Thomas Hendrickson, Senior Grand Warden
Frederick B. Vihovde, Grand Representative and
National President of National Sojourners, Inc.

From the Grand Lodge of Kansas Roy T. Sullivan, Grand Master
Don Newman, Grand Junior Warden

From the Grand Lodge of Nevada Allan “Skip” Pounds, Personal Representative
of the Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Colorado.....John V. Egan, III, Deputy Grand Master
Lawrence Fritz, Grand Chaplain

From the Grand Lodge of South Dakota..... Jack H. Welker, Grand Master
Dean Behrens, Deputy Grand Master
Richard Decker, Senior Grand Warden
Virgil D. Andersen, Past Grand Master
Charles N. Kaufman, Past Grand Master and
Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the
Scottish Rite Supreme Council of South Dakota

From the Grand Lodge of Washington Gale H. Kenney, Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.....John J. Farmer, Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Johnny Onkst, Past Grand Master

George Washington Masonic MemorialGeorge D. Seghers, Executive Director

Abu Bekr Shrine David G. Krogh, Oriental Guide

M.: W.: Reno led grand honors and then greeted each individually.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH THE PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

The brethren present from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska were asked to come forward. M.:W.: Reno explained that this year marked the twentieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska becoming the first grand jurisdictions to enter into mutual recognition, thus setting the benchmark for others to follow. M.:W.: Reno asked Eric Critchlow, Grand Master, to bring greetings from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Plaques were exchanged between the two Grand Masters commemorating the anniversary, reading “The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska F.: & A.:M.: and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.: celebrating our twentieth anniversary of recognition, February 1990 to February 2010. – We led the way.”

Following the exchange of plaques, two brothers who were instrumental in orchestrating the joint recognition, M.:W.: Charlie Amidon and M.:W.: Edward Medlin, were asked to come forward. Charlie took the microphone:

“Tom Tye said ‘It’s time to recognize Prince Hall.’ And, he appointed a committee of three from our grand lodge. I was fortunate to be on that, with Don Pohlman, and Jim DeMoss. And, the Prince Hall picked out Ed Medlin and Wright Robinson and Don Moore as their representatives. Here’s what we came up with and I’m going to tell you how we arrived at it. That committee met during the summer of 1989 at the Omaha Home for Boys board room. That first meeting we walked in there and it was like UMW and General Motors. Whose ox is going to get gored first, you know, or it might have been like Martin Luther King sitting at one side of the table and George Wallace on the other. It wasn’t quite that bad. But there was that little bit of, you know, who wants to putt here. And, we talked and talked and after about four meetings, we came up with this resolution. We finally said, ‘Let’s quit horsing around and let’s do it the right way.’ And here’s what we said, and if you were here, you saw this, and if you weren’t, it’s in the 1990 Proceedings.

Inasmuch as the Committee on Fraternal Relations in this Grand Jurisdiction has in this report recommended the approval of a resolution to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, I do hereby recommend and ask for a favorable adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, Incorporated, has existed in the state of Nebraska since 1919, and in America since 1775, and does profess the same Masonic principles and ideals of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, both Grand Lodges desire to remain autonomous within themselves and operating hereafter as herebefore with their own Grand Master, rules and regulations, lodges and membership, and

WHEREAS, both Grand Lodges desire to fraternally recognize the other as a duly constituted Masonic lodge within the state of Nebraska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is mutually agreed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of

Nebraska and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nebraska on this 3rd day of February, A. D., 1990, and we will dwell together in peace and harmony, and each does hereby extend their solid fraternal recognition to the other as a duly constituted Grand Lodge of Masons within the state of Nebraska. And in the spirit and brotherly love, relief and truth, hereby accord to the other wheresoever assembled all Masonic rights appertaining, subject always to the rights, powers and authority of the Grand Masters, and the Masters of the constituent lodges to preside over their respective Grand Lodges and lodges.

It's a lot of words, but brethren, you started the landslide around the United States. Correct me, (Deputy Grand Master) John (Parsons), we're up to over 40 now, aren't we, of grand jurisdictions who've joined Nebraska? I think it's going to take another 150 years to fill in those few 9 or 10 that we're short, but we've got the time and we'll do it. Since that time we've had many, many wonderful associations between the two. After this went on the floor of the Grand Lodge, we voted on it and as soon as the vote was taken, I took off for my motel room and I called up my counterpart, Ed Medlin, standing here, from their Grand Lodge. They met by special arrangements at exactly the same time we did and voted on this issue. And I said, 'Ed, we got our vote.' He said, 'Don't tell me what it is. We're voting right now, I'll call you back.' So I said, 'Okay, when you call back we're going to record this.' Now, if you were here, you heard this; if you were not here, you're going to hear it now, that original conversation between Ed Medlin and me."

Charlie: Grand Lodge, Ed Medlin please, Charlie Amidon calling.

Ed: This is Ed Medlin.

Charlie: Ed, have you, are you ready to talk?

Ed: I am very pleased and happy and ready to talk.

Charlie: Okay, now what I wanna do is read you a kind of a formal statement and then I'd ask you to respond in kind...

Ed: All right.

Charlie: When I'm finished, and we are tape recording this.

Ed: Yes, we are taping this also.

Charlie: Okay. Most Worshipful Edward F. Medlin, we wish to report that during its 133rd Annual Communication at 10:32 a.m., February 3, 1990, M. W. Thomas W. Tye, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, placed the mutually drawn resolution to extend full recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, Incorporated, on the floor of the Grand Lodge for a show of hands vote. We are pleased to report the result of the voting was almost unanimously affirmative. Therefore, on behalf of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and assuming your grand lodge is mutually agreeable, we extend to you, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, Incorporated, our fraternal hand of fellowship. May our mutual concern for our fellow man be the beginning of a never-ending, but always

expanding, respect for the principles and tenets of our beloved fraternity. And we are very proud to make that announcement, Ed.

Ed: Brother Amidon, hearing the resolution as presented by you to me, and the results of your grand lodge, I am happy to say that as of about 10:20, our Grand Master, Normal C. Hall, placed on the floor of this Grand Lodge, the same vote concerning that resolution as you stated, and by unanimous consent, and by a standing vote, passed this Grand Lodge with great pleasure by all of the brothers in reference.

Charlie: That is wonderful news Worshipful Brother Ed, and we will immediately report this to the Grand Lodge and we will play our responses to all of the delegates assembled.

Ed: We are very happy about this occasion.'

M.: W.: Norman Hall took the podium to say a few words:

"I think most scholars, Masonic scholars would agree that Masonry is a progressive science. I think most Masons would agree to a generally accepted definition of Masonry described as a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. I think that definition has been derived from the tenets of the institution, friendship, morality and brotherly love which supports that definition. We as a people are a product of our society and the cultures for which we all come from. We are familiar with the culture of the United States and its history, but when we became Masons and you look at the tenets of the institution...(change of recording tape)...individual thinking against that proposition, we have to make a choice and a decision.

We celebrate 20 years, but we should be celebrating thirty, because the process and conversation began in '79 with Grand Master Robinson, and I think Grand Master Jenkins of your Grand Lodge. It took ten years for it to progress to the point where we agreed to this resolution, and I happened to be Grand Master at the time in either '84 or '85 when we had our first meeting at Macio's Restaurant in Omaha, Nebraska when all of the Grand Lodge Officers, you couldn't come together with us as formally, so we had to do it informally, and we had a great meeting, and that started the process. And then at the particular time in history when the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.: and the Prince Hall family had leadership that was progressive enough, and it takes the leadership, you can't do it without it, to make this decision, at the time the decision was made, you can imagine the turmoil that it created. Connecticut had just started with a partial recognition. Nebraska, in our debates, we finished off saying 'no partial, we're gonna do it complete.' We were ostracized and everything happened contrary to some of the brothers. I know we took a lot of heat, and you'd be surprised at some of the heat we took.

I'll be done in just one minute, Grand Master. (laughter) I just wanted to tell you that what happened in Nebraska at that time, we were the first, as you heard, but you never know the consequences of a decision made until after time has passed that the ripple of it can manifest itself in different ways and if you think about what the Grand Master just said, we did 20 years ago, everybody was kicking it, but now 20 years later we have 40 others. That's progress. That's a progressive movement, and as time will deal with us personally, Masonry will still be what it

is. The tenets are not going to change, but when we abide by the tenets, we will change.”

The Masons assembled applauded and gave a standing ovation to the presentation. M.: W.: Reno expressed his thanks to the Prince Hall Masons for their attendance.



Grand Junior Warden Bruce A. Baker moved for approval to hold the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on January 31, and February 1 and 2, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Dwight E. Smith, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation held its annual meeting Thursday, February 4, which was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and interested brethren. The following matters were considered and acted on at the annual meeting of the members and directors of the Foundation: Financial statements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, were presented and approved. The profit and loss statement showed a net loss of \$9,261.02. The balance sheet as of that date showed total assets of \$439,000.00, with no liabilities. The income from the operations itself was positive. The loss resulted from unrealized losses on the investment accounts that have since been reversed for this fiscal year. Discussion was held regarding the future relocation of the Grand Lodge Office to the Scottish Rite Building in Lincoln. These actions are continuing in conjunction with the officers of the Lincoln Scottish Rite to endeavor to locate the Grand Lodge Office and museum in the Scottish Rite Building in Lincoln. Michelle Fulmer, Office Manager, updated the meeting on improvements and maintenance on the existing building in Lincoln. We approved acquisition of a new computer system that is outdated since the passage of five years to protect our membership records and other matters in the office. The following officers were elected to serve for the Foundation:

President	M.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn
Vice President	M.: W.: Michael E. Jones
Secretary/Treasurer	W.: Thomas A. Hauder

We approved a motion to again acknowledge the efforts of Michelle and the Grand Lodge Office staff and gave them thanks for all that they do for the Nebraska Masonic Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight E. Smith, President

M.: W.: Smith moved for the report to be received and included in the proceedings. The motion was seconded and passed.



M.: W.: Reno asked Roy Sullivan, Grand Master, to step forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Kansas.



M.: W.: Reno invited Grand Master Gale Kenney of the Grand Lodge of Washington to bring greetings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Freemasonry is a men's fraternity with its first principle for admission being that of a belief in a supreme being – for most of us clearly stated as a belief in God. That belief in God is the cornerstone for our ritual. Further, it is ritual that separates us from other organizations. Masonic Ritual remains important. The presentation of our Degrees and our ceremonies and the lessons and messages delivered by the ritual is not the only focus of Freemasonry, but be assured it is a very important component of Freemasonry. Ritual is the bonding agent for many of us and it simply demands of Masons a high standard of self-imposed conduct. The lessons are timeless, demanding, and just as applicable today as when first conceived. Ritual and lectures are not just words to be memorized and uttered back to the candidate, they are to be understood and applied as a guide to a Mason's daily life. The manner in which ritual is performed is the basis of a new Mason's view of our fraternity and its seriousness. If we don't undertake ritual seriously, our candidates will certainly not take the meaning seriously.

The charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work including oversight to see that the ritual is precise, well presented, and that it is not perverted or subjected to wholesale change to fit the whims of any self-appointed champion of a new cause. The view of many finds that Ritual is of generally good quality with many lodges working industriously on both floor work and ritual presentation. Yet, there are still lodges not yet capturing the spirit for consistent quality ritual. Quality of work is a matter of pride – if your lodge does not feel comfortable in the ritual, there are many brothers in other lodges who are willing to help. The Grand Custodian and Deputy Custodians are always ready to suggest names of others in your area to help in the ritual. The support and encouragement of M.:W.:B.: Russell G. Reno and each of the Grand Lodge Officers is appreciated. M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian, continues to take a good hands-on approach to provide incentive and encouragement to each subordinate lodge and its officers. M.:W.:B.: Krieger's example encourages Deputy Custodians and proficient Masons in providing leadership in setting a high standard for proficiency in Nebraska. Using M.:W.:B.: Krieger's level of memorization and style of delivery as an example is a lesson in achievement and is a high goal to strive to. As the Nebraska Grand Lodge finds ongoing success in both one day conferrals and in one-on-one conferrals 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.

In 2009, the committee, engaging the resources and efforts of Worshipful Brother Gerald Verbeek, Grand Custodian Emeritus, and M.:W.:B.: Scott Krieger, prepared a suggested format for the Master's declaration of the purpose of a called communication and then transitioning from a tyled lodge meeting to an open public setting for installations, cornerstone and other ceremonies or public activities while the lodge still remains open, to be closed as may be proper by the officers after such public activity. By approval of this report, those guidelines are confirmed and approved by this Grand Lodge Communication. Those guidelines to be implemented as may be determined by the Grand Custodian.

Members of the Committee on Nebraska Work attended and participated in the annual Deputy Custodians' School in Hastings in September. The efforts of the Deputy Custodians and their apprentices are acknowledged and applauded. 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. Those classes and the resultant new Masons were as follows:

Date	Host Lodge	Location	Number of Candidates
January 31, 2009	Papillion 39	Omaha	15
March 28, 2009	Jachin 146	Holdrege	6
April 11, 2009	Springfield 112	Omaha	8
April 25, 2009	Liberty 300	Lincoln	11
May 30, 2009	Fremont 15	Fremont	3
July 18, 2009	Geo W. Lininger 268	Omaha	21
October 17, 2009	John J. Mercer 290	Omaha	13
October 31, 2009	Liberty 300	Lincoln	7
		Total	84

One-Day Classes continue to enable Freemasonry in Nebraska to grow more steadily and more conveniently than might 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Lorenzen, 10, 327 & 1, Chairman
Roger A. Deininger, 317
Gerald D. Verbeek, 15

M.:W.:B.: Phil Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

M.:W.:B.: Reno announced that all lodges that achieved a net increase in membership would receive a certificate for their accomplishments. The percentage of growth is calculated with new raisings, reinstatements and deaths, and does not include affiliations and demits. He read the following lodges that earned the award and asked that one representative of each come forward to receive the certificate from the Deputy Grand Master.

Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun
Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton
Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron
Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper
Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend

Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne
Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior
Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege
Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood
Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln
Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill
Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace
Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha



M.:W.:B.: Reno asked the officers present from all Nebraska Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine bodies to retire with the Grand Marshal to form in procession to be formally received by the Grand Lodge.



M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Deputy Grand Master Parsons if he had any announcements. R.:W.: John announced that the Installation of the 2010-2011 Grand Lodge Officers would be held Sunday, February 14, 2010, at 2 pm at the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite. He also announced that the 154th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska would take place at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island on February 3, 4 and 5, 2011.

M.:W.:B.: Reno then encouraged those attending to return after lunch for the workshops beginning at 1:30 p.m. He said the workshops would feature a presentation by Executive Director George Seghers about the George Washington Masonic Memorial, and Johnny Onkst, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, who would speak about leadership. Meetings with the new Masters and Wardens and a chance to ask questions about the recommendations would be held at 4 p.m. A CHIP workshop would be presented at 4 p.m., focusing on how to effectively schedule and host a CHIP event. He also made several announcements relative to the location of the Grand Lodge Office, hospitality rooms, vendors, and instructions for upcoming meetings, workshops and meal functions.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS FROM NEBRASKA YORK RITE, SCOTTISH RITE AND SHRINE

The visiting brethren were escorted to the front and introduced by the Grand Marshal.

Grand York Rite

- Bruce T. Anderson..... Grand Secretary/Recorder
- Jerry F. Bepalec..... Most Eminent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- James A. Clark..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

- Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr. Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Supreme Council for Nebraska
- Bruce Wood General Secretary, Lincoln
- Curt Edic..... General Secretary, Omaha
- Gene Gatti..... General Secretary, Alliance
- W. Glen Jorgenson General Secretary, Hastings

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

- Roger Wells Director General and Representative of the Potentate, Sesostris
- Cary Manson Potentate, Tangier
- Greg Hadcock Assistant Rabban, Tangier
- Charlie Lovell High Priest and Prophet, Tangier
- Charles Sohm..... Recorder, Tangier
- Bob Kennicutt..... Potentate, Tehama
- Charles Haskell..... Oriental Guide, Tehama
- Geoffrey Bogle Past Potentate, Tehama
- W. Glen Jorgenson Recorder, Tehama

National Sojourners, Inc.

Ron Stites..... Regional Representative, Nebraska and Iowa

M.:W.:B.: Reno asked the brethren to welcome the leaders of the appendant bodies and greeted each of the officers individually as they returned to their seats.



M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Charles Sederstrom, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council for Nebraska, to bring greetings on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies. Brother Sederstrom also thanked Grand Master Russ, along with Deputy Grand Master John Parsons and Grand Senior Warden Dave Watts, for their efforts in working with the Scottish Rite to try to develop a Masonic Center in Lincoln. He noted that those efforts, and the efforts for Masonic unity across the state, were appreciated by all.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CLOSING OF THE BALLOT

At this time, M.:W.:B.: Reno asked those present if all who are entitled to vote had done so. The ballot was declared closed. The Grand Master called Steve Green, Deputy Grand Custodian and Chief Teller, to the East to receive the key to the ballot box and ordered that the ballots be counted and a report be made as the first order of business Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.



M.:W.: Reno asked Deputy Grand Master John Parsons to cover the podium in preparation for calling off.

The session was then called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 6, at 8:30 a.m.



Workshops - 1:30 p.m.

A presentation about the George Washington Masonic Memorial was given by George Seghers, Executive Director, followed by Johnny Onkst, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, who spoke about leadership.

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Held in Grand Island, Nebraska
February 5-6, 2010

Most Worshipful Russell G. Reno
Grand Master

Membership Banquet
Friday, February 5, 2010
7:00 p.m.

After dinner, Grand Master Russ Reno asked all Bronze Jordan Medal holders and 50-plus year members to stand and be recognized for their years of service to the fraternity.

Presentations and Grand Lodge awards were given at the banquet, including:

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

M.:W.:B.: Reno said it was his distinct pleasure to award the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to former Governor Charles Thone, a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. The award was presented on January 24, 2010, at a reception held in honor of Brother Thone.

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Ron Giesselmann of the Fremont Children's Home, Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Dwight Smith, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation to come forward to receive a check representing the proceeds of the Eighth Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented a check in the amount of \$3,352.96.

TWAIN AWARD

The Twain Award, presented by the Masonic Service Association, honors lodge achievement in Masonic awareness. Awards are made to the participating lodges that, in the evaluation of the Masonic Information Center Task Force, have successfully addressed the challenges of improving Masonic Awareness within both the lodge and the community and that the brothers have done so with exemplary skill, creativity, and resourcefulness.

Members of Omadi Lodge No. 5 of South Sioux City and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha were invited to accept the awards.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Kent Broyhill, President of the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program Foundation, to present the CHIP Awards. The Child Identification Program (CHIP) Award recognizes outstanding contributions, monetary or otherwise, in the promotion and assistance with CHIP events. One award is given to a member of the Masonic Family, and the second goes to an individual, company or charitable group that has met the award guidelines. Nominations for the awards are submitted by individual lodges to the Awards Committee for selection.

Kent announced Ken Ellis and Jerry Frazier as the winners in the non-Masonic award category. Ken Ellis accepted the awards on his and Jerry's behalf.

Kent named Donald Wolf, a member of Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings, as recipient of the award in the Masonic Family category.

GRAND MASTER'S RECRUITMENT AWARD

The Grand Master's Recruitment Award Program recognizes the top petition signers in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. This award is calculated on a point system giving 10 points for every first-line signature and three points for every second-line signature.

- 11 – Thomas A. Trainor, Hickman Lodge No. 256
- 10 – John F. Adkerson, Fremont Lodge No. 15
- 9 – Troy A. Schwartz, Wallace Lodge No. 279
- 8 – W. Keith Neisler, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
- 7 – Melvin Morton, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- 6 – Don P. Ellenberger, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 5 – Greg Hadcock, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 4 – Kent B. Broyhill, Omadi Lodge No. 5
- 3 – Daniel J. Roth, Lancaster Lodge No. 54

In addition to the pin, first and second place recipients also received a plaque.

- 2 – Charles J. Odorizzi, III, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290

- 1 – Patrick D. Barger, Lancaster Lodge No. 54

Patrick also received a pocket badge and his picture placed on a plaque displayed at the Grand Lodge Office.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Grand Master requested that Ed Nolte, Chairman of the Membership Committee, 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 winning lodge received a traveling trophy to display in their lodge for one year. The winner in the large lodge division was Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. The trophy in the small lodge division went to Elwood Lodge No. 167.

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 lodges surround the gold pan.

The Gold Pan is awarded annually to the Nebraska Lodge showing the greatest improvement or making the most significant contribution to Nebraska Masonry.

M.:W.:B.: Reno then presented the award to members of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff, winning the award for the second year in a row.

NEBRASKA PILLAR AWARD

The Nebraska Pillar Award recognizes lodges that perform activities that lead to a successful year. Any lodge can earn this award. A plaque is awarded to lodges the first year they qualify and a plate is presented each subsequent year the award is earned.

M.:W.: Reno asked for representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive the awards:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 of Plattsmouth
Superior Lodge No. 121 of Superior
Custer Lodge No. 148 of Broken Bow
Franklin Lodge No. 264 of Franklin
George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha
Bellevue Lodge No. 325 of Bellevue

GRAND MASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Grand Master's Leadership Award includes three awards. The first is the Grand Master's Leadership Award, which aims to encourage Masters to plan and implement activities that will result in a successful year for their lodge and members. Any number of Masters can earn this award.

The following 2009 Masters earned the Grand Master's Leadership Award:

Josh Foster of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Jerrell Gerdes of Franklin Lodge No. 264
John Grant of Bellevue Lodge No. 325

No 2009 Masters qualified to receive the award with distinction.

From among the recipients, Josh Foster of Plattsmouth Lodge was selected as the Master of the Year.

ROCK MAUL AWARD

The Large Lodge Rock Maul was presented to M.:W.: Byron C. Jenkins by the Omaha Area Past Masters of 1966 to be used as a Traveling Trophy. It is sixteen pounds in weight with a bronze head. The Rock Maul has been used for its original purpose in a stone quarry, and has been beautifully refurbished with a square and compass worked into the metal.

The Small Lodge Rock Maul was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by the family of Past Grand Master Harold Hultman. In recognition of the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States, and in honor of Grand Master Hultman, W.:B.: Herman O. Hansen, DGC, gold plated the head of a rock maul, engraved the handle with Masonic working tools, and gifted it to M.:W.: Hultman. This Rock Maul will now be presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a Small Lodge deemed to be the Outstanding Lodge that year.

The Rock Maul Awards are presented by the Grand Master to a large lodge and a small lodge whose works most agree with the programs of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The lodges selected represent the best all-around lodges in the jurisdiction of Nebraska.

As guidelines to award the Rock Maul, the following are used: officer leadership, attendance, bulletin or newspaper, ritual, enthusiasm, fellowship, temple appearance and condition, secretary reports, and programs other than regular meetings and ritual meetings held through the year.

In addition to the overall winning lodges, lodges that finished first and second runners-up also are recognized.

The Grand Master announced Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln as recipient of the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award and Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow as winner of the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award.

The 2nd Runner-up in the large lodge category was Belleuve Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue, and the 1st Runner-up was Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth.

The 2nd Runner-up in the small lodge category was Jachin Lodge No. 146 in Holdrege, and the 1st Runner-up was Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff.

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Presented at the Secretary's Lunch the previous day)

In 2006, an award was created for the Lodge Secretary of the Year. The award was fashioned after a practice used by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The recipient is chosen by the Grand Lodge Office staff as the secretary who has fulfilled all necessary duties, filed reports completely and on time, and generally gone above and beyond the call of duty as requested throughout the year.

In 2010, for the lodge year 2009, Michelle Fulmer and Carol Schroeder presented the award to Glenn R. Mulholland of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte.

2010 Proceedings
of the
Grand Lodge
of the
Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska

One Hundred Fifty-third
Annual Communication

Held in Grand Island, Nebraska
February 5-6, 2010

Most Worshipful Russell G. Reno
Grand Master

Second Session
Saturday, February 6, 2010

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

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 153rd 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 6, 2010.

M.:W.:B.: Reno welcomed the brethren and announced the closing time for the Grand Lodge Office at the hotel. He announced that the silent auction was successful in raising over \$3,165 for the three youth groups and thanked everyone, and their spouses or significant others, for their support. Awards to lodges and individuals that were not picked up at the previous night's banquet were named and asked to come forward to receive the awards.

REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Steve Green presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers, stating that there were 202 ballots collected, 3 were declared invalid, 188 were counted with option 2 selected, and 11 were counted with names written in the blanks. The election was deemed proper. The following individuals received a majority of votes for the offices indicated:

Deputy Grand Master/

Grand Master-Elect	R.: W.:	E. David Watts
Grand Senior Warden	R.: W.:	Bruce A. Baker
Grand Junior Warden.....	R.: W.:	Rex J. Moats
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.



M.:W.:B.: Reno explained the origin of the gavel he used for the day. It was handcrafted by David Kipling and presented to to M.: W.: Charles Amidon when he was installed Master of Florence Lodge No. 281 in 1967. In 2001, it was presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and is intended as a traveling gavel for use by future Grand Masters during their terms of office. Grand Master Reno further stated, "It's been a pleasure to hold and use the gavel this year. It is a beautiful instrument."



Grand Master Reno asked R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master John Parsons to approach the lectern and announce the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 term, when he will serve as Grand Master.

- John T. Parsons, Grand Master
- E. David Watts, Deputy Grand Master / Grand Master-Elect
- Bruce A. Baker, Grand Senior Warden
- Rex J. Moats, Grand Junior Warden
- Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Secretary
- Dennis E. Rix, Grand Chaplain
- Patrick D. Barger, Grand Orator
- Ben F. Hughes, Grand Historian
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian
- John T. Maxell, Grand Marshal
- Thomas L. Hauder, Grand Senior Deacon
- Joe D. McBride, Grand Junior Deacon
- John B. Ferguson, Grand Senior Steward
- Brett R. Bennett, Grand Junior Steward
- Ronald D. Stites, Grand Tyler

R.: W.: Parsons made the following special appointments:

- Mark K. Clinton, Grand Musician
- James C. Lapaseotes, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Donald E. Rife, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Kent B. Broyhill, Personal Representative of the Grand Master

Deputy Grand Master Parsons moved for the approval of the aforementioned officers for 2010-2011. The motion was seconded and with no discussion, motion carried.

FINAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE*John E. Lorenzen, Chairman*

David G. Krogh, a member of the Finance Committee, presented the report.

Due to changes to the committee structure approved by recommendation in February 2009, this report will combine the actions of the 2009 Finance Committee with the budget approval for the 2010 Finance Committee.

The 2009 Finance Committee met during the past year to conduct its assigned duties as proscribed 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 the following:

1. Compared canceled checks to the check register, including an examination of endorsements, to assure proper accounting for payments.
2. Examined supporting documents, including invoices, expense records and other evidence of obligation, to ensure proper payment was made.
3. Reviewed accounts to which items were charged selecting all items in excess of \$500 and randomly reviewing other disbursements of lesser dollar amounts.
4. Reviewed monthly bank statement reconciliations to verify their accuracy.
5. Reviewed income items, including lodge assessments, and traced to bank statements.
6. Reviewed the following funds: General, Scholarship, Perpetual, and Relief.
7. Reviewed and discussed monthly financial statements.
8. Counted Petty Cash.

Following the close of each calendar year, the books and records of the Grand Lodge are audited by an independent certified public accountant.

Actual cash income and expenditures for 2009 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	495,142	477,045
Investment Income Drawn	0	
Prepaid Annual Communication	12,364	
Outstanding Accounts Receivable	-1039	
Cash on 1/1/2009	8189	
Total Cash Received	514,656	
Expenses	-516,616	-550,343
Prepaid Expenses	-9,476	
Inventory Assets Purchased in 2009	-5029	
Lodge Facilities Grants Paid in 2009	-4000	
Expenses Carried Forward		
1 Yet Unclaimed Youth Scholarship	1,000	
MYLC Contribution	2,500	
Digital Proceedings Expense	5,000	
Cash on 12/31/2009	-10481	
Total Cash Expended	-537,102	
Net Deficit	-22,496	-73,298
Amount of Investment Income Pulled in 2009 to Make up Shortfall	22,496	73,298

The numbers show that \$22,496 of investment income was needed to make up the difference between actual revenue and actual expenses – \$50,802 less than the investment draw budgeted for 2009. 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 during 2009; however, the expenses of the Grand Lodge continue to exceed the annual revenue and thus, Nebraska Masonry is operating at a deficit, making it necessary to draw from the general investment fund to make up the shortfall.

The Finance Committee found satisfactory documentation for expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to conduct its work in a complete and timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,
2009 Finance Committee
 John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314
 Ben F. Hughes, 96 & 332
 Jeffrey C. Johnson, 19
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227
 Steven S. Nichols, 102

2010 Finance Committee
 John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Jeffrey C. Johnson, 19
 David G. Krogh, 5
 Steven S. Nichols, 102
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227
 Thomas J. Schmidt, 288

Account	2010 Budget
Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$237,595.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$6,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$6,252.50
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$225.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$25,010.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,200.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$6,252.50
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$220.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$6,252.50
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$150.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,200.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$6,000.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$700.00
4640.000 CHIP Assessment	\$13,099.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$2,000.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$18,000.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$330,156.50

Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	\$9,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$4,000.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$9,520.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$180.00
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$650.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,240.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,540.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$1,980.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$770.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$300.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$1,000.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$300.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$32,980.00
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$60,000.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$9,500.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$0.00
GM Program Income	\$4,500.00
4905.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$0.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$74,000.00
Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$5,000.00
4641.000 CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	\$15,600.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$30,600.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$467,736.50
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,500.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$7,415.30
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$900.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$4,000.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$8,380.05
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$1,200.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$300.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$2,500.00
5171.400 Other Meals	\$0.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$204.38
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,720.50
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,231.25
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,530.00
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$218.40
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$802.90
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,892.55
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$757.50
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$232.25
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$38,285.08

Installation		
5170.425 Misc. Installation		\$3,000.00
5220.425 Meals		\$4,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation		\$1,000.00
Subtotal-Installation		\$8,000.00
Travel & Related		
5200.000 Travel-GL Office Staff		\$0.00
5210.000 Auto Allowance		\$600.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master		\$3,000.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master		\$750.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary		\$500.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian		\$500.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's		\$750.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers		\$3,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff		\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master		\$500.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master		\$325.00
5230.000 Motels-GL Office Staff		\$0.00
5230.100 Motels-Grand Master		\$1,000.00
5230.150 Motels-Dep Gr Master		\$750.00
5230.200 Motels-Grand Secretary		\$300.00
5230.250 Motels-Gr Custodian		\$200.00
5230.350 Motels-Other Officers		\$2,000.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC		\$200.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master		\$1,500.00
5240.500 Conf of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries		\$9,950.00
5240.550 Midwest Conference		\$3,500.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference		\$1,000.00
5240.650 Masonic Renewal Conference		\$0.00
5640.700 Shrine Membership Seminar		\$750.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master		\$2,000.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM		\$1,500.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary		\$1,250.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer		\$1,500.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's		\$500.00
5260.300 School of Instruction		\$2,400.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related		\$40,375.00
Occupancy & Related		
5400.000 Office Rent-Storage		\$0.00
5400.100 Office Rent		\$24,000.00
5410.000 Utilities		\$5,000.00
5412.000 Trash Removal		\$500.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance		\$1,800.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance		\$5,300.00
5415.000 Telephone		\$5,200.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance		\$6,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental		\$2,500.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase		\$1,500.00
5435.000 Postage		\$4,000.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian		\$0.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying		\$2,000.00

5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$100.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,750.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$300.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$2,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,000.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$2,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$700.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp & Semi-Annual Flyer	\$42,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$100.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$4,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$0.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$2,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$1,500.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$400.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$500.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	\$2,200.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$6,700.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$128,550.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$711.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$31,500.00
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$2,038.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,524.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$18,019.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$832.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$59,124.00
Committees and Programs	
XXXX.450 Masonic Education	\$1,500.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	\$500.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$60.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$2,500.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$100.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$69,500.00
XXXX.750 Youth Committee-MYLC	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
XXXX.800 Membership committee	\$500.00
5650.800 Other Administrative	\$500.00
5520.800 Awards & Rec	\$50.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$2,000.00
XXXX.950 Lodge Advisory Committee	
5650.960 GW Memorial Committee	\$200.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$350.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$1,000.00
Digital Proceedings Project	\$5,000.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$1,000.00
5801.000 Grand Master Programs Expense	\$4,500.00
5805.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$200.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$95,960.00
Contributions	
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$3,400.00

5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	\$2,000.00
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	\$2,000.00
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	\$2,000.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	\$750.00
5835.000 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$175.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$10,325.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$89,210.13
6561.100 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$0.00
6561.200 Salary-Part-time Staff	\$0.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$500.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	\$6,824.57
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$200.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$150.00
6560.000 Payroll Expenses-Other	\$51.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,676.30
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$0.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$102,012.01
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$6,477.50
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$26,210.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$6,472.50
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$13,099.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$52,259.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$534,890.09
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)	(67,153.59)
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$67,153.59
4.337% of \$1,548,550 balance on 12/31/2009	
ADJ. BALANCE WITH INVEST. INCOME	\$0

W.:B.: Krogh moved for the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee. With no discussion, the motion was seconded and carried favorably.



M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Craig Hummel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to approach the East to bring greetings.



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

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this, the 153rd 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, 19 Deputy Grand Custodians and 61 non-delegate Masons.

At the time of this Report there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered:

There are 67 Worshipful Masters in person and 22 by proxy, there are 34 Senior Wardens in person and 37 by proxy, there are 32 Junior Wardens in person and 34 by proxy and there are 49 Secretaries in person and 25 by proxy.

Before announcing the lodges that are not registered, I wish to thank and recognize all that are present. We have 329 total possible votes with officers and proxies. Also, we are recognizing the lodges that have all four delegate officers in attendance in person. They are lodges 1, 39, 46, 54, 146, 297, 302, 310 and 332. They will receive a certificate to display in their lodge. 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: 9, 27, 35, 36, 38, 43, 53, 56, 57, 68, 73, 75, 81, 89, 104, 114, 154, 165, 177, 180, 192, 194, 200, 201, 209, 221, 236, 239, 241, 248, 284, 286, 291, 293, 305, 320 and 328.

There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for the past two years from lodges: 27, 36, 53, 68, 73, 81, 89, 114, 165, 180, 192, 209, 236, 239 and 291; and for three years from 27, 81, 89, 165, 192 and 209.

We are honored to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington; and also the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

We are pleased to have in attendance the following Masonic related organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, Nebraska DeMolay, and DeMolay International, York Rite of Nebraska, Social Order of the Beauceant, Scottish Rite of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, Tehama, Sesostris and Tangier Shrine Temples, Abu Bekr Shrine of Iowa, Daughters of the Nile, National Sojourners, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: There were 272 present at the Grand Masters Banquet on Thursday evening. There were 414 at the Public Opening on Friday morning, and 373 at the Membership Banquet Friday Night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for M.:W.: Russ. I want to personally thank the other brothers on the committee who have spent many hours at the registration table to help make this an enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are Frank Dougherty, Robert Mike Hoagland and Gordon Brown.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle and Carol 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
Gordon L. Brown, 146
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
R. Mike Hoagland, 46 & 146
Lee Moats, 102 & 290
Allan Rolfs, 102

The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

M.:W.:B.: Reno thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee for the time they spend at the registration table during Annual Communication and the excellent job they have done in performing those duties.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Deputy Grand Master John Parsons to cover to allow him to bring the supplemental address:

“Brethren, you have all been furnished with a copy of my Address as you registered with Credentials, and the lodges all received a copy of my Recommendations 45 days prior to this session. I’ll make just a few comments gleaned from that Address, but I encourage you to look through it to see what your Grand Lodge and its officers have accomplished the past 12 months. In it you will also find out about resources that are available to you, so please look it over.

This year, we did a lot of traveling in an attempt to get the programs of the Grand Lodge near to every lodge. In fact, the state was divided into nine areas, which brought us to within 90 miles of every lodge in the state except four, and that was a minimum of four times. These visits included the Lodge Leaders Forums where we met with Masters and Wardens, the Area Meetings in the Fall and training in the Lodge Leadership Program and the Enrollment Program. I am also very proud of our committees. They work very hard on our usual activities and, in addition, this past year they made several other significant contributions, such as the launch of an online education program and a blog by the Masonic Education Committee, completion of public service announcements which have been sent to Nebraska radio stations by the Public Relations Committee, the raising of funds to help brethren in need by the Masonic Relief Committee, development by the Membership Committee of a plan to hold friendship dinners across Nebraska for interested men who want to learn more about Freemasonry, the revision of the Lodge Leadership Training program by the Lodge Leadership Committee, which is a new committee this year, the outreach of the Nebraska Masonic Heritage Committee to provide historical information to the brethren at Annual Communication, and through their work with the Monell-Lininger Collection. Those were all great achievements that I’m proud to point to.

My greatest concern wrapping up this year is how much the planning materials were used by our Masters last year. We made great efforts starting in 2008 to put monthly lodge planning information on the website and followed it up with the

Lodge Planning Guide near the end of 2008. As I mentioned, we took the Lodge Leadership Program to all corners of the state last year. I am anxious to see the results of that effort in the coming years.

But, recently I've had my doubts about our effectiveness. Two weeks ago, our 2009 losses stood at about 3.3%, and it will go higher after all lodge reports have been submitted. This is a higher percentage of losses than at least in the last nine years, and perhaps longer when our final numbers are in. Granted, there were three lodges that decided in 2009 to purge their membership of more than 100 brothers that they had been carrying on the books for a number of years. I can only hope that in 2009 lodges provided their members a positive experience and as a result, the continued good works on your part in 2010 will build on that success, resulting in a reversal of this trend. Otherwise, these numbers may indicate that our lodges have turned a corner and obviously, it is not a positive corner. It's inescapable to me that our lodges must offer our brothers a product. M.:W.:B.: Johnny Onkst mentioned that yesterday. You have to know your product. We have to offer our brothers a product that they want. I repeat my message of the last twelve months. Our biggest problem isn't membership. It's a lack of programs in the lodges that will keep brothers interested, which creates a desire to attend lodge and a program that caters to their needs. That requires the kind of planning taught in the Lodge Leadership Program, the Enrollment Program and other offerings from the Grand Lodge. Last year, I said to the 2009 Masters, "If it's not you, then who? Who will step up to advance their lodge. What master will put his responsibility high on his priority list and dedicate the time it really takes to make his lodge better?" It's an honor to be called a Past Master, and it is an honor when you have given your all to your lodge. And, of course, that requires hard work and time. It is my hope that those attending this Annual Communication will reach that goal. If it is to happen, then it will be necessary for lodge officers to sit down together, plan multi-year programs that annually address the weaknesses of their lodge and then dedicate the time and effort it takes to improve their lodge.

I applaud the 2009 officers who took advantage of the opportunities to learn and to grow, and who applied them to their lodge last year. You are true leaders and I expect your lodge is headed down a road toward greater camaraderie and growth. Brothers, we are fighting for our very existence and a way of life, as M.:W.:B.: Craig Hummel said, "It's a way of life." Young men today are looking exactly for what we offer. All we need to do is provide it, they will join, and if you keep offering it, they will stay.

I extend to all of you my heartfelt thanks for allowing Julie and me the experience to serve our fraternity. Freemasonry is in the very fabric of my family and has a strong presence since our marriage 35 years ago. The past 12 months will rest among the very best of my lifetime memories. To lead an organization that stands for such high values is truly a noble effort, but it's you and only you who made that possible. It was your trust and your confidence in me that gave me the wherewithal to even consider this undertaking. You honored me with a great responsibility and I only hope that I lived up to your expectations and that my service in some way repays you for the confidence you showed in me. Thank you."

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

Brethren:

Welcome to the 153rd 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 153rd Annual Communication. Legislative proposals I have tendered as Grand Master, consisting of recommendations, were forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee and this jurisdiction's lodges not less than 45 days prior to the 153rd 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 fall 2009.

This address presents for your review the official acts of the 143rd Grand Master during the preceding Masonic year.

To our visiting brethren outside this jurisdiction, and the representatives of appendant Masonic Bodies and organizations, I thank you for your attendance and I hope you get as much from this session as I have gained from your gatherings. Over seven years of service as a Grand Lodge Officer, one of the highlights has been the friendships developed with brethren across the state line and around the world. We have built strong bridges that reinforce the fraternalism and brotherly love of our gentle craft. Thank you for your friendship, support and guiding example throughout this journey.

To the brethren of Nebraska, it is my pleasure to welcome you to your 153rd annual session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This truly is "your" session. You will decide whether the Grand Master's recommendations and the resolutions of your brothers are worthy of passage. In the past year, I have acted in your stead and you will pass judgment on the decisions, actions and activities of the Grand Lodge since we last met in session. It is you who set the course for your Grand Lodge, your lodge and your brothers. After shouldering this responsibility for 12 months as your representative, it is now in your hands to make a final determination as to its worthiness.

PREFACE

Every brother who has been approached about taking the first step into the line advancing to the office of Grand Master considers the personal sacrifices that will be necessary in order to live up to the men who previously served that high office. I can assure you, it is an ominous decision. After reading all Proceedings while writing *The Sesquicentennial History of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska*, I became acutely aware of the awesome responsibility of the Grand Master and high character of the men who held this office. To say the least, living up to that high standard is intimidating.

With that thought in mind, I took the oath of office fully aware of the expectations of the brethren across Nebraska, the Grand Lodge Officers and my own view of this office and my charge to always act in the best interests of our fraternity and its members. I hope the following confirms my commitment to that goal.

Besides journalism, my other major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was political science, and I've often wondered what it would be like to hold the position as a representative of the people. Then, I became involved with an even higher calling in Freemasonry. Our fraternity demands even larger qualities that make our brothers and society more empathetic, industrious, responsive to the human condition and an example of living life in a meaningful and fulfilling way.

After acting on your behalf the past 12 months, I thank the brothers of Nebraska for the courtesies shown my wife, Julie, and me, and the honors you have given the office of

the Grand Master. I haven't encountered anything more special in my life than your kindness, helpfulness and regard.

The following record is my response to your ongoing support and trust this past year. It is my sincere hope you found something in our activities that inspired and encouraged you to make your lodge better.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Two important people in my life are responsible for my involvement in Freemasonry; my wife, Julie, and my father, Norval Reno, who joined later in life and then encouraged me to join. He passed nearly seven and one-half years ago without realizing I would serve this Grand Lodge. The beginning of my interest was Julie's active involvement in Job's Daughters in St. Paul. After we married and moved to my hometown of Alliance, she accepted the position of Guardian of the local Bethel. I saw the positive impact of that organization on the lives of young women, and I became irrevocably hooked on our fraternity. Since 1976, Julie or I have served as officers of a Masonic body, and the past 22 years, Julie has been very supportive of my involvement. She provides appreciated and valued advice and many hours of personal time for me and the fraternity. The road would have had more potholes and detours without her help and suggestions.

To our children, Heather and her husband Bro. Erik Younger, and Natalie and her husband Brian Kent, and their beautiful one-year-old daughter, Lydia, I offer my sincere thanks for their understanding in recent years, especially this past year. Although both daughters realized benefits from their involvement in our fraternity and understand its importance, my involvement doesn't make up for the countless hours away from their family activities. Julie and I agree, it's time for a closer focus on our family and we look forward to enjoying more time with them.

Thanks, too, for the support of my brothers in the lodges where I have membership: Alliance No. 183, Tabula Rasa No. 332, Lancaster No. 54 and Cotner No. 297, where I served as Master. Thank you all for your support throughout the year. Although the distance is far from my home lodge, Alliance No. 183, to Lincoln, the brothers there were tremendously supportive all year and helped make the 2009 programs operational in the Panhandle. Thanks especially to W.: B.: Todd Harris, my Personal Representative, who worked endlessly on the fraternity's behalf. I will never forget "my" gift when officially visiting Alliance Lodge. Appropriately, a dozen red roses were sent to Julie in recognition of her sacrifices while I served as Grand Master. At that visit, it was our pleasure to host two Past Grand Masters of Wyoming. M.: W.: B.: George Smith, also a member of Alliance Lodge No. 183, was unknown to most of the brethren there. I encountered him during a visit several years before while attending Wyoming's Annual Communication. He informed me he was a member of Alliance Lodge and we promised to meet there when I became Grand Master. It was an enjoyable evening made even better by the presence of M.: W.: B.: Jack Nixon, Past Grand Master of Wyoming, who joined M.: W.: B.: Smith for his return to his home lodge.

Of course, I can't give enough thanks to the brothers who elected me to office and the lodge leaders who worked the 2009 program. Also, their wives afforded me, our Grand Lodge Officers and our ladies the greatest hospitality and the best food. My waist expanded two inches, which is a testimony to their good cooking.

The 2009 Grand Lodge program was based on the successes I experienced in leadership roles in our fraternity, and the established Grand Lodge programs that have proven to work well in the past. Those who implemented them experienced a good year and their lodge and brothers are better for it.

There are those who have passed but ignited my fire or kept it burning at critical points in my Masonic career, and I can't thank them enough. W.:B.: Bob Lawrence, my mentor at Alliance Lodge, taught me the tenets of Freemasonry and instilled my respect for the fraternity. W.:B.: Harlan Adams was a gentle and dedicated Mason, and in his soft-spoken way pestered me for years to get active in Cotner Lodge until I ran out of excuses. Their contributions to Freemasonry, Mason by Mason, deserve perpetual remembrance in this address.

My final thanks are given to those men who preceded me as Grand Master. Each added an ingredient to my knowledge base that helped me this past year. Also, I am thankful to M.:W.:B.: Ken Beebe who appointed me Grand Chaplain in 2003, and M.:W.:B.: Les Seiler who appointed me Junior Deacon in the advancing line the next year. In addition, R.:W.:B.: Mike Birnstihl, Grand Senior Warden Emeritus, was integral to my appointment. I was honored that he could participate in installation and assist in placing the Grand Master's jewel on my shoulders.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Before the start of the 2009 Masonic year, the advancing line officers completed a five-year plan to address the fraternity's needs. Of the 90 action items in the plan, progress was made on 45 of them. Some action items were slated to occur each year, while others were planned to evolve over the five-year timeframe. I was encouraged that many of the action items were addressed with at least some success, and I hope greater progress will occur on the remainder in the coming years.

EMPHASES DURING YEAR

Our theme in 2009 was "Freemasonry: Values in Action." Three symbols represented our focus on Masonic values: the perfect ashlar reflected our efforts to become better Masons, fathers and husbands; the trowel stood for ensuring brotherly love in our lodges; and the third rung of Jacob's ladder, meaning charity, encouraged us to take our Masonic values outside the walls of our lodges.



In our Lodge Leadership Training, we urge Masters to hold at least one monthly activity, other than a lodge meeting. Monthly activities were suggested to the 2009 Masters for use in their lodge. My philosophy and experience is that holding at least one monthly activity of interest to the brethren attracts long-absent brothers to lodge, builds excitement among active members and a preference for participating in lodge, and external activities expose the community to the good works of the lodge, thus attracting more men to join. We can make thousands of men Masons, but unless we offer them something of interest in our lodges that is rewarding, they will leave and our membership efforts will be fruitless. Lodges must have a good product to sell if they want men to buy into Freemasonry.

The monthly activities were tied to 2009's three symbols.

The Perfect Ashlar: May – Family activity; July – Read a Masonic book, start an online course prepared by the Masonic Education Committee, donate Masonic books to a local library, your lodge library and/or the Grand Lodge Library; October – Take wife to Ladies Festival Weekend.

Trowel: March – Support Masonic Relief Fund; September – Hold a Back to Lodge Night; November – Support the George Washington Masonic Memorial; December – Support the move of Grand Lodge Office Project.

Third Rung of Jacob's Ladder: April – Community service program; June – Donate time or money to CHIP, schedule a CHIP event, or at least send a donation to help spread the good word; August & September – First statewide blood drive in Nebraska's history; November – Veterans Day observance, or perform The Vacant Chair Ceremony.

It was my hope that the lodge leaders who implemented the 2009 program experienced a successful year and set a precedent for the Masters who follow. It's inescapable that all the Grand Lodge can do is provide resources. The success of our lodges relies on the leadership and hard work of their officers, and especially their Masters, who must make their lodge the number one priority during their year of service. The Grand Lodge's programs and trainings are based on proven best practices of successful Masters, and they serve as a resource for all serious leaders intending to truly and positively impact their lodge.

FOCUS ACTIVITIES

Slated among the monthly activities previously mentioned were featured events to demonstrate to lodges possible activities they could hold, including: Ladies Festival Weekend, Back to Lodge Night and a blood drive.

Blood Drive: Never has a statewide blood drive been held in Nebraska by one organization. No other group has a greater presence in our state than Freemasonry, which is found in more than 120 communities with 13,000 members. But, it wouldn't have been possible without the excellent leadership of its chairman, Grand Tyler W.:B.: Phil Edwards, and the expertise of the Nebraska Community Blood Bank located in Lincoln. The goal was to increase the exposure of the lodge in the community by holding a highly visible activity, and staging it in lodges, if possible, so residents could see the inside of the lodge and learn more about our fraternity. W.:B.: Edward's persistent contact with lodges resulted in 60 lodges taking part in the drive, or 40 percent of lodges in the state. The Nebraska Community Blood Bank organized blood donation centers across Nebraska so each lodge could hold a drive in their community. The results were gratifying. More than 1,100 pints of blood were donated in August and September at Masonic blood drives during a time of the year when supplies typically are low. This event was preceded by the signing of a proclamation in July by Gov. Dave Heineman declaring August and September "Freemasonry: Giving the Gift of Life" months in Nebraska. The state was divided into four regions, and awards were presented to lodges in three categories: highest percentage of members donating blood; highest percentage of non-members donating blood; and highest total donations. Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy spoke to the award recipients in a ceremony at the Governor's Residence and assisted in presenting the awards.

Back to Lodge Night: September was designated for this activity to invite long-absent brothers back to lodge. It was suggested that lodges hold a dinner before their September meeting and present the Rusty Nail Degree, which reviews the passwords, signs and grips. In addition, proclamations were signed by Masonic-related organizations encouraging active brothers to visit their lodge that month and speak about their involvement in those organizations. It was hoped the ceremony would reduce the the discomfort from not recalling the ritual, brothers involved in other organizations would consider getting involved in their lodge, and an introduction to other Masonic-related bodies would keep brothers active in the fraternity.

Ladies Festival Weekend: The idea for this event was taken from England where lodges annually treat their wives to a special weekend at an exotic place where they cater to their every need as thanks for supporting their involvement in Freemasonry. Grand Orator W.:B.: Patrick Barger and his wife, Diane, chaired the event and planned a relaxing and superb weekend for the nearly 40 couples who attended. Held in Omaha the weekend of October 9, it opened with a reception. The next morning and afternoon, couples took off on their own, or were transported to three venues throughout the day: Joslyn Art Museum, Lauritzen Gardens and Durham Western Heritage Museum. Or, they could shop in the Old Market. That evening, a succulent meal of prime rib was prepared at the Scottish Rite Masonic Community Center and toasts were made to honor our ladies. The event was highlighted that evening by a performance of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Symphony Orchestra, which played music composed by Freemasons. Bro. Tyler White, conductor, assembled a program of thoroughly enjoyable music, and members of the faculty of the UNL School of Music performed several pieces as well, including the Grand Lodge's Musician Bro. Mark Clinton, associate professor of piano and co-chair of the piano area. Thanks to W.:B.: Barger and Diane, who is a UNL associate professor of clarinet; the weekend was highly successful and garnered the thanks of the ladies in attendance.

TRAVELS OF GRAND MASTER & OFFICERS

I was born and raised in Alliance in the Nebraska Panhandle, and received the degrees of Masonry in Alliance Lodge No. 183. I am acutely aware of the feelings of isolation that exist further west, and I was resolved this year to attempt to bridge that gap.

Several activities were held equally across the state to visit lodges, hold trainings, gather opinions on the services of the Grand Lodge and the future of our fraternity. Those efforts were:

- Lodge Leaders Forums were scheduled from late February through April, with a make-up session in Ainsworth in June. (My thanks to Bro. Carl Willert who used his private plane to fly me to Ainsworth. It was a most interesting ride, especially on the return flight as we watched damaging storms cross Eastern Nebraska.) The central communities in the nine training areas served as hosts of the forums. Invited to the forums were the Master and Wardens. It was refreshing to hear the perspectives of our brothers, and I thank them for their candid responses. A summary of the comments was reported in *The Nebraska Mason*, and a more detailed report was given to Grand Lodge Officers. Despite our effort to set more meetings closer to lodges, only about one-third, or 51 lodges, were represented.
- Area Meetings were revived in 2009 to discuss the Grand Master's recommendations that will be presented at this session, explain the activities of Annual Communication and encourage discussion about area activities and opinions on the fraternity and Grand Lodge services. These were well attended and there was general agreement that they are beneficial.
- It is the custom of the Grand Lodge to assign officers to visit several lodges during the year. In 2009, officers attended lodge meetings or activities and in some cases maintained contact if there were issues that needed attention.
- The Masonic Education Committee held Educational Symposiums in the spring and fall at various locations, and one member visited many lodges in Central and Western Nebraska to gauge the effectiveness of the Grand Lodge's and local lodge's educational efforts. I congratulate W.:B.: Mike Webb for his innovation, industriousness and commitment of time to travel the state on behalf of the committee. His final report contained many helpful ideas that will serve to

direct the committee to meet the educational needs of our Nebraska brethren. This dedicated and hard-working committee demonstrates to all Grand Lodge committees how to effectively accomplish their goals, assess needs and organize to provide those needs. My hearty thanks for their ongoing contributions to our fraternity.

- As noted in the subsequent section, 16 training programs were held within 90 miles of all but four lodges in the state.

All told, Grand Lodge Officers were within 90 miles of all but four lodges in the state a minimum of four times in 2009, and as much as seven times or more. We met our goal to reach out to all lodges and brothers in the state to learn, teach, advise and assist. My sincere thanks are extended to the Grand Lodge Officers for their commitment. It required many more hours from home and work, but I hope positive results will be visibly obvious with the passing of time. You are the most committed of the brethren in the state and I admire and respect you for your service in 2009.

Through all the travels about the state, brothers from nearby communities came to know each other better and I was delighted to hear that on occasion discussion turned to working together on degrees and supporting each other's activities. It is my hope seeds were planted that will bring our lodges closer together and result in a stronger fraternity in our state.

Annually, your Grand Lodges Officers are assigned lodges to visit and assist them, if needed. It is the responsibility of the Grand Junior Warden to monitor the progress of the officers in this task. R.:W.:B.: Bruce Baker put together an effective program in 2009, and I thank him for his thoughtful consideration to improve this process. A kit was constructed for the use of officers to help lodges, which included:

- The last five years of annual reports for each assigned lodge.
- Each lodge's average age of members, and numbers by age category.
- Visitation talking points.
- Components of a strong lodge.
- Lodge rebuilding program.
- Membership plan.
- Other support materials.

This kit better prepared the Grand Lodge Officers to meet with lodges, understand their challenges and provided suggested approaches to address them.

LODGE LEADERSHIP & ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

In recent years, the Grand Lodge developed two effective training programs: Lodge Leadership Program and Enrollment Program, which can be found on the "Downloads" page of the Grand Lodge website.

The Lodge Leadership Program contains chapters on various aspects of operating a lodge and leading it to success. Each chapter was written by Masters who were successful in that areas.

The Enrollment Program provides a means to inform petitioners about Freemasonry, and increases his commitment to the lodge each step he takes toward becoming a Master Mason.

There were two important developments in training in 2009: a committee of professional trainers and dedicated brothers was created to restructure these programs to be more effective; and the trainings were offered within 90 miles of nearly every lodge across the state.

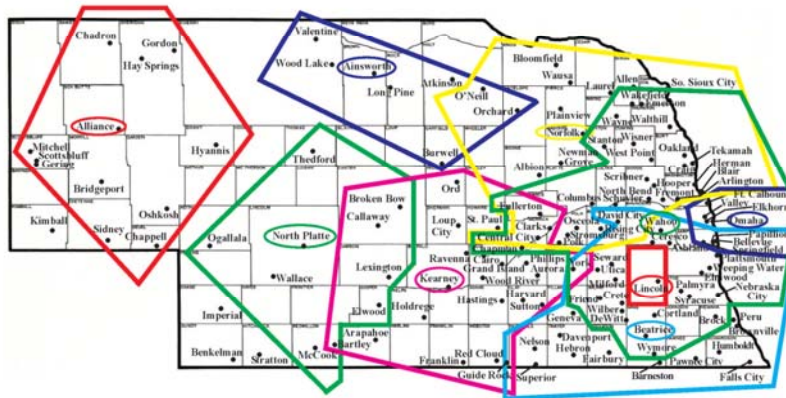
The Lodge Leadership Committee was established to not only add more professionalism to our training programs, but also to make professional trainers available

to more effectively present the programs. The committee rewrote the Lodge Leadership Program and tested their work at several training locations.

It was my commitment to take these resources within easy access of every lodge in the state in 2009. The state was divided into nine training areas. All but four lodges are located within 90 miles of the central lodge in each area. It was rewarding to me that the Grand Lodge Officers, on rotation, gave up four weekends from August through October to conduct trainings across the state. Only two of the 18 planned trainings were cancelled due to lack of interest (representation of a minimum of three lodges at each training location was required). The esteem of the brothers should be directed to those lodge leaders who took the time to either attend the trainings in their area or traveled to another area if that date didn't work for them. It is hoped that what they learned resulted or will result in positive, long-term improvements in their lodges. This effort complemented and completed the hard work performed in previous years.

Nebraska Training Areas

(All Lodges Within 90 Miles)



GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL

One hundred years ago this month, Grand Masters from around the country, including Nebraska Past Grand Master Milton Hull, who was sent by the then-Grand Master Harry Cheney to represent him, gathered in Alexandria, Virginia, to discuss the construction by the Masonic fraternity of a memorial to W. B. George Washington. The beautiful George Washington Masonic Memorial is the result, and it houses artifacts belonging to Washington, books, information about his Masonic experiences, as well as additional background about Freemasonry and its appendant bodies. It stands as a tribute not only to our greatest Mason, but also to Blue Lodge Masonry, and the bodies that comprise our fraternity.

That's why an emphasis was placed this year on raising funds for the George Washington Masonic Memorial. I have visited the Memorial several times and marveled at its contents and the positive message and programs it provides about our fraternity and its influence on Washington and the other founding fathers.

It was built at a time when the great resources of our fraternity could construct local and state Masonic buildings of great beauty, and then give additional funds for this Memorial too. Today, the cost to maintain this structure is demanding. It is of great significance that Washington was a member of our fraternity which professes the qualities found in a democratic government. This, my brothers, is an important message we must ensure will continue to speak clearly and loudly to the world. Annually, tens of thousands of visitors from around the world visit the Memorial to learn more about the relationship between Washington and Freemasonry. It must continue as a beacon for our fraternity and our country.

Therefore, I will recommend at this Annual Communication that we join other states that have made as part of their per capita a \$1 contribution to the Memorial. Nebraska Masons led the way by being the first jurisdiction in the country to enact a 50-cent per capita contribution. Now, it is time for us to contribute more to keep up with the ever-increasing costs to maintain this magnificent facility.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL LODGE

In the past 12 months, I have promoted the start-up of Washington Masonic Memorial Lodge, whose purpose would be to raise funds and encourage lodges and others to contribute to the Memorial. Falling under the Bylaws as a Special Purpose Lodge, it would meet at two time-periods a year at dinner meetings. Because it is intended to be a statewide lodge, meetings would be held across Nebraska. Members in nine areas of the state would promote holding fundraising events, such as a George Washington Dinner. Educational presentations would be offered for presentation at these events on Washington, the Revolutionary War and the Colonial period. In addition, every other year, the lodge would take a trip to locations that were significant to Washington and the Revolutionary War.

More than 70 brothers have informed me they are interested in joining Washington Masonic Memorial Lodge. My intention was to put it together following this Annual Communication. During the year, I have been approached by many of those brothers asking when the lodge would be started. Seeing the interest, I hoped to make initial efforts earlier, but the pressing business of my office prevented that from happening. I apologize to those anxious brothers, but I pledge it will be a top priority after this Annual Communication. Plans are proceeding for a trip to Virginia this fall for the members of this lodge.

The concept of a lodge dedicated to assist in raising funds for the Memorial has captured the attention of the Memorial staff. Executive Director George Seghers has invited me to present this concept to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America at its meeting in Arlington, Virginia, later this month in hopes it can be emulated elsewhere.

PROCEEDINGS ONLINE

A project of the George Washington Masonic Memorial is to place all Proceedings of every Grand Lodge online for the use of researchers. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska agreed to participate in the project and Proceedings from 1857-1905 are now online. The documents are word searchable. They can be found at:

- <http://www.gwmemorial.org/>
- Click on "Digital Archive"
- Click on "Browse these collections 'HERE'"
- Click on "Advanced Search"

Each year, more Proceedings will be scanned until all are online, which should take about four years.

AWARDS PROGRAM

I applaud lodge leaders who participate in the Grand Lodge awards program. The purpose of awards is to encourage lodges to take constructive actions benefitting their lodge. Recipients of awards have not only taken positive steps to improve their lodge, but they also give their lodge pride in achieving the reward. It's a double win, and it sets a precedent for future leaders to emulate. Ask any lodge leader who has earned an award, and he'll tell you this is the result.

In recent years, the number of applicants for awards has fallen. A few years ago, the awards program was revised, and one concern was the length of the entry forms. Having a major hand in this revision, I can assure you that the length of these forms is less than in other jurisdictions which I viewed, and numbered as many as 26 pages while still eliciting entries from nearly all lodges in that state. The content of the awards entry forms, though longer than previous forms, do a much better job to help Masters develop ideas for lodge activities. They are another Grand Lodge resource to help lodges plan interesting and meaningful terms for their brethren.

Awards can be a starting point to build a stronger lodge, and Grand Lodge awards offer various levels of recognition for large and small lodges as well as individuals. Congratulations to the lodges and brothers who earn awards at this Annual Communication. You are helping to construct a healthier lodge, which could be your long-term legacy as Master.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

It was my pleasure to present Bro. G. Charles Thone, former Nebraska Governor and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award in January 2010. Bro. Thone is a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. His years of service for the welfare of society, and his involvement in a myriad of organizations certainly earned him this high award. A public ceremony was held in January to honor him. It is encouraged that lodges review the criteria for the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award and submit the names of brothers who meet the criteria. A presentation of the award is certainly cause for a community event.

GRAND MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the Grand Master's activities for the period beginning February 6, 2009, to the beginning of the 153rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 2009

- 4-7 – Nebraska Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Kearney
- 13-18 – Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Garden Grove, CA
- 20-21 – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, Lincoln
- 22 – Presentation at Membership Appreciation Dinner, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 24 – Visited Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, Lincoln
- 26 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Omaha
- 28 – Performed York Rite Past Masters Degree, Columbus
- 28 – Attended George Washington Ceremonial Master's Degree, Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings

MARCH 2009

- 2 – Attended dinner/dessert and auction for Masonic youth groups, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha

- 7 – Addressed Dodge County Masonic Banquet/Scribner Lodge's 125th Anniversary, Scribner
- 10 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Lincoln
- 17 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Beatrice
- 18 – Advancing Line Officers meeting, Lincoln
- 19-21 – Grand Lodge of Kansas Annual Communication, Salina
- 21 – Grand Lodge Officers Dinner, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 22 – Installation of Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Daughters of the Nile, Omaha
- 24 – Visited Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, Lincoln
- 26 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Wahoo
- 27 – Addressed Hastings Valley Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet, Hastings
- 27 – Performed 8th Degree of Scottish Rite, Hastings
- 28 – Grand Lodge Meeting of All Committees, Lincoln
- 28 – Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball, Omaha
- 29 – Installation of Naphis Temple No. 66, Daughters of the Nile, Lincoln
- 29 – Masonic Relief Fund Spaghetti Fundraiser, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 31 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Kearney

APRIL 2009

- 3 – Dinner and installation of Grand Chapter, York Rite officers, Columbus
- 6 – Visited Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton
- 8 – Attended Board meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 18 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Alliance
- 18 – Lodge Leaders Forum, North Platte
- 19 – Attended Fremont Lodge No. 15 Awards Night Banquet, Fremont
- 20 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Norfolk
- 21 – Attended Board meeting, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 21 – Attended G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, 17th Annual Table Lodge, Omaha
- 22 – Addressed National Sojourners meeting, Omaha
- 29 – Attended Past Masters Dinner, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha

MAY 2009

- 1 – Planning meeting, Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Omaha
- 5 – Visited Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City
- 6 – Advancing Line Officers Meeting, Lincoln
- 8 – Membership Appreciation Dinner, Sesostri Shrine, Lincoln
- 12 – Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star banquet and opening, Lincoln
- 13 – Attended board meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 14 – Installation of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Lincoln
- 16 – Addressed Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting, Lincoln
- 16 – Sesostri Shrine Potentate's Ball, Lincoln
- 18-21 – Grand Lodge of Indiana Annual Communication, Indianapolis
- 26 – Visited Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, Lincoln
- 28 – Addressed Liberty Lodge No. 300 awards night, Lincoln
- 29 – Presentation at Friendship Dinner, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 30 – Parade at Barneston Village 125th Anniversary, Barneston
- 31 – Reception for W.G.M. Billie Mattern, Omaha

JUNE 2009

- 1 – Visited Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 6 – Addressed 125th Anniversary Dinner, Stromsburg No. 126, Stromsburg

- 7 – Visited Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs
- 8 – Visited Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell
- 9 – Visited Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney
- 10 – Visited Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis
- 11 – Visited Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance
- 13 – Addressed Rainbow Grand Assembly, Crete
- 18-20 – Addressed Grand Guardian Council Session, Nebraska Job's Daughters, Grand Island
- 20 – Visited Grand Chapter/Commandery Visitation, McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook
- 20 – Addressed Ladies at the Table and 125th Anniversary of McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook
- 23 – Attended concert by Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Omaha
- 24 – Lodge Leaders Forum, Ainsworth
- 26 – Presented 50-year pin to PGM Don Rasmussen, St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul
- 27 – Visited Mid-West Lodge No. 317 outdoor degree, Hastings
- 28 – Ruth Chapter, OES, Waffle Man fundraiser, North Bend
- 28 – Dinner and Award Presentations, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City

JULY 2009

- 5-9 – Imperial Session of the Shrine, San Antonio, TX
- 11 – Addressed 89th Annual Conclave of the Nebraska State Chapter of DeMolay, North Platte
- 13 – Advancing Line Officers Meeting, Lincoln
- 14 – Attended steak fry, North Bend No. 119, North Bend
- 15 – Governor's proclamation signing, Statewide Blood Drive, Lincoln
- 18 – Performed first section third degree at One-Day Degree, Omaha
- 21 – Visited Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children, Shrine Bowl
- 21-25 – Addressed and attended Masonic All-Star Marching Band Clinic, Lincoln
- 25 – Attended Shrine Bowl Parade & Game
- 26 – Attended Centennial Lodge No. 326, corn feed, Omaha

AUGUST 2009

- 1 – Addressed 125th Anniversary of North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- 8 – Lodge Leadership Program training in North Platte; and Enrollment Program Training in Alliance
- 9 – Attended 4-H Achievement Day, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 11 – Attended pasture lodge, Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington
- 14-16 – Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, Omaha
- 14 – Cornerstone Ceremony, Sidney
- 21 – Presentation at Membership Appreciation Dinner, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 21-23 – Grand Lodge Officers Retreat, Mahoney State Park
- 23 – Historic Plaque Setting/Cornerstone, Madison
- 24 – Attended Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, North Bend Country Club, North Bend
- 29 – Lodge Leadership Training in Norfolk; and Enrollment Program Training in Ainsworth
- 30 – Cornerstone Ceremony, Franklin County Memorial Hospital, Franklin

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1 – Addressed Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City regarding consolidation of Composite Lodge No. 81 in Rising City
- 2 – Addressed Back to Lodge Night, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 3 – Attended Hastings Lodge No. 50, year-pin presentations and meeting, Hastings
- 8 – Addressed Lincoln Assembly of Rainbow, Lincoln
- 9 – Addressed Northeast Nebraska Masons Banquet, Tekamah
- 10 – Addressed Widow’s Night Dinner, York Lodge No. 56, York
- 11 – Addressed Deputy Grand Custodian’s School, Hastings
- 12 – Lodge Leadership Program Training in Alliance and Kearney; and Enrollment Program Training in North Platte
- 18 – Addressed Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Candidate Night Dinner, Lincoln
- 19 – Addressed Caring Club Dinner, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 20 – Re-dedication of Masonic Temple, 16th & L, Lincoln
- 21-22 – Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- 22 – Addressed Past Masters Night, Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha
- 26 – Addressed Florence Lodge No. 281 Past Masters Dinner and 60-year pin presentation to M.:W.:B.: Charles Amidon, Omaha
- 28 – Planning meeting for Annual Communication, Grand Island

OCTOBER 2009

- 3-7 – Attended Biennial Session of the Scottish Rite, Washington, D.C.
- 9-11 – Ladies Festival Weekend, Omaha
- 13 – Addressed Past Masters Dinner, Bennett Lodge No. 94, Lincoln
- 14 – Area Meeting, Wakefield
- 16 – Addressed Grand Master’s Breakfast, Omaha Home for Boys, Omaha
- 16 – Attended Rite Care Dinner, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 19 – Addressed visit of Supreme Nile Queen, Lincoln
- 20 – Addressed Superior Lodge No. 121, 125th Anniversary and meeting, Superior
- 24 – Lodge Leadership Program Training, Ainsworth; and Enrollment Program Training, Norfolk
- 27 – Visited Tabula Rasa No. 332, proficiency meeting, Lincoln
- 30 – Performed 8th Degree, Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Reunion, Lincoln
- 31 – Visited George Washington Masonic Memorial, Nebraska Grand Lodge display, Washington, D.C.

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1-2 – Visited George Washington Masonic Memorial, Grand Lodge display, Washington, D.C.
- 6 – Visited Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 8 – Presented at Membership Appreciation Dinner, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 9 – Addressed dinner & White Elephant Auction, Albion
- 11 – Cornerstone Ceremony, Burwell
- 11 – Participated in The Vacant Chair Ceremony, Lincoln
- 13 – Blood Drive Awards Luncheon, Governor’s Residence, Lincoln
- 15 – Addressed joint meal with Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Omaha
- 21 – Performed 8th Degree, Omaha Valley Scottish Rite, Omaha

DECEMBER 2009

- 12 – Cornerstone Ceremony, McCook
- 17 – Visited Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward
- 28 – Visited Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward

JANUARY 2010

- 2 – Installed officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 8 – Attended installation of Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 9 – Attended installation of Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha
- 9 – Assisted installation of officers, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 63, Lincoln
- 9 – Attended installation of Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 10 – Installed officers of Bennett Lodge No. 94, Lincoln
- 11 – Attended meeting on possible move to Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, Lincoln
- 13 – Advancing Line Officers Meeting, Lincoln
- 14 – Installed officers of Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 15 – Attended installation of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 16 – Installed officers of Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 18 – Installed officers of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln
- 21 – Installed officers of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul
- 23 – Attended Robert Burns Day Dinner, Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, Lincoln
- 24 – Presented Humanitarian Award to G. Charles Thone, Lincoln
- 30 – Cornerstone Ceremony, Axtell

FEBRUARY 2010

- 4-6 – Nebraska Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Grand Island

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

The Grand Lodge is blessed to have committees that contribute much to our welfare and advancement of the fraternity, and we thank the dedicated brothers who make that happen. You are a critical and important part of the success of Freemasonry and our lodges. New notable achievements in 2009 include:

- The launching of an online education program by the Masonic Education Committee.
- Completion of public service announcements, which have been sent to Nebraska radio stations, by the Public Relations Committee.
- The raising of funds to help brethren in need by the Masonic Relief Committee.
- Development of a plan to hold friendship dinners across Nebraska for interested men to learn more about Freemasonry by the Membership Committee.
- Revision of the Lodge Leadership Program training by the Lodge Leadership Committee.
- The outreach of the Nebraska Masonic Heritage Committee to provide historical information to the brethren at Annual Communication and through their work with the Monell/Lininger collection.

These and other committees also performed their usual responsibilities such as the Masonic All-Star Band Camp, advising the Grand Master about Masonic law, handling requests for relief, developing educational presentations and materials, instructing brethren in ritual work, carefully guarding our funds, reviewing the budget, monitoring office operations, working with struggling lodges, preparing for the next Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, organizing credentials for Annual Communication, reviewing awards entries, and organizing and preparing for fundraisers for our Grand Lodge philanthropies. In total, it's an impressive body of work, and on behalf of the brethren, as well as myself, I thank the committees for their diligent work the past year.

It was a wise move at the 2009 Annual Communication when the brethren approved the Grand Master's recommendation to significantly reduce the number of Grand Lodge committees. The move streamlines our committee structure by consolidating similar functions and dispensing with committees. I look forward to even greater productivity.

ONLINE MASONIC FAMILY CALENDAR

In an effort to ease the coordinating of calendars of Nebraska's Masonic bodies, the Grand Lodge provides an online calendar that color codes events for each body. Go to: <http://www.gln.org> and click on "Upcoming Events."

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

The Child Identification Program (CHIP) continues its good deeds all across Nebraska. To date, the parents of more than 26,000 children have taken identification kits home at no cost to themselves since CHIP came into existence more than five years ago. The need for child identification has not ebbed since the beginning of the program. In fact, holding a program in your community does not mean your duty is done. Children grow older and change their appearance, their friends and their "hang outs." If your lodge hasn't held a CHIP event recently, it's time to do so again. This is a tremendous opportunity for every lodge to gain exposure and support from the community, besides the obvious benefit of protecting children.

The officers of Nebraska CHIP continue their responsibilities with great effectiveness. Their commitment of time, distribution of CHIP materials and attendance at the events is admired. They are ably led by W. M. Kent Broyhill. There is a special place in heaven for these volunteers who do so much to protect the young people of Nebraska.

Per Grand Lodge Bylaws, an assessment of \$1 per member is designated for Nebraska CHIP. The Grand Lodge also supports CHIP through the time of Grand Lodge Office Manager Michelle Fulmer, who completed her first full year as the State CHIP Coordinator.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

It was my pleasure and honor to serve as vice chairman of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America held February 15-17, in Garden Grove, California, under the shadow of Disneyland. I'm not certain I'll be able to live down the photo in the conference proceedings of the officers wearing Mickey Mouse ears. But, that was a mere moment of time in what was a productive session.

Also representing the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at the conference were Deputy Grand Master John Parsons, Grand Senior Warden E. David Watts and Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins, who attended the Grand Secretaries Conference.

Fifty-seven jurisdictions were represented at the Conference from Canada, Mexico and the U.S., as well as visitors from many Grand Lodges around the world, including the Philippines, Iran (in exile), Armenia, Romania, Russia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Paraguay, United Grand Lodge of England and others not identified in the proceedings. This conference is evidence of the quality of Freemasonry around the world. The Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies in attendance represent those held in the highest regard in their jurisdiction, and this aspect of my service to the brethren in Nebraska will be sorely missed. We have certainly enjoyed meeting the many good Masons and their ladies across this globe.

The conference officers and planning committee met on site in June 2008 to plan the conference. As vice chairman, I served on the planning committee and chaired the nomination committee, which selected the 2010 conference officers.

Our host, the Grand Lodge of California, organized an impressive conference and set the benchmark for those that follow. California Grand Master Larry Adamson was a gracious host.

Reports and annual meetings were held for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, MasoniChip International, Masonic Renewal Program, Masonic Service Association and National Masonic Foundation for Children.

Nebraska was honored to have M.:W.:B.: Scott Krieger again serve on the Committee on Information for Recognition. The committee hears requests from around the world for a positive report so jurisdictions will be more inclined to recognize their Grand Lodge. It is a specialized area particularly suited to M.:W.:B.: Krieger's thoughtful and considerate approach to matters of contention, yet balanced by his knowledge of Masonic law and tenacity to assure it is followed to the letter. His work on the committee speaks well for him and Nebraska Freemasonry.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES

It was Nebraska's turn in 2009 to host the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, a gathering of top Grand Lodge Officers from Kansas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Manitoba and, of course, Nebraska. The event was held August 14-16, in Omaha. Other Grand Lodge Officers attending were: Deputy Grand Master John Parsons, Grand Senior Warden E. David Watts; Grand Junior Warden Bruce Baker; Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins; Grand Senior Steward John Maxell; and Grand Tyler Phil Edwards; and Personal Representative of the Grand Master Dennis Rix.

This annual gathering is an opportunity to share information and experiences about our various approaches to the common challenges facing Freemasonry, and to build relationships with our counterparts. Jurisdictions ranging from small to large memberships are represented, which provides for varied and interesting perspectives.

Under the leadership of Nebraska, we changed the approach from presentations that merely updated key activities in each jurisdiction to discussing issues confronting our fraternity. We took this approach on the recommendation of Grand Senior Warden R.:W.:B.: E. David Watts who witnessed meaningful discussions of issues at the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. This venture proved to be valuable and will be continued at future meetings.

Another concern was the lack of information about planning the conference from one year to the next as it passes from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. With no history of costs, each jurisdiction starts at the beginning with no background information to assist them in planning and budgeting. Nebraska proposed an amendment to the Bylaws to create offices comprising the expected Grand Masters of the three upcoming host jurisdictions for the conference, and the Past Grand Master of the previous host jurisdiction. This passed with no objections, and I believe it will make the annual conference even more meaningful, productive and worthwhile.

Your Grand Lodge advancing line provided very helpful input while planning the conference and its activities. Additional thanks are extended to Grand Senior Steward W.:B.: John Maxell and his wife, Deb, for their hard work to coordinate the plans and activities of the conference. Their contacts in the Omaha Masonic community resulted in an excellent experience enjoyed by the conferees. Thanks also to the Omaha brethren who provided the top notch service to our visiting brethren and their ladies.

My wife, Julie, was able to only attend the evening meals due to an illness in the family, and we thank our advancing line's ladies for filling in during the daytime as well as the assistance of the Grand Lodge Office staff.

Unless another jurisdiction joins or drops out of the Midwest Conference, Nebraska's next turn to host the conference will be in 2019. This is a warning so the next unsuspecting advancing line officer will discover this fact before I came to this startling realization. Good luck!

DEGREE WORK FOR APPENDANT BODIES

Again this past year, the Grand Lodge Officers performed the Eighth Degree for the Scottish Rite and Past Master's Degree for York Rite. Our participation in these degrees is a demonstration of the Grand Lodge's support of our appendant bodies. Grand Lodge Officers traveled the length of the state, from Omaha to Alliance, to confer the degrees. It is a special honor to be included in the work of the Scottish Rite and York Rite, and we thank them for the opportunity. We also made presentations at membership dinners of the Shrine.

GRAND CUSTODIAN & DEPUTIES

We were elated when M.:W.:B.: Scott Krieger accepted appointment to the position of Grand Custodian on the retirement of W.:Bro. Jerry Verbeek last year. M.:W.:B.: Krieger is well-schooled in our work and performs it exceptionally well, which made him the perfect choice for the position. We thank him for continuing his contributions to Nebraska Freemasonry in a most positive way. He held several Schools of Instruction, and the attending brethren were impressed with his knowledge and benefited from the experience.

The Deputy Grand Custodians continue to work with our lodges providing needed instruction in our work, which ensures the message of our degrees is clearly and accurately presented. This is an important function of the Grand Lodge, and my most sincere thanks are extended to these brothers for their high level of commitment.

I invite proficient brothers to consider an appointment as a Deputy Grand Custodian. Your fraternity and your brothers need your expertise.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE MOVE

A decade ago, the Nebraska Masonic Foundation purchased the current building where the Grand Lodge Office is located. At the time, it was expected our offices could reside there for 10 years before it would be necessary to find another home. That time has arrived. Since then, we have added the Child Identification Program (CHIP), and materials for that program, as well as our ever-expanding library and museum, records, Masonic All-Star Band materials and instruments have filled our building. In addition, the neighborhood has changed, and not for the better, which causes concerns for employees and historical items.

Discussion began in 2007 that a possible good location could be the Lincoln Scottish Rite building. Talks began in earnest in 2008 and the past year has seen the discussion move to the funding stage. Grand Senior Warden R.:W.:B.: E. David Watts and M.:W.:B.: Reg Kuhn are steering the Grand Lodge's efforts, and we owe them a huge thank you for taking the time to ensure a proposal is a win-win for the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite in Lincoln.

The project was divided into three phases: improve the facade, entrance to the building and build the Grand Lodge Office; replace the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; and provide for an adequate library and museum.

Paul J. Strawhecker, Inc., an Omaha consulting firm that works with nonprofit organizations on fundraising, was hired to study whether it was possible to raise the funds necessary to prepare the building to house the Grand Lodge Office. After concluding the study, Strawhecker reported that the funds could be raised for the first two phases. We will continue to consult with Strawhecker throughout the fundraising process.

IMPERIAL SHRINE SESSION

San Antonio, Texas, was the site in July of the 135th Session of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Not only was the location beautiful, but the hospitality

afforded the Grand Masters was humbling from all members of the Shrine. Of particular note, the officers of the Shrine in Nebraska were even more gracious and accommodating. My lady and I thank the Nobles of Sesostris Shrine, Tangier Shrine and Tehama Shrine for providing our costs to attend and for the wonderful evening dinners.

It was obvious from the presentations and discussions on the floor of the session that the Shrine truly understands the need for thriving Blue Lodges. As was stated at the session, the healthiest Shrine Temples are those that actively support their local lodges. We are fortunate in Nebraska that strife is at a minimum between our bodies, and we sincerely appreciate the Shrine's contributions to our fraternity and society. Throughout the year, I have tried to repay that support.

Groundbreaking legislation was passed at Imperial Session. While rejecting an attempt to close three hospitals, Nobles gave authority to its hospital board to determine the extent of service each hospital could provide, which opened the door to reduce services to save money. In addition, approval was given for the hospitals to accept payments for service from insurance companies, the federal government and others.

BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE SCOTTISH RITE

Just three weeks after the release of Dan Brown's book, *The Lost Symbol*, which focuses on Freemasonry, the 104th Biennial Session of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, was held in Washington, D.C. in October. The session was impressive and the accommodations were outstanding. Our thanks to the Scottish Rite for hosting my wife and me at this event. We also enjoyed a detailed tour of the House of the Temple, which is the epicenter of Brown's book.

Brown wasn't able to attend the session, but he sent his regards which were placed at the setting of every attendee at the banquet, which stated in part, "In the past few weeks, as you might imagine, I have been repeatedly asked what attracted me to the Masons so strongly as to make it central point of my new book. My reply is always the same: 'In a world where men do battle over whose definition of God is most accurate, I cannot adequately express the deep respect and admiration I feel toward an organization in which men of differing faiths are able to 'break bread together' in a bond of brotherhood, friendship, and camaraderie.' Please accept my humble thanks for the noble example you set for mankind. It is my sincere hope that the Masonic community recognizes *The Lost Symbol* for what it truly is . . . an earnest attempt to reverentially explore the history and beauty of Masonic Philosophy. Yours sincerely, Dan Brown."

Congratulations are due Bro. Chuck Sederstrom who was named Supreme Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G.) of Nebraska by Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale. S.G.I.G. Sederstrom exhibits innovative and constructive attributes as the leader of the Nebraska Scottish Rite, and he is deserving of this high honor. We have enjoyed getting to know our S.G.I.G. better during the past year, and wish him well in this important post in Nebraska Freemasonry.

THE LOST SYMBOL

The release of Dan Brown's latest book, *The Lost Symbol*, in which Freemasonry played the key role, was eyed warily by the fraternity. It wasn't known how he would position Masonry, and his track record with other organizations that were the subject of his previous books didn't portend a positive outcome. Braced for the possible impending mischaracterization, a website was placed on the Internet to answer any misconceptions that would occur. When it was released Sept. 15, it was a welcome surprise that Brown held our fraternity in high regard. That didn't prevent several glaring errors about Freemasonry in the book, but on the whole we were pleased. Attempting to capitalize on the attention, the Grand Lodge website included a page encouraging viewers to learn

more about Freemasonry, which had three links to frequently asked questions, information about Masonry and membership information.

Taking it a step further, ads were placed on the search engine Google. When Nebraskans were looking for information about Freemasonry, the ad steered them to our website. Initially, we witnessed a spike in visitors to our website, which proved the cost of the ad was worth the expenditure.

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

The following lodges celebrated their 125th anniversary this year. Many of these lodges marked this event with celebrations and other activities:

- Wisner Lodge No. 114 – Wisner, Nebraska
- North Bend Lodge No. 119 – North Bend, Nebraska
- Wayne Lodge No. 120 – Wayne, Nebraska
- Superior Lodge No. 121 – Superior, Nebraska
- Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 – Stromsburg, Nebraska
- Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 – Guide Rock, Nebraska

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

The Masonic All-Star Marching Band remains one of the most popular programs of the Grand Lodge. The Masonic All-Star Band Committee annually turns this event into a premier show during halftime of the Shrine Bowl Football Classic and in the Shrine Bowl Parade. Last year, 241 high school students attended the camp, learned the finer points of marching and received top notch instruction in performance. Our thanks are given to the Masonic lodges, Eastern Star Chapters and others who provided scholarships so these students could participate and share their musical gifts at the Shrine Bowl. In addition, the committee members work very hard to keep costs down and provide adequate assistance to ensure the students have a positive experience and are protected.

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Although I gave up golf more than a couple decades ago, I enjoyed heading back to the greens in North Bend for the Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. This requires significant effort from the organizers and I thank them for their many hours of hard work to raise funds for the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. What a fun way to raise money for our charities. Getting into the spirit of the tournament, it became obvious a new award needed to be presented and I suggest it for next year . . . the Golfer Closest to Beating the Grand Master. When I first walked onto the practice putting green, I heard several golfers in the distance yell, “FORE!” Instead of hitting the ground, I strolled right into the path of the ball and it zipped over my head by only a few feet. Yes, it’s been a long time since I’ve golfed, and perhaps it will be even longer before I return. Nevertheless, I hope all golfers will support this tournament and, who knows, if you’ve been away from the course long enough, you may just win the award I’ve proposed.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children continues to provide a safe, loving and positive environment for children. Under the leadership of Executive Director Ron Giesselmann, and the dedicated work of the Home’s staff, the lives of many young people have been re-directed toward success. People who serve youth understand the following, “One hundred years from now it won't matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank, nor what my clothes looked like. But, the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.” I

congratulate Ron and his staff for their life-changing service to young people. It was my pleasure to attend the Home's 4-H Achievement Day, and witness the positive impact of the 4-H on the youth.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

A Masonic youth group is where my love for our fraternity was born. Working with Job's Daughters for 30 years has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. Along with my love for Job's Daughters, I came to equally respect DeMolay and Rainbow for Girls. Julie and I always enjoy being around youth and we both had a good time visiting the state meetings of these three bodies.

Their challenge is the same as our Blue Lodges; adult leadership, planning member-appealing terms and membership. However, their needs in these areas are even more acute than in most of our lodges. I'm certain you've heard the frequent appeal for adults to work with our youth. I renew that appeal here. Tomorrow's leaders of our fraternity, locally and statewide, may very well be a member of a Masonic youth group. I am an example of the impact a young girl in Job's Daughters or Rainbow may have on our beloved fraternity. Were it not for Julie's desire to return to work in Job's Daughters, I might never have joined Freemasonry. I have seen that situation, as well as fathers joining lodge, repeated time and time again in Cotner Lodge and other lodges. When you think about it, you actually may be making your lodge stronger by working in a Masonic youth group. And, what more important contribution can you make in life than encourage youth to seek a better path in life? I can't think of one.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home provides excellent care for our brothers, their wives and widows and other female relatives. The staff at the Home has the best interest of the residents at heart in everything they do. My greatest frustration is with our brethren. Regularly, the Grand Lodge Office is contacted by the Home to confirm a supposed brother's membership so a relative can reside there. All too often, the related brother didn't pay his dues and the unfortunate relative cannot move into the Home. Life is fragile and, as we have learned the last two years with the severe recession, there is no guarantee we'll have the funds we will need if we become disabled or need to move to a retirement or higher-care facility. Brothers, The Nebraska Masonic Home will be there for you and your relatives in the event these situations occur. Please, don't take your membership for granted. It could spell the difference in your and your female relatives' quality of life. It is the least expensive long-term care investment you can make. We assisted in this awareness by issuing "Your Benefits as a Master Mason" document to all Nebraska Masons. Refer to the Grand Lodge Office staff section of this report for more information.

NECROLOGY

In 2009, 340 of the brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Jim Lapasotes, will conduct a memorial service during our Annual Communication which will pay fitting tribute to these brethren.

RELIEF

Our Committee on Masonic Relief stepped up its activities in 2007, and the committee hasn't slowed down since. Thanks to the hard work of our Grand Senior Steward W.:B.: John Maxell, a Relief Fund Gift Shop was launched on the Grand Lodge website offering apparel embroidered with the square and compass. Funds received above the cost of each item were deposited in the Relief Fund. To date, very few

items have been purchased, but we hope the brethren will look to this site when ordering apparel.

A Masonic Relief pin was sold in 2009 emblazoned with the phrase, "Providing relief takes more than a handshake." W.:B.: Maxell spearheaded this effort and we appreciate the participation of the brethren in purchasing so many pins.

W.:B.: Maxell came up with another good idea to raise funds at Annual Communication. By adding \$20 to the cost of the meal at Annual Communication, which is the price of the pin, brothers received with their meal a vegetable other than Masonic green beans, and preferred seating. It was a fun idea, but the puzzled look on the caterer's face when we requested two vegetables was equally gratifying.

A number of requests were received from lodges seeking relief for brothers. The first question asked by the Relief Committee when these requests arrive is, "What is your lodge doing to support the brother in need?" When a lodge ballots to accept a brother, it also accepts first responsibility for his welfare. Lodges are expected to provide for a brother when it is necessary. After the lodge has provided appropriate support, then requests should be made to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Relief.

GRAND LODGE STAFF

Any brother who has had contact with the Grand Lodge Office well knows our competent, efficient and knowledgeable staff. Office Manager Michelle Fulmer is so organized that she can handle all the critical programs of the Grand Lodge and help organize the Grand Master as well. I have appreciated her suggestions and knowledge of Grand Lodge processes, which opened many doors of possibilities. She is a guiding light for neophyte Grand Masters. Administrative Assistant Carol Schroeder is equally organized and keeps our records and communications with lodges in order. I recall the day she came to me frustrated when the wife of a former brother sought admission to The Masonic Home, and although he was a member for several decades, she couldn't be admitted because he dropped his membership without realizing its impact on his wife's future. Carol asked if there was something we could send our brothers to inform them of this benefit. We brainstormed a bit and developed the following, which is now sent to all newly-made Master Masons, and was included in a mailing to all Masons late last summer. It's innovative thinking like this by Michelle and Carol that increases the value of our membership in Freemasonry.

Your Benefits as a Master Mason

Every year you pay your dues, you ensure your right to the benefits of membership. Keep this document with your important papers as a reminder of the benefits extended to you, your family and descendants through your membership in Nebraska Freemasonry. Make copies of this document and give them to members of your family so they are aware of the benefits they enjoy as a result of your membership. These benefits are available if you are in good standing (with dues paid to date) or were in good standing at the time of your death.

- As a Freemason in good standing with the required years of membership, you and your female relatives (wife, widow, mother, sister, daughter, grandmother or granddaughter) are eligible to apply for admission to The Nebraska Masonic Home. The Masonic Home offers a full continuum of care to eligible applicants who need long-term care or assisted living services for medical or personal reasons. An eligible applicant can select from the pay-by-the-month plan or the asset surrender plan, depending on his/her financial situation. For more detailed information on The Masonic Home or to request an application, please contact The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, NE (402) 296-7300.

- You are eligible to join other appendant bodies of the Masonic fraternity such as the Shrine, the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star and others.
- Your female relatives for generations to come will be eligible to join the Order of the Eastern Star and Job’s Daughters, which require relationship to a Master Mason.
- You may visit other lodges in your area and throughout the world recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
- If you face personal challenges, you may request aid from your lodge or the Masonic Relief Committee of the Grand Lodge.
- You have the satisfaction of knowing that your dues and participation in Freemasonry help many deserving people in your community, our state and around the world through the many philanthropies supported by our fraternity.
- Upon your death, you have the right to receive a Masonic funeral service.
- And, most importantly, you can take part in the activities, fellowship and camaraderie of the Masonic fraternity and your brothers.

This is followed by information about the brother, date of birth, date raised and lodge, to assist relatives in confirming their relationship to him.

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

Your Grand Lodge was honored to host M.:W.:B.: Eric Critchlow of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska and his officers and ladies at our annual dinner, which was held in November. This gathering always brings out the brotherly love we hold for one another. The 20th anniversary of the mutual recognition of our two Grand Lodges will occur at Annual Communication, and we look forward to that celebration.

In January, I attended a history-making event when M.:W.:B.: Johnny Cummings, Past Grand Master of Nebraska Prince Hall, installed David Rose as Master of Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha. This marked the first time a Prince Hall brother installed a Master of a lodge affiliated with the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska. The two brothers work together, which made the event even more special for them.

We also appreciate the participation of the Prince Hall Grand Master in The Vacant Chair Ceremony held on Veteran’s Day each year in Lincoln. Together, the Grand Masters of the two Grand Lodges carry a wreath to the vacant chair in honor of our brothers who did not return from military conflicts.

Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.:B.: John Parsons, Grand Senior Steward W.:B.: John Maxell and I enjoyed visiting the Annual Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and their always friendly reception. It was a privilege and honor to address our brothers in Prince Hall, and I related items I found in our proceedings over the years that spoke to the respect our Grand Lodge has held for them for many decades.

CORNERSTONES

One of the exciting programs in Nebraska, which provides great public exposure for Masonry, is the tradition of setting cornerstones for qualifying buildings. I am pleased to report the following seven Cornerstone ceremonies were held:

Sidney – August 14 – Sidney High School
 Host Lodge: Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
 Master: Thomas J. Vaughter

Madison – August 23 – Historic Presbyterian Community Center for Arts and Education, Madison
 Host Lodge: Norfolk Lodge No. 55
 Master: Raymond W. Rogers

- Franklin** – August 30 – Franklin County Memorial Hospital
Host Lodge: Franklin Lodge No. 264
Master: Jerrell F. Gerdes
- Lincoln** – September 20 – Rededication of Lodge Building, 1635 L Street
Host Lodges: Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Liberty Lodge No. 300 and Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332
Masters (respectively): Donald K. Arp, Mervyn L. McDonough, Maynard D. Sears and M.: W.: James F. Brown, Jr.
- Burwell** – November 11 – Burwell Veteran’s Memorial Park
Host Lodge: Blazing Star Lodge No. 200
Master: Howard R. Fairbairn
- McCook** – December 12 – Lodge Building, McCook Lodge No. 135
Host Lodge: McCook Lodge No. 135
Master: Phil P. Lyons
- Axtell** – January 30 – Axtell Fire Hall
Host Lodge: Jachin Lodge No. 146
Master: John D. Konzack

**GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS
RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

Amend **Section 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETAIRES** deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES – The Secretary of each chartered subordinate lodge shall, in addition to the usual duties incident to such office, include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions and a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended and expelled. He shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a Brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the Brother himself, or by any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body. Upon receipt of a petition for membership in his lodge, he shall at once pass the fee accompanying the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 2-606. He shall obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation or incidental expenses, and shall not retain them from funds received by him.

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year. ~~The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary postmarked not later than the 31st day of December of each calendar year.~~

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

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:

(h) The dispensing, sale or consumption of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held *before or* during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Amend **Section 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The ~~Commencing January 1, 2005,~~ the per capita tax shall be divided *and paid* as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial –	
<i>January 2010</i>	.50
<i>January 2011 and thereafter</i>	1.00
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00
commencing January 2008	17.00
commencing January 2009	18.00
commencing January 2010	19.00
commencing January 2011	20.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

If Recommendation No. 3 passes, the following Section must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the allocation of funds and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

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 struck out:

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 per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$2.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, 2008, and one dollar per year for the next three years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, ~~and 2011 – \$23.50~~ and 2011 - \$24.00. 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.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On March 19, 2009, I approved an amendment to the Bylaws of Porter Lodge No. 106 in Loup City to increase the annual dues.

On April 13, 2009, I approved an amendment to the Bylaws of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow to increase the annual dues and to change the provisions with regard to suspension of a member to align the lodge Bylaws with the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge.

On April 13, 2009, I approved an amendment to the Bylaws of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 in Omaha to change the amount required by the lodge Bylaws to be donated for Masonic purposes in a calendar year.

On May 1, 2009, I approved a complete revision of the Bylaws of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 in Long Pine.

On September 11, 2009, I approved an amendment to the Bylaws of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in Omaha to increase the annual dues.

On January 4, 2010, I approved an amendment to the Bylaws of Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to increase the amount the secretary receives for his services at each regular or special communication of the lodge.

APPROVAL OF ONE-DAY CONFERRALS

As provided by Section 2-1202, I approved the requests of the following lodges to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at a time on the indicated date. Same lodges were allowed to accept and agree to requests for courtesy degrees for the approved multiple candidate conferrals from other lodges in their area.

- On March 3, 2009, for Jachin Lodge No. 146 in Holdrege for degrees on March 28, 2009.
- On March 10, 2009, for Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield for degrees on April 11, 2009.
- On March 13, 2009, for George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha for degrees on July 18, 2009.
- On April 13, 2009, for Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln for degrees on April 25, 2009.
- On May 27, 2009, for Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont for degrees on May 30, 2009.
- On September 29, 2009, for John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha for degrees on October 17, 2009.
- On October 13, 2009, for Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln for degrees on October 31, 2009.
- On December 14, 2009, for Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha for degrees on January 30, 2010.
- On December 15, 2009, for Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to confer the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees on January 23, 2010.

These approvals were 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 on 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.

PERMISSIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

On February 10, 2009, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to install their 2009 Chaplain, Junior Deacon and Junior Steward out of time.

On February 13, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list of addresses from various lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a Friendship dinner in Fremont.

On March 6, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-207, I granted permission to DeWitt Lodge No. 111 to retain the seal of the lodge in the museum of Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 in Wilber after consolidation.

On March 9, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Grand Lodge Membership Committee to receive a list of all members who were suspended in 2008 for the purpose of following up for possible reinstatement.

On March 16, 2009, pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(d) of the Constitution, I granted dispensation to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on a candidate without the 3rd Section lecture, and to give the lecture to the candidate at a later date.

On March 19, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln to move their charter throughout the 2009 calendar year to various locations within Lincoln, for the purpose of holding regular and special communications. The notification requirements of Section 2-502 must be met.

On March 24, 2009, as provided by Section 2-503, I granted permission to Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield to hold a special meeting on April 10, 2009, for the purpose of conducting business to include the payment of bills, reading of minutes, and receiving, reading and balloting on petitions.

On March 31, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Plainview Lodge No. 204 in Plainview to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On April 1, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Seneca Lodge No. 284 to move their charter for the regular communication in April 2009, as well as the regular communications in November, 2009, through April 2010, to Stub's Fine Dining located one mile east of Thedford on Highway 2, for the purpose of winterizing the lodge building to conserve lodge resources.

On April 2, 2009, in accordance with Section 2-1501, I granted permission to the members of Sterling Lodge No. 54 of the Grand Lodge of Colorado to move their charter to Frank Welch Lodge No. 72 in Sidney for the purpose of holding a joint meeting on April 7, 2009.

On May 11, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 14, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte to move their charter on June 9, 2009, to a ranch located at 16600 N. Johnson Road in North Platte for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 18, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to move their charter on June 2, 2009, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of holding lodge for the brethren in the Home.

On May 27, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-612, I approved the request of Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River for the Grand Lodge to send a flyer via e-mail to all subordinate lodges advertising a golf tournament fundraiser.

On May 28, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings to move their charter on June 27, 2009, to a farm located 5 miles west of Doniphan for the purpose of holding an outdoor Master Mason degree.

On June 1, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Scribner Lodge No. 132 in Scribner to move their charter for the regular communications in July and August, 2009, to Hooper Lodge No. 72, for the purpose of holding the meetings in an air conditioned building.

On June 5, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 in Long Pine to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 6, 2009, I appointed Stephen C. Kennedy to serve as a board member for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On July 27, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 30, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Sesostris Shrine Center to obtain a list of all Masons in good standing in Nebraska for the purpose of reconciling it with their own membership records.

On August 3, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 14, 2009 to 17280 NW 12th Street, for the purpose of conducting a pasture lodge.

On August 4, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to a member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 in Long Pine to circulate a survey via e-mail to all subordinate lodges for the purpose of compiling information on the history of lodge buildings in Nebraska.

On August 5, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to move their charter on August 18, 2009, to a lodge member's residence for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge meeting.

On August 25, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to move their charter on September 7, to a low valley two miles south and two miles east of Wallace for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On August 25, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of BeeHive Lodge No. 184 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 26, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-612, 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, and to send a letter to Nebraska Lodges requesting contributions for the same.

On September 1, 2009, I did not approve the request of Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield to postpone the September regular communication to a later day of the month due to the absence of the majority of the lodge officers, because the Grand Master does not have the authority to waive provisions of individual lodge Bylaws except by means of a formal Bylaws amendment.

On September 4, 2009, 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 15, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On September 15, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth to move their charter on September 24, 2009, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of conferring a Fellow Craft degree.

On September 23, 2009, I granted permission to Ark Lodge No. 335 of Oakland, Iowa, to open a lodge of Master Masons at the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite Center on October 3, 2009, for the purpose of holding a reception in honor of the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. No degree was to be conferred.

On October 22, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Franklin Lodge No. 264 in Franklin to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons residing in zip codes in the Franklin area for the purpose of inviting them to visit the lodge.

On October 31, 2009, I denied a request for official recognition from the Widows Sons Masonic Riders motorcycle organization, and encouraged the group to continue to organize and operate as they had done to date since approval of the organization by the Grand Master in 2008. The organization and its members will continue to operate under the scrutiny of the Grand Master and are subject to his authority.

On November 3, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On November 5, 2009, I ruled that a motion passed at the regular communication held June 3, 2009, of College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln denying a member further advancement in Masonry was in conflict with Section 2-1101 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws and ordered it expunged from the minutes of the meeting. I further ruled that the Master of the lodge had the authority to determine the status of the member in question and ordered that, once determined, such decision be communicated to the Grand Lodge Office.

On November 6, 2009, I did not approve an amendment to the Bylaws of Omaha Lodge No. 288 in Omaha that would have appointed a finance committee to prepare an annual budget because it would limit the authority of the Master and his plans for the year he serves in that position.

On November 11, 2009, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Omaha Lodge No. 288 in Omaha to move their charter on Sunday, January 3, 2010, to the Omaha Scottish Rite Center, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On November 12, 2009, I issued an order to Abu Bekr Shrine Center in Sioux City, Iowa, that a request for permission be made to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska prior to any future circulars are mailed to Nebraska subordinate lodges or members thereof.

On November 24, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the editor of The Masonic News to obtain a list of all Masons in certain lodges in the Lincoln area for the purpose of reconciling it with the mailing list for The Masonic News, and ordered that the list provided must be destroyed after the task had been completed.

On December 1, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Mosaic Lodge No. 55 in Norfolk to obtain a list of all Nebraska Masons residing in Madison County for the purpose of inviting them to participate in lodge activities.

On December 14, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-612 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, in response to notification that lodge secretaries had been contacted by The Nebraska Masonic Home without first requesting permission from the Grand Master to do so, I ordered that all secretaries disregard any communications from The Nebraska Masonic Home, its foundation or any employee thereof until further notice. The order especially applied to solicitations of lodge secretaries to identify any brothers who might make a donation to a capital campaign for The Home. It was ordered that no communications shall be read in lodge. In addition, if names had already been supplied to The Home, I ordered the secretaries to contact The Home and inform them not to contact those brothers.

On December 21, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to Long Pine Lodge No. 136 to contact all Nebraska lodges regarding a raffle to be held by the lodge in conjunction with the 125th anniversary celebration of the lodge.

On December 23, 2009, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On December 31, 2009, pursuant to Article X, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I suspended the Senior Warden of Liberty Lodge No. 300 for good reasons shown, and ordered that he not be installed Worshipful Master, as previously elected.

On January 4, 2010, in accordance with Section 2-1501, I granted permission to the members of Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege to move their charter to the Axtell Fire Department on January 30, 2010, for the purpose of opening lodge prior to a cornerstone ceremony.

On January 5, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Oliver Lodge No. 38 in Seward to elect their 2010 officers out of time.

On January 13, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to install their 2010 Senior Warden and Junior Steward out of time.

On January 18, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to install their 2010 Senior Warden and Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 18, 2010, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Oakland Lodge No. 91 in Oakland to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 21, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blue River Lodge No. 30 in Milford to install their 2010 Secretary/Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Senior Steward and Chaplain out of time.

On January 25, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-302 of the Bylaws, I ruled that a Fellow Craft member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 may not be appointed and installed as a lodge officer until he has complied with Section 2-402 with regard to being a Master Mason and completing proficiency.

On January 26, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Bartley Lodge No. 228 in Bartley to install their 2010 Senior Deacon, Senior and Junior Stewards and Tyler out of time.

On January 27, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Long Pine Lodge No. 136 to install their 2010 Junior Steward out of time.

On February 1, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Florence Lodge No. 281 to install their 2010 Tyler out of time.

On February 1, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Aurora Lodge No. 68 to install their 2010 Officers out of time.

On February 2, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Shiloh Lodge No. 327 to install their 2010 Senior Deacon out of time.

REINSTATEMENTS

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

February 10, 2009	Wayne L. Garrelts.....	Rob Morris No. 46
February 15, 2009	William J. Parks.....	Fremont No. 15
February 20, 2009	George L. Pederson	Lincoln No. 19
February 20, 2009	Marvin Versaw	Lincoln No. 19
February 25, 2009	Robert A. Hill	Diamond No. 291
February 20, 2009	Steve Elliott	East Lincoln No. 210
April 13, 2009	Christopher Coleman	Aurora No. 68
April 13, 2009	Timothy J. Trainor	Hickman No. 256
May 1, 2009	Wilbur A. Clanton	Centennial No. 326
May 12, 2009	Howard L. Medinger	Ashlar No. 33
May 26, 2009	Chris N. Clark	Samaritan No. 158
June 5, 2009	Vernon R. Hill	Wayne No. 120
June 5, 2009	Robert H. Murphy.....	Miloma No. 328
June 15, 2009	Dale E. Karloff.....	Papillion No. 39
October 23, 2009	Wilbert H. Else	Fairbury No. 35
December 10, 2009	Richard Riggins	Cotner No. 297
December 14, 2009	Daniel L. Hatcher.....	Bellevue No. 325
December 14, 2009	Allen H. Johnson	Bellevue No. 325
January 12, 2010	Russell Rimovsky	Lancaster No. 54
January 12, 2010	Glen C. Pfenning, Jr.....	Lancaster No. 54
January 12, 2010	John S. Breeden, II.....	Lancaster No. 54
January 12, 2010	Larry B. Bartels	Lancaster No. 54
January 19, 2010	James B. Kuehn	East Lincoln No. 210

RESOLUTIONS

Submitted at the 152nd Annual Communication in February 2009:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Section 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Per capita as of	January 2012 to General Fund.....	\$2.00
	January 2013 to General Fund.....	\$1.00
	January 2014 to General Fund.....	\$1.00
	January 2015 to General Fund.....	\$1.00
	January 2016 to General Fund.....	\$1.00

If passed, there shall not be anymore raises to the general fund until January 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Appropriations Committee Report

Within 60 days of the completion of the Grand Lodge audit, for the previous year, each subordinate lodge shall receive a copy of the completed audit.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Amend **Section 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** such that:

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2011, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial	.50	
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2008	17.00	
commencing January 2009	18.00	
commencing January 2010	19.00	28.50
commencing January 2011	20.00	33.50
commencing January 2012		38.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend **Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX**

And accordingly amend Section 2-601 to reflect that per capita tax shall accrue as follows:

2011	\$33.50
2012	\$38.50
2013	\$43.50

RATIONALE (from brethren submitting Resolution): The Grand Lodge must currently withdraw from the endowment fund each year to cover day-to-day operating expenses (in 2009, it is projected to withdraw approximately \$60,000). In order for the Grand Lodge to be proactive and effective in achieving its stated Mission and Vision, it must be solvent and able to pay its operating expenses from dues alone, thereby reserving the proceeds of the endowment fund for charitable, fraternal and other activities and programs devised to advance Freemasonry in the state of Nebraska.

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At a meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee held on March 4, 2009, to review the member resolutions submitted at the 152nd Annual Communication, the committee found that Resolutions 1 and 2 were not in proper form to be voted on at the 153rd Annual Communication in 2010. The committee notified the sponsors of the resolutions in writing of the findings and gave the sponsors 30 days from the date of the letter to bring the resolutions into proper form. No amendments to Resolutions 1 and 2 were received at the Grand Lodge Office.

The Jurisprudence Committee found Resolution No. 3 to be in proper form to be voted on with a note that Section 1-406 referred to in the original Resolution No. 3 be amended to read Section 1-404 due to the approval of Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1 at the 152nd Annual Communication.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

In the Trial Commission for a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic fraternity on June 17, 2009.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, the matter is still pending.

In the Trial Commission for a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, the matter is still pending.

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 George Washington Lodge No. 250. The matter is still pending.

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 Utica Lodge No. 96. The matter is still pending.

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

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:
June 15, 2009

Charles Beasor
Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa
Brandon Halmann
Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa

September 23, 2009

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

Entering my service to the brothers in Nebraska, I realized our most challenging problem is lodge leadership. At this point, I'm not certain that situation has largely changed despite seven years of Lodge Leadership Program training. Our focus in 2009 was to get this training close to all the upcoming lodge leaders, which we attempted and is mentioned in greater detail in an earlier section. In addition, M.:W.:B.: Reg Kuhn granted approval in 2008 to:

- Create a website for incoming Masters titled "Lodge Leaders '09," which contained 2009 dates of events and activities, monthly updates of leadership information and guides to make a lodge plan for the coming year.
- Develop a "Lodge Planning Guide" to help incoming Masters plan an effective program for their lodge in 2009. This was sent following the election of officers to every Master-elect. Besides 2009 plans, it included a step-by-step program to help him make a plan in key areas of lodge success.

At Annual Communication one year ago, during a meeting with 2009 Masters, I asked their opinion of these leadership-building tools. Their comments recognized them as useful and the need was expressed to repeat them. I left feeling our lodges had moved in a very positive direction. However, in my travels, in discussions with Masters and brothers, and as reflected in the entries for the awards program, it appeared few Masters utilized this information. And, even if the information wasn't used, I'm not certain much planning occurred except repeating activities held in lodges year after year.

This lack of planning is reflected in our membership numbers. At the time of this writing, our losses stand at about 3.3 percent. This is a slightly higher percentage of losses than in previous years when they have fallen between 2.5 percent to 3 percent. I expect the 2009 losses to grow even more when every lodge has filed their report. Granted, three lodges decided in 2009 to purge their membership of more than 100 brothers they had carried on the books for a number of years. But, these numbers indicate our lodges aren't offering brothers a "product" they want.

I repeat my message of the last 12 months: our biggest problem isn't membership, it's a lack of programs in lodges that will keep brothers interested, wanting to attend lodge and that cater to their needs. That requires planning. It's the kind of planning taught in the Lodge Leadership Program, the Enrollment Program and other offerings from the Grand Lodge.

Who will step up to advance their lodge in the coming years? What Master will put his responsibility high on his priority list and dedicate himself and spend the time it really takes to make his lodge better? As I said to the 2009 Masters last year at this time, "If it's not you, then who?"

Those who believe serving as Master is about gaining a title have missed the point. It should be an honor to have earned the designation of Past Master. It is an honor when you have given your all to your lodge, and that requires work. Serving as Master is more than a title. It's responsibility to care for and nurture your lodge so it's stronger for years to come.

It is my hope that those attending the 2010 Annual Communication will be the group that will reach that goal. If it is to happen, then it will be necessary for lodge officers to sit down together, plan multi-year programs that annually address the weaknesses of their lodge and then dedicate the time and effort it takes to improve their lodge. I applaud the 2009 Masters who took advantage of these opportunities to learn and grow, and who applied them to their lodge last year. You are true leaders, and I expect your lodge is headed down a road toward greater camaraderie and growth.

I also have concern about the many brothers who believe we must continue to "under price" membership in our highly-respected fraternity by maintaining low dues. Since its birth, Freemasonry has attracted visionaries and builders who were instrumental in creating great societies and adorned them with stunning buildings. As operative Masonry evolved to speculative Masonry, the movers and shakers in our world joined because of the camaraderie and intellectual stimulation offered during their meetings. Our fraternity constructed significant edifices that stand today as a tribute to their industriousness and commitment to Masonry.

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While writing the history of our Grand Lodge, I came across the dues paid by our brethren to our state body in the 1940s. Applying the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to those dues, today we would pay more than \$70 to the Grand Lodge to keep pace with the comparable amount our forefathers paid, while today our per capita is about \$50 below that amount. Applying the CPI to Lodge dues 60 years ago would make dues even higher. And, compared to the fees to take the degrees then, today's fees should be several hundreds of dollars higher. My brothers, we live the precepts of our organization by providing the resources to make a difference in this world, our nation, our state and our communities.

I have heard of interested men asking about the cost of lodge dues. When told the amount, they state it's not too high a monthly cost, without even considering that's actually the annual cost. I'm not advocating an across-the-board, large increase in dues, but we shouldn't run from higher dues either. I fear we have cheapened membership in our fraternity to the point that the luster of membership is tarnished.

Instead, it is past time to ensure the buildings where we meet are maintained for use in the future. It also is time that we have the resources to make our communities more aware of our fraternity. If Freemasonry is truly as worthy an organization as we espouse, then today's dedicated Masons would have no qualms about higher dues to at least preserve what now exists. If not, then we will continue to lose our buildings, and more and more lodges will close. Our membership will continue to fall and more lodges will close.

Resources beget more resources. When lodges and the Grand Lodge have larger funds, we can adequately inform worthy men about our fraternity and establish programs to keep our brothers active. It's time for us to ask ourselves the value we each place on membership in our organization, and what it's worth to make it stronger so our Masonic values will continue to have a presence and influence in communities across Nebraska.

CONCLUSION

As I stated earlier, knowing the men who have held the office of Grand Master in recent years, and having read the proceedings of all those who came before us, I remain humbled by the experience and the many brothers who have honored the office of the Grand Master this past year. My greatest hope is that the many activities and the hard work of myself, the Grand Lodge Officers and committees, will make an obvious difference resulting in a healthier fraternity in Nebraska. I await the outcome of so much thinking, planning and implementation of programs as our efforts sink in, take hold and begin to reveal themselves in our lodges. Pray that is the case.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell G. Reno
Grand Master

The Grand Master made a motion to accept the printed Address of the Grand Master, together with the supplemental address, and in its entirety, be referred to the appropriate committees for their consideration and action, and published in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The motion was seconded, and, with no discussion, carried.

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M.: W.:B.: Reno asked R.:W.:B.: Dave Watts to approach the East and give a report on the move of the Grand Lodge Office.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren. In 1999, the Masonic Foundation purchased the building which currently houses the Grand Lodge Offices as a temporary home, with hopes of relocating to an adequate facility within 10 years. In 2007, the Grand Lodge advancing line began to look for a new home for our Grand Lodge Offices, the reasons being the need for more space for our museum and house our CHIP program, the desire to improve the visibility of the Grand Lodge, the deterioration of the neighborhood, but primarily out of a concern for the safety of our employees. We looked at options either to buy land and build, buy an existing property or options to rent from the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite or possibly another lodge in Lincoln. The Grand Lodge advancing line officers spent much of 2007 discussing the options and finally determined the existing Scottish Rite building located on Centennial Mall and a block from the State Capitol provided the visibility and image Nebraska Masonry sought, a premium museum location to display our Masonic heritage, a venue to educate the public on Masonry, but foremost, this option offered the most bang for our buck, if you will, compared to any of the other options we looked at.

In 2008, the Grand Lodge advancing line officers met several times with the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite and determined the best option for the Grand Lodge was to negotiate an agreement with the Lincoln Valley to cost-share in the improvements and share tenancy in the facility. We hired an architect to work with a committee made up of members from both organizations to develop a conceptual plan and to determine the estimated costs for the improvements. Last year at the 2009 Annual Communication, we presented conceptual drawings and estimated costs to complete the project to the brethren, which is laid out in three phases. These phases may be done independently or concurrently, depending on funds available. Phase one of this project would consist of relocating the Grand Lodge Offices, relocating the Scottish Rite Offices, and renovation of the existing space currently rented to the Shrine Bowl. Included in this phase are improvements to the façade of the east side of the building, along with some mechanical and electrical improvements to accommodate the move. Phase two of the project consists of major mechanical and electrical improvements to the remainder of the building, along with renovations of the banquet room and the lower floor facilities. Phase three of this project would consist of museum renovations, including mechanical and electrical work to provide climate control, as well as security systems and display cases for our items of significant value, some of which are currently in storage. Realistically, a portion of the phase three expense would need to be recognized during the phase one project in order to create space for our Grand Lodge museum items and to allow the Masonic Foundation to vacate and sell the existing Grand Lodge building, the proceeds of which would tentatively be earmarked for new museum improvements.

In the Spring of 2009, both organizations agreed to hire an Omaha firm, Strawhecker and Associates, to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the funds could be raised to improve the building prior to us moving forward with any agreement. We received the report in January and Strawhecker believes a majority of these funds can be raised and a capital campaign should be launched in the near future if we determine to move forward. The Grand Lodge and the Lincoln Valley have continued working toward and are very close to an

agreement for governance that will provide both entities with equal control of the facility and equal protection of each other's investments in this project. Both organizations are very excited about the possibility this offers to Nebraska Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry. For those of you that know me, I like to see progress, and I can be impatient at times, and working with the Masonic organizations, to say the least, is a challenge for me. But we are moving forward and I believe that we will be able to launch a capital campaign in the near future. I am also optimistic that with a little luck we could be ready to break ground yet in 2010.

The Strawhecker report provided us with a great deal of information about our organizations and our members and the issues that we as the Grand Lodge Officers and we as the Grand Lodge need to address to ensure the health of our fraternity in years to come. We were especially pleased that the support for this project for Masons in greater Nebraska was equal or greater than those polled in the Lincoln area. But the greatest support for this project came from our Omaha Masons, which speaks volumes about the commitment to Masonry across our entire state.

Since the elections are over, I also want to share a couple results from the report that I found especially interesting and were a surprise to Strawhecker's team. First, the members of our organizations are very conservative when it comes to the amount they're willing to give, not the number of Masons willing to give, but the amount that we're willing to give. Now, I got a chuckle out of that because I was going to say that I know Masons are cheap, but maybe we're just conservative. The second result that they were surprised by was that Masons are deeply committed to their organization. They said the commitment of Masons to this fraternity is higher than what they see in most churches. So we may be cheap, but we are deeply committed to this fraternity.

My response to Strawhecker was that I wasn't surprised at all. You see, neither Paul Strawhecker or Scott Larson are Masons, so neither understand the tie that binds us together; that bond that you can only experience through family. And, it's that tie that can't be explained. It's a tie that has to be experienced. Brethren, I believe that never before in Nebraska Masonry has an opportunity of this magnitude been put before the Craft and I truly believe that this opportunity and the benefits it will offer for the years to come will give Nebraska Masons a reason to contribute to this cause. If any of you have questions, I'll stick around after the session. Most Worshipful, this concludes my report. Thank you."

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

John T. Maxell, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Committee on Relief is happy to report that for the second year in a row our relief fund has not been a line item on the Grand Lodge Budget. This means the committee has become self-supporting. This has been accomplished by the Masons in the state of Nebraska who have helped with their donations, time, and purchase of fundraiser materials.

This year, the committee has put together a fund raising campaign that should allow it to continue to help our brothers, and families. This will be accomplished by running an online store through the Nebraska Grand Lodge website. The profits from the sale of items sold will go directly to the Masonic Relief Funds. In addition to these profits, the committee sold lapel pins, received funds from area lodges during Masonic relief month

(February 2009), and Billy Dittmer of Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings, Nebraska.

The committee answered five requests for relief and denied one. Over \$2,000 dollars has been distributed. The committee has raised over \$4,600 dollars and has a balance in their account of \$12,489.90 dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
John T. Maxell, 327, Chairman
David G. Otte, 119
Kevin H. Orr, 327
George B. Bolter, 39
Lowell C. Erickson, 251
Jonathan L. Paz, 39 Ad Hoc

W.:B.: Maxell moved for the approval of the report. The motion was seconded and favorably carried.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.:B.: Grand Master Reno asked R.: W.:B.: John T. Parsons for the Address of the Deputy Grand Master.

Brethren, I am very honored and humbled to stand before you today. As I was preparing this address, a lot of things crossed my mind, the first of which was, "What do you say in a situation like this, and how do you say it?" With that in mind, I took out copies of previous Grand Lodge sessions from my bookshelf, and looked through them to see what my predecessors had said. I found that the addresses of the Deputy Grand Masters ranged from non-existent through short and to the point speeches, and finally to full-blown, long-winded orations. I hope this falls into the category of relatively short, clear, and to the point.

The distinguished brethren who have preceded me in this position all had some great concepts, ideas and programs. For one reason or another, some of those concepts, ideas, and programs flourished, while others did not fare as well. Additionally, there is a natural tendency for the "new guy" to want to leave his mark on his term, so that it will go down in posterity as significant and noteworthy. Often, these attempts to influence posterity last for a year or so, and then disappear as the next set of "great ideas" formulated by somebody else appears on the scene.

I am also a believer in the concept that good ideas never go away. They may morph or change a bit, but they really never disappear. I also believe that there are underlying and fundamental values and themes that form the foundation for our great fraternity and these never really change. Consequently, in putting together my agenda for this year, I have attempted to continue those programs which have proven successful; to modify and retain other good ideas; to re-emphasize some of those values and themes central to our Craft which perhaps have been downplayed a bit; and finally, to introduce initiatives that appeal to some of our core values as Freemasons.

The Child Identification Program (CHIP), begun by Past Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska, is a great example of a good idea that never goes away. That program has been a resounding success in Nebraska. Many of our lodges have used this program as a way to get involved in their communities, and overall, the fraternity has achieved a great deal of positive publicity as a result. At the 2009 Nebraska State Fair, over 1,300 children were enrolled

in CHIP, far more than any other previous or comparable efforts by any other organization. Consequently, when a prospective member comes up to you and asks, "What do Masons do here in the community?" you won't have to scratch your head to come up with an answer. I will continue to urge individual lodges to conduct CHIP events in their communities. It is a method by which we can do the right thing for the children in the community; establish good public rapport, and as a result of those two things, perhaps attract some good men to our ranks.

Masonic unity is a theme that also should recur year after year. Masonry is a family and, like some families, too often we have spats among the relatives. I've often heard comments to the effect that "He's not a good Blue Lodge Mason. He spends all his time at Shrine (or Scottish Rite or fill in the blank)." My bottom line philosophy on all this is that we're all Masons, and there is a niche for everybody. Some people may enjoy the social aspects of the Shrine, or the staged ritual of the Scottish Rite, or the degrees of the York Rite, or working with our Eastern Star sisters, more than they do in sitting in a lodge meeting. That's the beauty of the Masonic family: there's something of interest for everybody. We all share the same basic values and we all work toward a common good: the betterment of society and ourselves. We need to view all the disparate elements of Masonry as complementary and not competitive. To that end, I would encourage each of you to develop closer working relationships with the appendant bodies, the Eastern Star, and the youth groups. I plan on supporting the activities of those bodies this year as best I can.

The blood drives instituted last year by Grand Master Russ Reno were a good idea and were successful in some, but not all areas of the state. As with CHIP, blood drives focused on the contribution of the local lodges to their communities. This year, I would encourage lodges who had successful blood drives to continue to build upon that success, and reschedule a drive at a date and time that would best suit the people in their lodge and in their local area. For those lodges that did not conduct a blood drive last year, explore the possibilities of doing one this year.

Ritual and Masonic decorum, while traditional elements of our fraternity, have perhaps suffered a bit in recent years, and deserve to be re-emphasized. Ritual is what separates us from the service and social clubs of the world. Ritual is the means by which we inculcate the values, lessons, and symbolism of the Craft on new members. Make an effort to learn the ritual and deliver it properly, so that the new members will be impressed and will wish to return and take part in the degree work. Similarly, we need to restore a bit more decorum while the lodge is at work. While I am not advocating that the lodge atmosphere ought to be "stuffy," I am saying that we need adhere to certain standards. For example, loud sideline conversations that drown out the degree work in progress; the Worshipful Master attired in t-shirt, shorts, and flip-flops, showing up to confer a degree; and cell phone conversations conducted while the lodge is at work, are all examples of lapses in Masonic decorum. We need to adhere to a higher standard so that our new initiates realize that they have joined a world-class brotherhood.

Charity is another bedrock tenet of our fraternity. Over the past several years, the Grand Lodge has conducted several fund raising efforts, offering such things as pocket watches, hats, coins, and pins to the membership, with all the proceeds going only to Masonic charitable endeavors. I hope to continue that tradition next year so that the Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the local lodges, may be better enabled to assist "poor distressed brother Master Masons, their widows, and orphans."

Finally, I'd like to discuss two programs, one of which was started under M.:W.:B.: Ivan Vrtiska and continued under M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan, while the other is new. Both programs, however, have deep roots in Masonic tradition, and involve support to our armed forces.

Masonry and the military have been inextricably intertwined since the very beginnings of Freemasonry in North America. Military lodges were chartered by the Modern and Ancient Grand Lodges of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. These lodges were attached to various regiments in the British Army, and were active in the colonies prior to the American Revolution. Similarly, several lodges, chartered by Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, were attached to units of the Continental Army, and lodge meetings were held where the army set up camp, in locations such as Morristown, New Jersey, Newburgh, New York, and Valley Forge. After the war, the lodges were disbanded, but other Masonic lodges were established to support American forces in other later conflicts.

Nebraska issued a dispensation during the Civil War for Monitor Lodge. That lodge accompanied elements of the Union Army for several years, meeting in various locations. After the war, that lodge was also disbanded. With Monitor Lodge as an example, M.:W.:B.: Vrtiska established Swisher Lodge, as a traveling lodge, and issued a dispensation allowing it to meet in Afghanistan. It also met later in Iraq, supporting the fraternal needs of the brethren deployed to those locations, but it is not now deployed. Currently, there is only one lodge meeting in Iraq: a lodge chartered by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. There are no other Masonic lodges, chartered by any other grand lodge, meeting in either the Afghan or Iraqi theaters of operations. I hope to remedy that situation.

The new program that I propose to start is called "Change for the Troops." This was started two years ago by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and they have had great results. The program provides a 300-minute calling card to any member of the armed forces deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan. The funding to purchase those phone cards is provided through contributions by members of individual lodges. At the conclusion of each lodge meeting, the brethren present throw any loose change they have into specially marked containers. At the end of the month, the lodge secretary sends a check for the donated amount to the Grand Lodge, and that in turn, goes into the account to purchase the phone cards. To date, over a quarter of a million dollars has been so raised by Pennsylvania Masons.

Over the next year, there will be a large number of Nebraskans, particularly Nebraska National Guardsmen, deploying overseas, most of them to Afghanistan. I feel confident that Nebraska Masons will show the same level of support for those troops that our Pennsylvania brethren displayed through their efforts.

In closing, I'd like to thank you all for your support, and I know that with your continued help and assistance Nebraska Masonry can demonstrate its timeless virtues and continue to grow and prosper in the future. Thank you and God Bless!

Fraternally yours,
John T. Parsons
Deputy Grand Master

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. M.:W.:B.: Eatmon entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens on August 28, 1999. W.:B.: John Ferguson handcrafted this beautiful wood gavel and case in honor of his father-in-law. The gavel or wood maul was commissioned as the James L. "Sonny" Eatmon Traveling Gavel on February 3, 2006.

Symbolic of the operative craft working as Masons in the construction of Ancient Monumental Edifices and the intricate 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.

The gavel was presented to Deputy Grand Master John T. Parsons and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.: Dwight Smith, Chairman

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10 am on Thursday, February 4, 2010 by M.:W.:B.: Dwight Smith with the following additional members present: M.:W.: Bros. Les Seiler, Dean Skokan and Reginald S. Kuhn. Also present were: Russell G. Reno, Grand Master; John T. Parsons, Deputy Grand Master; E. David Watts, Grand Senior Warden; Bruce A. Baker, Grand Junior Warden; Scott Krieger, Grand Custodian; James Lapaseotes, Grand Chaplain; Thomas Hauder, Grand Senior Deacon; John B. Ferguson, Grand Junior Steward; Patrick D. Barger, Grand Orator; Ben F. Hughes, Grand Historian; Joe D. McBride, Grand Marshal; Dennis Rix, Personal Representative of the Grand Master; Philip Edwards, Grand Tyler; as well as Past Grand Masters Don E. Rasmussen; Donald Pohlman, Charles W. Amidon and Philip A. Lorenzen.

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.

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 Jurisprudence Committee shall meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on December 8, 2009, and submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

With regard to the Grand Master's Recommendations, the committee found that Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 are in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to the Resolutions submitted by the membership, the committee found that Resolution No. 1 is in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this 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 Jurisprudence Committee found all permissions and dispensations to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry of Nebraska.

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

The next order of business was the election of a Chairman and Secretary of the committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, M.:W.:B.: Dwight E. Smith was elected Chairman and M.: W.:B.: Reginald S. Kuhn was elected Secretary.

The committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Russell G. Reno on his very successful year as Grand Master. The Jurisprudence Committee 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,
Dwight Smith, 205, Chairman
Steven F. Mattoon, 75
Les Seiler, 317
Dean Skokan, 15
Reginald S. Kuhn, 19, 134 & 332

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

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

It has been a great privilege to again serve the fraternity as your Grand Secretary for the year 2009. It is a great honor to do so and a very rewarding experience to be able to work with the other Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Lodge Office staff and the officers and members of the lodges throughout the State. Also, to represent this Grand Jurisdiction at the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries held in Anaheim, California, in

February and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, which was hosted by Nebraska and held in Omaha in August.

The Secretary’s Handbook was revised and updated this past year and is now accessible at the Grand Lodge website – www.gln.org. In addition, most of the forms which are commonly used by the Secretaries can be accessed and downloaded at this website.

As an additional “thank you,” each year at the Secretaries Workshop, we recognize those lodge Secretaries who have submitted their reports on time for the prior year. Those Secretaries who received the Certificate of Achievement for the year 2008 at the 2009 Workshop are as follows:

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| Dave Wetrosky, Western Star No. 2 | Gary Wolfe, Long Pine No. 136 |
| Jay Speck, Plattsmouth No. 6 | Kevin Lindly, Custer No. 148 |
| Denny Smith, Fremont No. 15 | Brad Waite, Bee Hive No. 184 |
| Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley No. 32 | Byron Hust, Purity No. 198 |
| (5 years) | Dick Cooper, Mitchell No. 263 |
| Bill Parrish, Ashlar No. 33 | Don Loos, Robert W. Furnas No. 265 |
| Paul Schroeder, Papillion No. 39 | A.J. Johnson, George W. Lininger No. 268 |
| Nick Longly, Rob Morris No. 46 | Ralph Riemann, Cotner No. 297 |
| Ron Winqest, York No. 56 | Bruce Watkins, Liberty No. 300 (10 years) |
| Loren McNeil, Utica No. 96 | Art Dye, Mid-West No. 317 |
| Dean Marples, Wymore No. 104 | John Lippert, Lebanon No. 323 |
| Don Ellenberger, Springfield No. 112 | Ken Walker, Shiloh No. 327 |
| Clint Frerichs, Wisner No. 114 | |
| Bill Wurtz, Solar No. 134 | |
| Marshall Grant, McCook No. 135 | |

Congratulations to the “Secretary of the Year 2008” as chosen by the Grand Lodge Office staff: Ralph Reimann, Cotner Lodge No. 297.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

Membership longevity awards presented in 2009

50-year	194
60-year	125
70-year	7

2009 Membership Activity

Number of Lodges	148	Demits	39
Entered Apprentices	323	Deceased	358
Fellow Crafts	299	Suspensions	459
Master Masons	269	Withdrew	4
Affiliations	25	Termination of Duals	20
Duals	32	Other	23
Reinstatements	114	Total Loss	903
Consolidated	21	Membership 12/31/2009	13,056
Total Gain	461		

In the Grand Lodge Office, Michelle and Carol continue to do a great job helping all of us do our jobs easier and better and we do appreciate them for all that they do. Be sure to give them a word of thanks when you get a chance and thanks to all of you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Watkins, 300
Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Grand Secretary, along with the adoption of the 2009 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

M.: W.: B.: Reno asked if Ron Giesselmann was in attendance to present the report from the Children's Home. The printed report from the President of the Board is as follows:

I am happy to report to you that this year of change in leadership is going very smoothly, and Ron Giesselmann and his crew are doing a fine job. It has been a year of doing things a little differently as he makes changes that he believes will make things work better under his leadership, and one of those changes is having more leadership training with the house parents, because of the usual turn-over, and the new Farm/4 H leader. Overall, things are going smoothly, and seem to work well. The Board members enjoy working with him in this new position, and he seems comfortable making his monthly report bringing us up to date with operations and activities of the Home.

One big change for Ron is working with the financial side of his duties. The fact that the stock market has affected the value of our portfolio, and the reduction of some of our dividend income, has meant changes in spending. He has found areas in the budget that would allow reduced funding, and changed some activities that were nice to do but easy to avoid during these tough times. He keeps the Board fully aware of what is taking place, and we like that, and encourage him to keep looking for ways to save. We don't want to reduce needed programs or methods, but live within the available funding.

Todd Thomason is our new Director of Child Care, and he seems to have made the change from his former Juvenile Parole Officer career to that of looking after our current and future children under our care. He has worked up good rapport with school officials, and works well under Ron's guidance. He is very pleasant to be around, and seems quite at home with his work and living on the grounds where he can help Ron in keeping an eye on activities that may be taking place on the ball courts or the circle playground.

Maria Dorn is our new Farm Director and 4-H leader, taking Ron Meyers' position after his retirement. She is finishing her schooling this year as well as working here, with help from Ron. She is not new to the children or their programs as she has been working here during the summers for several years and is quite at home running things at the farm.

Ron has been helping her master running the farm machinery and tractors, and that may need some more time and practice, but she wants to do what's required of her and what is necessary.

I gladly speak for the proud and hard working members of the Board who perform their duties in your behalf, during this year of many changes, and we again commend you as

members of Masons and Eastern Star for your continuing personal and monetary support. The lives of the children of our wonderful Home have been greatly enhanced by your kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives. Truly, Masonry at work.

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

**REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION
PROGRAM FOUNDATION**

Kent B. Broyhill, President

M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Kent Broyhill to come forward to present the report from the CHIP Committee.

"The CHIP program in Nebraska continues to grow and prosper. The proceedings are printed in your book. The program surpassed another milestone this year by exceeding 25,000. We are rapidly approaching 26,000 kids that have been identified. That's approximately twice the total membership of the Masonic fraternity in Nebraska and the board is very proud of that. We average about 5,000 a year and have for five years. It's been my pleasure to serve as the chairman of the CHIP foundation. In the next year or two, we will be looking at reinvesting in some of the equipment and upgrading the technologies. The gentlemen saw some of the printers and products on display out there for sale and that's part of the beginning of the upgrade."

Respectfully submitted,
Kent B. Broyhill, President

M.:W.:B.: Reno thanked W.:B.: Kent for his work and the work of the CHIP Foundation, as well as the brethren across Nebraska working to host the events in communities statewide.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian

The Deputy Grand Custodians present were assembled and brought to the front for introduction and thanks from M.:W.:B.: Reno and Grand Custodian Krieger. After introducing those assembled, Brian Sandall was commissioned as Deputy Grand Custodian to replace Jim Cornish, who was retiring from District #4, and Edward Nolte was commissioned as Deputy Grand Custodian to replace Keith Neisler in District #9, who moved out of state earlier in the year.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as Grand Custodian for the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska this year. It is always rewarding to work with the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Custodians and most especially the officers of the subordinate lodges within this grand jurisdiction.

The lodges within the state of Nebraska have a large number of very dedicated and hard-working Masons; they continue to work diligently to improve the quality of ritual work performed within our jurisdiction. Unfortunately, we also have some lodge officers who do not put forth the effort necessary to make their lodge impressive to members or

visitors. I believe it is our duty to continue insisting that these brethren fulfill the obligation of the office to which they have been installed. We must remind them that our ritual work is the one thing that separates us from all other organizations and, if not done well, we will be no different than a Rotary club or an Elks club. That is not the job of the Grand Lodge Officers; it is not the job of the Deputy Grand Custodians; it is the responsibility of every active Mason within the lodge. We need your help!

For the year 2009, we had 60 of the 147 lodges in Nebraska, currently certified. The lodges are as follows:

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	City	Years Certified
Nebraska	1	Omaha	1
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	52
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	51
Omadi	5	South Sioux City	60
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	86
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	55
Covert	11	Omaha	40
Fremont	15	Fremont	79
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	75
Washington	21	Blair	21
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	81
Blue River	30	Milford	52
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	56
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	58
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	76
Crete	37	Crete	77
Papillion	39	Papillion	3
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	64
Hastings	50	Hastings	86
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	88
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	85
Keystone	62	Phillips	54
Osceola	65	Osceola	7
Hooper	72	Hooper	85
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	59
Nelson	77	Nelson	55
Albion	78	Albion	19
Geneva	79	Geneva	34
Utica	96	Utica	81
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	79
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	59
Pomegranate	110	Ashland	61
North Bend	119	North Bend	51
Superior	121	Superior	4
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	56
McCook	135	McCook	64
Jachin	146	Holdrege	52
Custer	148	Broken Bow	66

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	City	Years Certified
Justice	180	Benkelman	59
Alliance	183	Alliance	65
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	76
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	55
Landmark	222	Herman	57
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	31
North Star	227	Lincoln	77
Comet	229	Ceresco	57
Zion	234	Hyannis	7
Hickman	256	Lincoln	22
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	54
Robert Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	71
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	1
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	7
John J Mercer	290	Omaha	78
Cotner	297	Lincoln	69
Liberty	300	Lincoln	61
Mizpah	302	Omaha	60
Victory	310	Valley	60
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	86
Mid-West	317	Hastings	62
Shiloh	327	Omaha	46
Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	2

We have 99 brethren eternally certified in the grand jurisdiction of Nebraska. I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

The following brothers are serving as Deputy Grand Custodians for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

District	Name	Lodge Membership
1	Roy L. Smith	6
2	Augustine S. Scolaro	3
3	Halsey D. Phillips	325
4	James E. Cornish	31
5	Ronald D. Grass	31
7	Lloyd .F Vrtiska	23
8	John C. Sierks	4
9	Edward W. Nolte	39
10	Steven A. Green	54
11	Suman Vallabhbai	314
13	Ashley H. Story	314 & 146
15	Randall L. Hart	222 & 31
17	Roger A. Deininger	317
18	Arthur S. Dye	317
19	Carl C. Plants	54

District	Name	Lodge Membership
21	Wayne E. Beatty	126
24	Delmar A. Jones	65 & 46
25	Philip E. Darby, Jr.	61
26	Arthur J. Ferguson	221
27	Bill Lichtenberger	207 & 148
28	Jack D. Nichols	265 & 285
29	Leslie A. Evert	195
30	Richard H. Cooper	263
31	Kenneth G. Fleming	75
32	Roger L. Shillington	180
33	Glenn R. Mulholland	32 & 284
34	Frank Veverka	15
35	James R. Taylor	327
36	Bruce A. Watkins	300
37	Albert A. Wise	79
38	Dean Papenhagen	50

I would like to thank each and every one of them for their service to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and to Masonry in general. Without brethren like these, Masonry would cease to be the organization it is today. I certainly owe them all a huge debt of gratitude for all the hours and miles they give to Nebraska Masonry. I hope all of the brethren will make an effort to thank each and every one of them for all that they do.

I regret to inform you that W.:B.: Lloyd I. Edwards, who was a Deputy Grand Custodian for so many years, has laid down his working tools and been called from labor to rest.

W.:B.: W. Keith Neisler, Deputy Grand Custodian for District #9, accepted a job out-of-state and had to relinquish his commission. We will sorely miss him.

M.:W.:B.: Kenneth G. Fleming, Past Grand Master and Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, continues to serve the fraternity as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District #31, and W.:B.: Augustine (Gus) S. Scolaro, Grand Custodian Emeritus, continues to serve the fraternity as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District #2. I want to thank both of them for their continued work in this great fraternity of ours.

I also want to thank each of the Deputy Grand Custodians Emeritus for all the time and effort they have put in to Masonry in this grand jurisdiction. I certainly hope we can continue to call on you for help in the future.

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| Glenn W Binder | Frank R Harris | Harold W Noble |
| Michael G Birnstihl | Richard W Linnemeyer | Vincent L Rosenberger |
| Augustus W Clark | Richard L Mauch | Augustine S Scolaro |
| Kenneth G Fleming | Ralph E McNulty | Eugene C Sibley |
| Ben D Fussell | Harold C Mueksch | |

The Annual Custodian School was held in Hastings on September 11, 2009. I would like to take a moment to thank M.:W.:B.: Russ Reno and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support and contributions this year. Also, thank you to M.:W.:B.: Philip A.

Lorenzen, W.:B.: Roger A. Deininger, and W.:B.: Gerald D. Verbeek for their assistance and support as the Committee on Nebraska Work.

My thanks to the Hastings Masonic Temple Board, and all of the brethren who have made it possible for us to hold our Annual Custodian School at the Hastings Masonic Center. I know I speak for all the brethren. We certainly appreciate your hospitality.

The following were in attendance at the Annual Custodian School: M.:W.:B.: Russ Reno, Grand Master; M.:W.:B.: Philip Lorenzen, Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work; R.:W.:B.: Bruce A. Baker, Grand Junior Warden; W.:B.: Roy L. Smith, District #1; W.:B.: Augustine S. Scolaro, District #2; W.:B.: Halsey D. Phillips, District #3; W.:B.: Ronald D. Grass, District #5; W.:B.: John C. Sierks, District #8; W.:B.: Edward Nolte, District #9; W.:B.: Suman Vallabhkhair, District #11; W.:B.: Randall L. Hart, District #15; W.:B.: Roger A. Deininger, District #17; W.:B.: Arthur S. Dye, District #18; W.:B.: Carl C. Plants, District #19; W.:B.: Wayne E. Beatty, District #21; W.:B.: Delmar A. Jones, District #24; W.:B.: Philip E. Darby, Jr., District #25; W.:B.: Richard H. Cooper, District #30; M.:W.: Kenneth G. Fleming, District #31; W.:B.: Frank Veverka, District #34; W.:B.: James R. Taylor, District #35; W.:B.: Bruce A. Watkins, District #36; W.:B.: Dean Papenhagen, District #38; W.:B.: Harold W. Noble, DGC Emeritus; W.:B.: Alvin O. Benemerito, DGC Apprentice; and W.:B.: Robert Hoagland, DGC Apprentice.

The following Deputy Grand Custodians were absent: W.:B.: James E. Cornish, District #4 (3 years); W.:B.: Lloyd F. Vrtiska, District #7 (3 years); W.:B.: Steven A. Green, District #10 (1 year); W.:B.: Ashley H. Story, District #13 (2 years); W.:B.: Arthur J. Ferguson, District #26 (3 years); W.:B.: Bill Lichtenberger, District #27 (1 year); W.:B.: Jack D. Nichols, District #28 (1 year); W.:B.: Leslie A. Evert, District #29 (1 year); W.:B.: Glenn R. Mulholland, District #33 (1 year); and W.:B.: Albert A. Wise, District #37 (1 year). As per section 1-202 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the Deputy Grand Custodians who have been absent from the Annual Custodian School for three years must show cause to the Grand Master. I ask that those of you with a three-year absence please contact the Grand Master.

I have noticed there are some questions regarding lodge certification; the following rules were adopted in 1989 to standardize the requirements:

1. The installed officers must open and close the lodge in all 3 degrees.
2. All parts of the degrees must be portrayed by members of the lodge.
3. The esoteric portion of all lectures must be given by members of the lodge.
4. The examination will include the use of the rods, gavels, working tools, etc. and must be conducted in a lodge room.

I want to ask that every brother Mason assist me to find dedicated proficient men to fill the districts of Deputy Grand Custodians. I would also ask that any of the brethren who are interested in becoming proficient in the esoteric work of Masonry and possibly someday being a Deputy Grand Custodian please contact me at scottkrieger@windstream.net.

I will be looking for apprentice custodians for every district in the state of Nebraska throughout my term as Grand Custodian. I am not limiting any number of apprentice custodians in any district, so the more the merrier. Please help us!

I look forward to working with the Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Custodians and 2010 lodge officers throughout the next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 332, 33
Grand Custodian

Grand Custodian Krieger moved for the acceptance of the printed report with the inclusion of any additional information that may have been received since its printing. The motion was approved and the report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

The United Grand Lodges of Serbia has requested recognition in 2009. We are presently investigating to see if it meets the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and our Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws Section 1 - 306 – Standards of 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 they be carried forward for further consideration in the ensuing year.

Grand Lodge of the State of Guanajuato (Mexico), Grand Lodge of Cyprus, 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).

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.

As always, the Grand Representative of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions are urged to communicate with their counterparts; and, if possible, make arrangements to visit the jurisdiction they represent.

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
Robert A. Jones, 83
Cullen F. Pilker, 39
Ex-Officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

W.:B.: Zwart moved for the adoption of the Fraternal Relations Report, as printed. The motion was seconded and the report was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

K. Roger Dill, Chairman

As chairman of this committee, I would like to thank the committee members, the staff of the Grand Lodge, the band directors and the chaperones who make this job very easy. This was the 15th year of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band and we made a couple of changes. Our logo was changed to better reflect the musical aspect of our group and we added a performance to our program. We performed at the Shrine banquet on Friday, led the Shrine parade on Saturday, played for the retirement home in Havelock, played the Star Spangled Banner on the field for the pre-game and were the featured entertainment for half-time. As you can tell, the 240 performing students were busy.

Due to a smaller number of chaperones this year, we had to make a couple of changes in our evening activities. We continued our rehearsal on Tuesday, swimming or a movie on Wednesday, a dance on Thursday, a pizza party and talent show on Friday and bowling on Saturday afternoon. However, we did not allow students to return to the dorm before the activity was over as we have in the past. This would have created a lack of proper supervision, for which we are noted. The week was without incident and very little discipline was needed.

The youth who attend this camp are nominated by their band directors and we have some of the finest musicians and best acting students from throughout the state. Their way is paid for by scholarships provided by Masonic lodges throughout the state, Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine organizations, individual members and other donors. This year, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbows donated the water bottles. This was a great way to introduce these fine organizations to the students, as their logos and web addresses were on the bottles.

This year, we gave the students the option of purchasing clothing items with the new logo. The items available included sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts and shorts. The items were very well received and will soon be available on the Grand Lodge website and open to everyone. We have found this helps to defray other expenses.

A special thank you to Dave Watts for the use of his trailer to help store and move the band instruments from one place to another. The truck crew does a great job of keeping everything in order and helping us stay on time with our rehearsals.

Michelle Fulmer deserves a big thank you from all of us. Without her input to this program, it would not happen. The band camp does a very good job of promoting Masonry and Masonic values to not only the students but also the parents, friends and relatives of the students. We receive many thank yous from all who attend and see the results of a week's hard work.

Respectfully submitted
K. Roger Dill, 310, Chairman
E. Thomas Spunaugle, 38 & 198
Donald G. Havekost, 132 & 72
Bryan L. Regier, 15
Jan Thoman, OES
Barry M. Carlson, 297, Ad hoc
Joseph A. Chapman, 21, Ad hoc
Robert Rolfs, 102, Ad hoc

Before W.:B.: Roger Dill moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee, he noted that the date of the band camp in 2010 would be June 15-19 due to the Shrine Bowl being moved up one month, and that the band committee is always looking for new chaperones. He commented, "I think any chaperone that has volunteered in the past would say that they had a very positive experience. We do need chaperones to help with the youth, so I'll be watching for a show of hands as we take this vote and I'll assume that you're volunteering to chaperone also." Brother Dill then moved for the adoption of the report as printed. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.:B.: Reno asked Deputy Grand Master John Parsons to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations. R.:W.:B.: Parsons gave the general instructions and indicated the voting would first be attempted by a show of raising the paper ballots in the air, then moving to a paper ballot if necessary.

Recommendation No. 1

I recommend that **Section 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETAIRES** be amended as follows by deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES – The Secretary of each chartered subordinate lodge shall, in addition to the usual duties incident to such office, include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions and a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended and expelled. He shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a Brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the Brother himself, or by any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body. Upon receipt of a petition for membership in his lodge, he shall at once pass the fee accompanying the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 2-606. He shall obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation or incidental expenses, and shall not retain them from funds received by him.

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year. ~~The Secretary shall also prepare an application for the Rock Maul Award, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such application to the Grand Secretary postmarked not later than the 31st day of December of each calendar year.~~

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Reno gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. There being no discussion, Deputy Grand Master called for the question and, by a show of raised ballots, the motion passed with a two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 2

I recommend that **Section 3-102 - ENUMERATED** be amended as follows by adding certain language, so that such section will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

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

(h) The dispensing, sale or consumption of any intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, except in an official Masonic ceremony, in any portion of a dedicated lodge building where Masonic activities are held *before or* during a tyled meeting of any lodge or appendant body.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Reno gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, by a show of raised ballots, the motion failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 3

I recommend that **Section 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** be amended as follows by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The ~~Commencing January 1, 2005, the~~ per capita tax shall be divided *and paid* as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial –	
<i>January 2010</i>	<i>.50</i>
<i>January 2011 and thereafter</i>	<i>1.00</i>
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00
commencing January 2008	17.00
commencing January 2009	18.00
commencing January 2010	19.00
commencing January 2011	20.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

If Recommendation No. 3 passes, the following Section must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the allocation of funds and to maintain consistency within the Bylaws.

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 struck out:

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 per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$2.00 for the first year commencing on

the first day of January, 2008, and one dollar per year for the next three years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, ~~and 2011 - \$23.50~~ and 2011 - \$24.00. 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.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Russ gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After discussion, by a show of raised ballots, the motion passed with a two-thirds majority vote.

VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented at the 152nd Annual Communication in February 2009:

Resolution No. 1

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.

Sec. 1-406 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2010, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	.50	
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2008	17.00	
commencing January 2009	18.00	
commencing January 2010	19.00	33.50
commencing January 2011	20.00	43.50
commencing January 2012		53.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX

And, accordingly, amend Section 2-601 to reflect that per capita tax shall accrue as follows:

2010	\$38.50
2011	\$48.50
2012	\$58.50

R.:W.:B.: Parsons asked one or more of the signers of Resolution No. 1 to state their position and rationale for the proposal. Brother Paul Rutherford, a signer on Resolution No. 1, gave his rationale for proposing the Resolution. A motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 1 was made and seconded. After discussion, the vote, by a show of ballots raised, failed to achieve a required two-thirds majority vote.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.:B.: Reno 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 Education
- George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee
- Grand Lodge Office
- Lodge Advisory
- Public Relations Committee
- Membership
- Grievances
- Charters and Dispensations
- Awards
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Necrology – Report received during Public Opening

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Education Committee consists of Bob Whipple, Dale Anderson, Denny Brydl, Eduardo Casas, Jeremy Myers, John Parsons, Larry Jacobsen, Mike Webb, Ron Stites, and Tom Hauder. These brethren work very hard to support the many projects of the committee. The committee is constantly on the lookout for more brethren with the same desire to assist in bringing Masonic Education to the Masons of Nebraska. More support is needed from the Western and Northern parts of Nebraska. Experience is not necessary, everyone else started with limited knowledge in Masonry and only the desire to learn and share their knowledge with others.

The Education Committee launched the Nebraska Masonic Education portal at www.nebraskamasoniceducation.com. This site is dedicated to bringing together a wide variety of educational materials, presentations and short courses on Masonry. These materials are available for use by any lodge or Mason seeking further information in Masonry. One of the more popular parts of the website is the online discussion forum where brothers can exchange ideas and opinions on Masonic Education.

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, John Parsons and others, 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 being provided by the SRICF and the Saints John Lodge of Education in addition to members of the Education Committee.

All Masons enter in Masonry with an obligation to seek more “Light in Masonry.” The Grand Lodge Education Committee has taken on the charge to direct Nebraska Masons to sources of the light of Masonic education. The committee member’s time, not to mention the committee’s meek budget, doesn’t give them the luxury of being able to visit each lodge and deliver Masonic Education. The Masonic Education Symposium is held two times a year, as a tool used to demonstrate how any member or lodge can deliver Masonic Education to their members. The Masonic Education Symposiums are held in March and October. These are professional programs, which allow the attendees to walk away with Masonic history, philosophy, information, etc., about the fraternity. More importantly, it will give the attendees a demonstration of how to present Masonic Education to their own lodge. In addition, a game of Masonic Jeopardy is presented. Many of the committee members enjoy this, as much as the Masons that attend. Mike Webb stepped up this year to assist in bringing Masonry to anyone in the Western half of Nebraska who requested it. Mike held several mini-symposiums to bring Masonic Education into the Blue Lodge.

This year, as in the past, the Masonic Education Committee begins the year with the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Breakfast. A professional Masonic Education program is presented by the talented members of the committee. Masons from all over Nebraska have the opportunity to attend this presentation and go home with a little more knowledge about the fraternity. In addition, the committee makes book reading recommendations that enable the Masons of Nebraska to expand their Masonic knowledge even more.

Masonic Education should be a part of the monthly business meetings. The internet is a valuable source of Masonic information. Masonic Education can be brought into the business meeting simply by finding a 5-10 minute definition of a Masonic Symbol. Another method is to hold a short discussion, whether during the business meeting or after. Many members have opinions of “meaning of Masonic symbolism,” “Masonic values,” “potential of Masonry influence in current society,” etc. Many times during these discussions, members find that their opinions change, after hearing a different slant on the topic. Many times, the discussion is difficult to end, and continues after the meeting is over.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee continues to support 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. This conference includes the jurisdictions of Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Manitoba, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The 2010 conference will be held in Kansas City on May 7 - 9.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Saints John Lodge) continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. There are 2 meetings per year, on St. John the Baptist Day and St. John the Evangelist Day. The meetings include papers being presented by members and of course, no Masonic gathering would be complete without a meal. Any member of the committee will be happy to give anyone more information and instruction on how to join.

The Masonic Education Committee continues to request brethren who have e-mail addresses, to give it to the Grand Lodge. Contacting the Grand Lodge is all it takes to get

your e-mail address on the list. This will enable a member to be notified about Masonic Education activities in the area, not to mention Grand Lodge activities.

Thanks to the members of the committee and other volunteers who take the time and effort to make the presentations; to the Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge staff for the great support the committee receives; and to the lodges and valleys who volunteer to support the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Denny H. Brydl, 287, 314 & 332, Chairman
Thomas L. Hauder, 332
Robert D. Whipple, 281
Eduardo Casas, 317
W. Larry Jacobsen, 327
Jeremy Myers, 112
Dale W. Anderson, 158, Ad Hoc
Ronald D. Stites, 268, Ad Hoc
Michael J. Webb, 46, Ad Hoc

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

Warren D. Lichy, Chairman

On February 22, 1910, Freemasons from all across the country met at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in Alexandria, VA, to create a permanent chartered association to build a suitable memorial to the memory of the Father of our Country and America's foremost Mason. Thus was born the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. On February 22, 2010, the Association will celebrate its Centennial at that beautiful Memorial building.

The new President of the Association, M.:W.:B.: Anthony P. Wordlow, PGM of California, will preside. On June 8, 1783, George Washington wrote, in a "Circular to the States, Notwithstanding the cup of blessing is thus reached out to us, notwithstanding happiness is ours if we have a disposition to seize the occasion and make it our own...." Thomas Jefferson, not a Freemason, said of Washington, "And it may be truly said that never did nature and fortune combine more perfectly to make a man great."

Time passes, and Warren Lichy has asked the Grand Master-Elect not to reappoint him as Chairman of this Grand Lodge Committee. He has done the job for something like 30 years, and now it is time for enthusiastic youth to take over.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren D. Lichy, 314, Chairman
Gayle L. Angus, 297 & 95
Charles A. Folsom, 15 & 119
Richard L. Hill, 317
Kyle J. Peterson, 5 & 274

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 one occasion and at other times through the use of e-mail. The results of the actions taken by this committee follow:

- **Mileage Reimbursement Amount** – No change was made in the mileage reimbursement rate for eligible members of the Grand Lodge traveling in an official capacity. The mileage reimbursement rate remains at 30 cents per mile
- **Grand Lodge Fixed Assets** – The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge. There were no purchases of equipment during 2009 and none of the current fixed assets were deleted.
- **Committee Budget** – The 2010 budget request for the Grand Lodge Office Committee was set at \$60.
- **Grand Lodge Liability and Insurance Package** – The current status of the insurance package carried by the Grand Lodge was reviewed. The Grand Lodge Office provides health, dental and life insurance covering the two office employees. Current premiums are as follows: \$2,355.20/month health, \$85.36/month dental, \$37.57/month for \$25,000 life insurance. The term life insurance was increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for the 2010 Masonic year. The Grand Lodge Office Committee decided to stay with the same insurance companies for 2010 – Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health, MetLife for dental and United States Life for life insurance.
- **Grand Lodge Office Policies** – The Grand Lodge Office Policy Manual was reviewed and updated during the current year.
- **CHIP Program** – Since the CHIP Foundation uses resources of the Grand Lodge, an Administrative Fee is charged to cover payroll, rent, and other elements of overhead. The fee was set at \$1,330 per month for 2010. This is an increase of \$30 per month over the 2009 fee.
- **Grand Lodge Office Employees** – Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and communicated to the employees.

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 & 332, Chairman
Christopher M. Carter, 268
Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79
W. Glen Jorgenson, 50 & 211
Suman Vallabhbbhai, 314
Ex-officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

REPORT OF THE LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel J. Wellendorf, Chairman

During 2009, the Lodge Advisory Committee was contacted by, and accordingly visited, three lodges. I also visited with two other lodges who had not "requested" assistance.

I am happy to report that, after discussing the options and being presented with ideas on how to become more viable in the community, four of the five lodges have chosen to put forth an extra effort in the coming year, and continue to provide a Masonic presence in their community. The fifth lodge, however, had become unable to continue and chose to consolidate with a neighboring lodge.

It is my belief that if these lodges, and any other lodges experiencing difficulties, will simply put forth a little "effort" and utilize the activities and ideas provided by the Grand Lodge Officers and the Public Relations Committee, there is no excuse for a lodge in any size community to fail.

I also want to thank Grand Master Russ Reno for assisting with these meetings, as his knowledge and concern had a profound effect on the membership's willingness to continue providing their area with a Masonic presence.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger A. Deininger, 317, Chairman
Robert D. Kinsey, 297
Byron L. Hust, 198
Jack D. Nichols, 265 & 285

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Curtis Edic, Chairman

The mission of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee is to provide communications to promote Masonry more effectively. The redesign of the recruitment packet was finalized, including the "Masonic Charities" and "Who are Freemasons" brochures, as well as the recruitment folder itself. The new recruitment packets have been printed and are now available from the Grand Lodge Office.

The Public Relations Committee would like to thank the Grand Lodge Office staff for their help with publishing periodical articles on the Grand Lodge website (www.gln.org), and circulating various news releases throughout the year. In 2009, the Grand Lodge Office orchestrated and implemented a new online combined Masonic calendar on the Grand Lodge website. Each appendant body in the state has their own login and password for the calendar and is invited to enter important dates on the calendar and link to it from their organization's website. The hope is that the calendar will help prevent conflicts with Masonic events being scheduled on the same dates by providing a place where all dates in Nebraska Masonry can be found in one place.

The Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program continues to progress with a lot of success. The Public Relations Committee is grateful to lodges and appendant bodies that held CHIP events throughout the state in 2009. All lodges are encouraged to provide this valuable service to the children in their communities, while promoting the good of Masonry.

The committee continues to focus on the Masonic recruitment video and work will persist throughout 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Edic, 1 & 268, Chairman
Gregory D. Beebe, 119
Eric Dinger, 297
Brett R. Bennett, 6
W. Keith Neisler, 1 & 302
Ex-officio: Worthy Grand Matron, OES

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Edward W. Nolte, Chairman

The purpose of this report is to do the following:

- Identify the Nebraska Grand Lodge Membership Committee members, who supported the Grand Lodge and the Masons of Nebraska for 2009.
- Describe what the committee did in the way of leadership, management, and activities to improve and increase membership in 2009.
- Show the results achieved from this effort.
- Analyze what was successful, what was not, and what needs additional emphasis in the future.

The Committee: The Grand Lodge Membership Committee for 2009 consisted of brothers Ed Nolte as Chairman, Steve Barchus, Patrick Barger, C. Scott McDaniel and John Wonder, with Randall Ogier and Stan Thayer serving as ad hoc members, and R.:W.:B.: E. David Watts, 2009 Grand Senior Warden, as our advisor and strong supporter. The committee worked hard this year to make significant improvements in Masonic membership across Nebraska.

Leadership, Management and Activities: Beginning at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M of Nebraska in February 2009, the Grand Lodge Membership Committee did the following:

- Briefed the membership on the overall status of membership over the last 50 years to present the “big picture” of where we have been, where we are currently, and where we are going relative to membership in Nebraska.
 - Showed how membership has declined from a high of 48,000 members in 1958 to 13,498 members at the end of 2008.
 - Showed the steady decline of 2-6% per year each and every year of the last 50 years for a total loss of 72% of our membership strength.
 - Described the goal of raising 1,000 to 1,200 new Masons.
 - Challenged the members to each make a difference and help turn around the decline.
- Met with the other committees at the All-Committee Meeting in Fremont in April.
- Held several planning meetings in Omaha and Lincoln to develop a comprehensive plan to address all aspects of membership in very large, large, medium, and small lodges across Nebraska.
- Briefed the Grand Lodge Line Officers in Lincoln on our plans and obtained approval of that plan.

- Divided the state into 18 regions with each region containing 5-10 lodges, which would or could work together to increase activities for their members, improve lodge visibility to those who might want to become a Mason, improve relevance to their community, and improve the ability to deliver the degrees for new Masons.
- Worked with the Membership Chairman and the Master in each lodge through the briefing, Grand Lodge website, and questionnaires.
- Established a concept of Friendship Dinners, which has proven successful in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fremont, and elsewhere to ensure that lodges had a proven tool to help increase membership.
- Fostered and promoted the concept of One-Day Degrees, again proven successful in large and small communities in Eastern Nebraska over the last 10 or more years, to provide a cadre of Masons who are capable of performing quality ritual work and all facets of the degrees to initiate, pass, and raise prospective members.
- Offered to help set up the Friendship Dinners, One-Day Degrees, or any other activity for those that requested support.
- Developed and distributed a questionnaire for all lodges to survey what lodges are doing in the way of activities, functions, meetings, ritual proficiency, Masonic service, and what they needed most.
- Challenged each Mason in Nebraska to bring in just one new member because neither the Grand Lodge Officers, the Membership Committee, nor the Master of each lodge can do what needs to be done by themselves—it takes every brother to be a part of the solution.

The Results: At the beginning of 2009, there were 13,498 Masons in Nebraska in 148 lodges, and at the end of 2009, instead of raising 1,000 to 1,200 new Masons and showing an increase in membership, there are 13,073 Masons in Nebraska in 147 lodges, representing a loss of 425 Masons and 1 lodge. At a macro level and on the positive side, lodges across Nebraska raised 256 new Masons, affiliated 22, obtained 28 dual members, reinstated 109, and obtained 21 from consolidation for a total of 436 gains. On the loss side, lodges lost 33 members to demits, 326 to death, 458 to suspensions, 3 to withdrawals, 18 to termination of dual memberships, and 23 to other causes for a total of 861 losses. The difference between gains and losses resulted in a reduction in membership of 425 brothers.

The Analysis: The results obtained from the Nebraska Grand Lodge Membership Committee's leadership, management, activities, and efforts were certainly not what we had worked to achieve. However, some results from the membership numbers show where we need to focus our attention in the future.

Raising New Master Masons: For 2009, Nebraska Masonic lodges raised 256 new Masons, which is respectable, but it was down by 72, or 22%, from 2008's 328 raisings and well below the stated goal of 1,000 to 1,200 new Masons. The drop from 2008 is a significant enough difference to say that we should place additional emphasis on raising more new Masons. Statistically, losses from all sources is such that unless we can generate numbers approaching 1,000, total membership will nearly always show a loss. While there is no "magic or symbolic number," a Grand Lodge target of 1,000 new Masons in 2010 with a monthly "thermometer chart" is a worthwhile goal. We need to work to engage each Member in this activity to be successful. Everyone needs to be engaged, and if necessary, we need to incentivize them to be engaged.

Other Membership Increases: These sources for 2009 included 22 affiliations, 28 dual memberships, 109 reinstatements, and 21 consolidations for a total of 180 additional members. For 2008, these same categories were 72 affiliations, 49 dual memberships, 118 reinstatements, and 56 consolidations for a total of 295 new members. Therefore, affiliations were down by 50 (69.4%) and dual memberships were down by 21 (42.9%), and overall was down approximately 115 or 39%. Consolidation reflects the closure of a lodge and is merely a means of keeping the books. When one lodge consolidates with another, one lodge shows a total loss of membership and the gaining lodge shows an equivalent increase, a zero sum issue within the membership statistics. While the membership numbers do not change, the loss of that lodge is significant. Of particular note, the loss of DeWitt Lodge No. 111 caused the 21-member increase for Blue Valley Lodge No. 64 in Wilber. However, the community of DeWitt lost the presence of the local Masonic lodge that had been a part of that community since 1883.

Membership Losses: Losses in membership derive from six sources: Demits, Deaths, Suspensions, Withdrawals, Termination of Duals, and Other. In 2009, membership losses included 33 demits, 326 deaths, 458 suspensions, 3 withdrawals, 18 terminations of duals, and 23 others for a total of 861 losses.

Demits: The 33 demits are a mixed category because a demit could be from one Nebraska lodge to another Nebraska lodge and, therefore, not result in an overall loss of membership for Nebraska. However, if the demit is from Nebraska to another State, it is a loss for Nebraska, but not for Masonry in general. Demits show a reduction from 69 in 2008 to 33 in 2009, but this is not an area for significant concern.

Deaths: Death claimed 340 of our Nebraska Masonic brethren this year, and of all of the factors that affect membership, this is the one for which we have no control or direct input. With a generally aging membership, this is a fact that always has and always will continue to affect our membership. While our losses in this category are 31.1% less than 2008's 473 losses, each brother made a contribution to our fraternity and some made significant contributions. Each brother is missed by his family, his community, and his lodge.

Suspensions: The largest, single source of loss to our total membership is suspensions, mostly for non-payment of dues. In 2009, 458 Masons or 3.5% of our total membership was suspended. This number is more significant to the overall membership equation than any other single factor in either the gains or losses column. In fact, it was larger than the combined total of all sources of gains for 2009. With suspensions as the largest source of membership loss, not just for 2009, but year after year, we need to examine the causes of this sustained decline. Are we not impressing upon our candidates the long-term commitment involved in becoming a Freemason? Are we not sufficiently explaining the significant difference between casually joining a fraternity and becoming a Freemason? In our overall zest for membership, are we enabling our members to bypass Blue Lodge involvement? What is it that these departing members think or feel that Nebraska Freemasonry owes them that they were not receiving? Why do some refer to Masonic value and others to Masonic cost? Why did these brethren not bond or find value the way the other 96.5% did for 2009? The topic of suspensions requires significant Grand Lodge leadership and Membership Committee attention to reduce this number as much as possible.

In analyzing suspensions, it is necessary to look at results by the lodge size. I have categorized our lodges into four groups based on their 2009 membership rolls: Small Lodges (50 or fewer members), Medium Lodges (51-100 Members), Large Lodges (101-

200 Members), and Very Large Lodges (201-500 Members). Analysis of suspensions relative to these lodge size standards is shown in the table below.

	All Lodges	Small Lodges	Medium Lodges	Large Lodges	Very Large Lodges
Criteria	11-495 Members	11-50 Members	51-100 Members	101-200 Members	201-500 Members
Number of Lodges in Size Standard and % of Lodge in Standard	147 (100%)	65 (44.2%)	38 (25.9%)	26 (17.7%)	18 (12.2%)
Total Membership and % of Total Membership	13073 (100%)	2151 (16.45%)	2602 (19.90%)	3572 (27.32%)	4748 (36.32%)
Average Lodge Size in Standard	88.93	33.09	68.47	137.38	263.78
Suspensions and % of Total Suspensions	458 (100%)	42 (9.17%)	69 (15.07%)	139 (30.35%)	209 (45.63%)
Average Suspensions per Lodge	3.11	0.65	1.82	5.35	11.61
Average Suspensions per Capita	0.0350 (3.5/100 Members)	0.0195 (1.95/100 Members)	0.0265 (2.65/100 Members)	0.0389 (3.89/100 Members)	0.0440 (4.4/100 Members)

From the Table above, the average number of suspensions per lodge among all Nebraska lodges was 3.11 members, derived from dividing the total number of suspensions (458) by the number of lodges (147), but due to the great difference in the membership size of our lodges, ranging from 11 to 495 members, Small Lodges have suspension rates that are 20% of this overall average and Very Large Lodges have suspension rates that are 373% of this number. Therefore, this is intuitively not a fair comparison. A better comparison among the various-sized lodges is the Average Suspensions per Capita within the four groups. From this metric, we find that as lodge size increases, the number of suspensions per capita increases. In fact, Very Large Lodges suspend their Members at per capita rates nearly 2.25 times that of Small Lodges, 1.66 times that of Medium Lodges, and 1.13 times that of even Large Lodges. Why? Is it geographic, is it cost driven, or is it attachment to the lodge and the community?

Geographic Question: Are all of the very large-sized lodges that experience the highest suspension rates just in Omaha and Lincoln?

Answer: No, not exclusively. Of the 18 lodges in the very large-sized category, 13 are located in Omaha and Lincoln. However, 5 of these 18 lodges are not in Omaha or Lincoln and include Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield; Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth; Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont; Mid-West No. 317 in Hastings; and Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney. Of note, among the 18 lodges in this category, just 3 lodges, or 2% of all lodges in Nebraska, suspended 112 Members, which is 53.6% of the total amount for this category and 24.5% of all suspensions for all lodges in Nebraska. Additionally, half of all suspensions come from just 11 of the 147 Nebraska lodges, with the other 50% coming from the next 69 lodges. Among this group of 80 lodges, which suspended at least one Member, 4 suspended at least 10 Members, 6 suspended 10-20 Members, 2 suspended 30-40 Members, and 1 lodge suspended 47 Members. In fact, 67 lodges did not have a single suspension. They are to be commended.

Cost and Attachment to the Lodge/Community Questions: Do the Very Large Lodges that produce higher suspension rates also have high cost of membership that members are reluctant to continue to pay?

Answer: The answers to these questions were beyond the Membership Committee’s review this year, but are something that could and should be addressed in the future.

Questionnaire and Results: The Grand Lodge Membership Committee developed and sent a questionnaire to all 147 lodges in Nebraska requesting information to better serve their needs in the areas of membership and membership activities. We received 58 responses for a 40% response rate. Here is a sampling of some of the questions and the responses.

Question	Yes	No	NA
Does your Lodge hold regular monthly communications with at least eight members attending to open Lodge?	46	12	0
Is your Lodge represented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication?	54	4	0
Has your Lodge held a multiple-candidate degree (2-5)?	33	24	1
Has your Lodge hosted a one-day conferral?	12	45	1
Is your Lodge capable of conferring the EA, FC, and MM Degree (less lectures)? <i>Combined sample Q&A.</i>	47	10	1
Is your Lodge capable of presenting all lectures?	22	35	1
Does a DeMolay Chapter, Jobs Daughters Bethel, Rainbow Assembly or other Youth Groups meet at your Lodge? <i>Combined sample Q&A.</i>	26	30	2
Do community groups or organizations use your building?	31	25	2
Does your Lodge conduct fundraising activities?	32	22	4
Does your Lodge participate in community parades?	18	36	4
Would your Lodge consider participating in a one-day conferral?	28	29	1
Would your members assist with a one-day conferral hosted by another Lodge?	51	6	1
Has your Lodge held a Friendship Dinner (prospect night)?	23	31	4
Are your Lodge activities viewed as relevant in your community?	29	25	4
Does your Lodge support Masonic All-Star Band?	49	4	5
Does your Lodge support the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP)?	42	11	5
Does your Lodge have an academic scholarship program?	48	5	5
Does your Lodge utilize the Grand Lodge's academic scholarship program?	47	6	5
Does your Lodge generally donate money to the Nebraska Masonic Home, Omaha Home for Boys, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Masonic Youth Groups, or any other non-Masonic Adult groups? <i>Combined sample Q&A.</i>	46	7	5

From this questionnaire, with the limited response of less than half of the lodges, and not attributing any answer to any particular lodge, it was generally determined that most lodges are doing most of the degree work with some difficulty with lectures; supporting Masonic youth groups and charities; and supporting academic scholarships and CHIP. However, there is limited participation in one-day degrees, multiple lodge cooperation in putting on these degrees, and friendship dinners. These are three areas for potential expansion of these proven tools to increase membership in the future.

The complete results from the questionnaire are available at the Grand Lodge website through Michelle for the Membership Committee, the Grand Lodge Officers, and other interested brethren with a need for the information.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edward W. Nolte, 39, Chairman
 Steven R. Barchus, 302
 Patrick Barger, 5, 54 & 332
 C. Scott McDaniel, 75
 John J. Wonder, 290

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Don C. Bottorf, Chairman

The Grievances Committee had no matter of appeals or grievances for examination, report or recommendation, submitted to it for the 2009 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Don C. Bottorf, 79, Chairman
Robert J. Parker, 317
Jay H. Speck, 6
Charles Hastings, 317

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Scott C. Brendel, Chairman

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,
Scott G. Brendel, 146, Chairman
H. Frank Erickson, 146
Phillip F. Harris, 290

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Michael J. Webb, Chairman

The Awards Committee considered several recommendations for awards over the past year and approved the awarding of nine (9) Masonic Individual Achievement Awards and one (1) Recognition Awards for Non-Masons. Our committee congratulates these worthy recipients, and encourages more submissions by all lodges in 2009.

The committee conversed via e-mail during January to review the applications for the major awards. We were pleased, overall, at the quality of submissions, but are again concerned with the small number of submissions received for all awards.

The **Gold Pan** award had two (2) submissions, down from four (4) in 2008. The **Rock Maul** award had fifteen (15) submissions, up slightly from thirteen (13) in 2008. There were six (6) submissions of the new combined application for the **Nebraska Pillar** and **Grand Master's Leadership** awards, compared to six (6) for the Pillar award and four (4) for the Leadership award in 2008.

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.

The committee would like to thank Grand Master Russ Reno and his Grand Lodge Officers for their concern and support, as well as Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Webb, 46, Chairman
Michael D. Lagueux, 54
Kevin R. Lindly, 148
Maynard L. Smith, 102
Tyler J. Weers, 297

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

D. Tyson Boellstorff, Chairman

The Internet Committee met at the All Committee meeting in April, and has reviewed suggestions and requests regarding the website forwarded to the committee from the office manager throughout the year.

The current server and computers in the Grand Lodge Office are now five years old and the possibility of acquiring new equipment in the coming year to provide the highest level of protection for the electronic assets of the Grand Lodge is being investigated.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Tyson Boellstorff, 110, Chairman
Alan Anderson, 327
W. Scott Dodge, 94, 210 & 297
John W. Kelley, 3
Dean Papenhagen, 50
Ex-Officio: Thomas L. Hauder, 332



Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins presented plaques of appreciation to M.:W.:B.: Reno from the Masonic Service Association of North America for supporting the hospital visitation program, and the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association for his interest in and support of the Memorial.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER’S APRON AND PAST GRAND MASTER’S JEWEL

M.:W.:B.: Past Grand Master James F. Brown, Jr. made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master’s Apron and Jewel to M.:W.:B.: Reno.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.:W.:B.: Grand Secretary Bruce A. Watkins announced that he received the following three resolutions, which according to the Bylaws, subject to clearance by the Jurisprudence Committee, will be read and laid over until the session next year. The resolutions are resubmissions of a resolution which was not voted upon at this Annual Communication, and one that was voted upon at this Annual Communication, but failed to receive the necessary votes.

Resolution No. 1

Governance by:
Section 1-104 – Votes in Grand Lodge
Section 1-404 – Allocation of Funds
Section 1-502 – Amendments

Proposed Resolution:

1) To prohibit any votes for (3) consecutive years on any resolution brought before the Grand Lodge to be voted upon which changes, or proposes to change Sec 404, Allocation of Funds, from the time a second failing vote has been recorded on any resolution, or proposed amendment, to the established level of Fund Allocations then in place and/or published in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Constitution and By-Laws in Section 1-404.

2) Any similarly proposed change to Code Sec 1-404, when brought forth by Resolution and duly signed by five (5) voting members of any lodge within the Nebraska Jurisdiction, *shall not be considered as a new proposal for change* to a previously defeated resolution **in the prior two** Grand Lodge annual sessions when the subject pertains solely to the change in amounts of fund allocations with new years of enforcement indicated in the proposed resolution.

Resolution No. 2

Amend **ARTICLE II – MEMBERS** of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

**ARTICLE II.
MEMBERS**

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or ~~their proxy proxies~~, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; *provided however, no member shall hold more than two proxies for any and all subordinate lodges of which he is a member;* and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

Rationale: Brothers in lodge leadership positions need to be aware of what transpires at Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge so they are better prepared to serve as Master of their lodge, and so they can offer insight about how their Grand Lodge should address challenges and opportunities facing our fraternity. This applies to every Master no matter how many times he has served in office. Providing several proxies to one brother to represent one or several lodges and officers limits the exposure of lodge leaders to the programs and the direction of their Grand Lodge. This amendment to the Constitution requires a higher commitment from lodges and their leaders to represent their lodge at Annual Communication and exposing them to plans, information and ideas they will be able to apply in their lodge. The Grand Lodge is comprised of the leaders of our lodges, who should be committed to their obligation and be involved in their Grand Lodge.

Resolution No. 3

Amend **ARTICLE II – MEMBERS** and **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS** of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language struck out:

**ARTICLE II.
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**ARTICLE V.
OFFICERS**

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:

- The Most Worshipful Grand Master
- The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
- The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden
- The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden
- The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
- The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain
- The Worshipful Grand Orator
- The Worshipful Grand Historian
- The Worshipful Grand Custodian
- The Worshipful Grand Marshal
- The Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon
- The Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon
- The Worshipful Grand Senior Steward
- The Worshipful Grand Junior Steward
- The Grand Tyler

The office of Grand Musician may also be appointed, if desired.

Rationale: We have talented brothers who can add much to the quality of Grand Lodge activities during the year and Annual Communication due to their musical abilities. This amendment would not require the appointment of a Grand Musician, but leaves the decision up to the Grand Master.

Resolution No. 4

Amend **Section 1-404 – 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.

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2011, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial	.50	
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	2.50
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2008	17.00	
commencing January 2009	18.00	
commencing January 2010	19.00	
commencing January 2011	20.00	
<i>commencing January 2012</i>		22.00
<i>commencing January 2013</i>		23.00
<i>commencing January 2014</i>		24.00
<i>commencing January 2015</i>		25.00
<i>commencing January 2016</i>		26.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX

And accordingly amend Section 2-601 to reflect that per capita tax shall accrue as follows:

2012 – 26.50	2013 – 27.50	2014 – 28.50	2015 – 29.50	2016 – 30.50
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NOTE: In November, 2009, Recommendation No. 1 passed, but did not become effective until January 2010. That recommendation changed the number of the Bylaws section entitled Allocation of funds to Section 1-404, the section amended by this Resolution has been named accordingly.

Resolution No. 5

Amend **Section 1-404 – 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.

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2011, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	\$1.00
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial	.50	\$1.00
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	3.00
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2008	17.00	
commencing January 2009	18.00	
commencing January 2010	19.00	
commencing January 2011	20.00	
<i>commencing January 2012</i>		28.50
<i>commencing January 2013</i>		33.50
<i>commencing January 2014</i>		38.50

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX

And accordingly amend Section 2-601 to reflect that per capita tax shall accrue as follows:

- 2012 – 34.00
- 2013 – 39.00
- 2014 – 44.00

Rationale: The Grand Lodge must currently withdraw from the endowment fund each year to cover day to day operating expenses (in 2009 it was projected to withdraw approximately \$60,000). In order for the Grand Lodge to be proactive and effective in achieving its stated Mission and Vision, it must be solvent and able to pay its operating expenses from dues alone, thereby reserving the proceeds of the endowment fund for charitable, fraternal or other activities and programs devised to advance Freemasonry in the state of Nebraska

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAW

Rex J. Moats, Chairman

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 1, the Grand Lodge Bylaws Section 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES will be amended and will read as follows:

Sec. 2-310 – DUTIES OF SECRETARIES – The Secretary of each chartered subordinate lodge shall, in addition to the usual duties incident to such office, include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions and a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended and expelled. He shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a Brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the Brother himself, or by any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body. Upon receipt of a petition for membership in his lodge, he shall at once pass the fee accompanying the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 2-606. He shall obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation or incidental expenses, and shall not retain them from funds received by him.

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3, the Grand Lodge Bylaws Section 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS will be amended and will read as follows:

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – The per capita tax shall be divided and paid as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50
To the George Washington Masonic Memorial –	
January 2010	.50
January 2011 and thereafter	1.00
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00

To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund –January 2010	19.00
January 2011	20.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

As a result of the approval of Recommendation No. 3, the third paragraph of Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS of the Grand Lodge Bylaws is amended immediately as follows:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS –

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 per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$2.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, 2008, and one dollar per year for the next three years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50 and 2011 - \$24.00. 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.

R.:W.:B.: Rex Moats moved that the report be approved. The motion was seconded. With no discussion, the Report of the Committee on Codification of Law was adopted, as summarized, by the Masons assembled.



M.:W.:B.: Reno thanked the brethren for their attendance and encouraged all present to start 2010 off right by donating to the Change for the Troops program on their way out the door.



V.:W.:B.: Grand Chaplain James C. Lapaseotes led the delegation in a closing prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Russell G. Reno closed the 153rd 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 Alliance Lodge No. 183 and Cotner Lodge No. 297.

Organization

of

Grand Lodge

A.:F.: & A.:M.:
of Nebraska



Grand Island, Nebraska
February 5-6, 2010

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**DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS
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NAME **APPOINTED**

District #1

Roy L. Smith, 6, 12200 24th St., Plattsmouth 68048-7802, 402-298-8570 1989
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth; Springfield #112, Springfield

District #2

Augustine S. Scolaro, 3, 801 5th St. N., Bellevue 68005-4303, 402-733-6249 Emeritus
Capitol #3, Omaha; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha;
Mizpah #302, Omaha

District #3

Halsey D. Phillips, 325, 2801 Mars Cir., Bellevue 68005, 402-291-6496 1993
Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh
#327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha

District #4

James E. Cornish, 31, 520 County Road 24, Tekamah 68061-5056, 402-374-1135 ... 1976
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222,
Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig

District #5

Ronald D. Grass, 31, 420 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689 1990
Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Jordan #27, West Point; Northern Light #41, Stanton; Wisner #114,
Wisner; Magnolia #220, Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill

District #6

To Be Appointed
Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Golden Rule #236, Allen; Laurel #248, Laurel

District #7

Lloyd F. Vrtiska, 23, RR 1 Box 99, Table Rock 68447-9756, 402-839-2955 1988
Falls City #9, Falls City; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City

District #8

John C. Sierks, 4, 64708 730 Rd., Brownville 68321-6007, 402-825-6061 1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Trestle Board #162, Brock

District #9

Edward W. Nolte, 39, 4702 Windcrest Dr., Papillion 68133-4767, 402-592-0184 2009
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

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #11

Suman Vallabhbai, 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, 308-567-2405 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

Randall L. Hart, 222 & 31, 412 S 12th St., Tekamah 68061-1444, 402-374-1278 2008
Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Newman Grove #305,
Newman Grove

District #16

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

District #17

Roger A. Deininger, 317, 1319 W. 11th, Hastings 68901-3702, 402-462-8146 1998
Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68,
Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman; Cairo #324, Cairo

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;
Guide Rock #128, Guide Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Mid-West #317, Hastings

District #19

Carl C. Plants, 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521-3701, 402-477-9464 2001
Fidelity #51, David City; Osceola #65, Osceola; Composite #81, Rising City; ; Solar #134, Clarks;
Lebanon #323, Columbus

District #21

Wayne E. Beatty, 126, 12429 P Rd., Stromsburg 68666-5060, 402-764-3950 1984
York #56, York; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg

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

Philip E. Darby, Jr., 61, 1801 Plum Creek Ln., Lexington 68850, 308-324-4548 2006
McCook #135, McCook; 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

NAME **APPOINTED**

District #27

Bill Lichtenberger, 207, 42634 Callaway Rd, Callaway 68825-2547, 308-836-4492 2003
Ord #103, Ord; Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow; 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, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-2238..... 1996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell

District #31

Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308 254-2387..... 2008
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; James L.
Eatmon #294, Kimball

District #32

Roger L. Shillington, 180, 71562 Avenue 343, Max 69037-4411, 308-423-2547..... 1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial

District #33

Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 3020 S. Willow St., North Platte 69101, 308-532-0270 2005
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace; Seneca #284,
Thedford

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

James R. Taylor, 327, 11335 Fowler Ave., Omaha 68164-2220, 402-493-2854..... 2002
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, 402-489-4317..... 1999
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Lincoln; Canopy #209, Elmwood; North
Star #227, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln; Tabula Rasa #332, Lincoln

District #37

Albert A. Wise, 79, 824 H St., Geneva 68361-2025, 402-759-3869..... 1992
Oliver #38, Seward; 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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- Ralph McNulty, 61PO Box 83, Cozad 69130-0083
- A. W. Clark, 33.....219 W. 15th, Grand Island 68801-2521
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- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....5811 Dobsons Rd., Lincoln 68516-3721
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- John Brommer, 1&302 (35)..... 16451 Madison St., Omaha 68135-6353, 402-896-0772
- Jerry Caha, 229 (9) PO Box 353, Ceresco 68017-0353, 402-665-2275
- Robert Hoagland 46&146 (24) 2701 Grand Ave. #66, Kearney 68847, 308-237-9255
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- David A. Kipp, 281 (2)..... 2565 Mary St. Omaha 681112-3215, 402-346-0832
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- Kevin R. Lindly, 148 (27).....819 S 10th Ave., Broken Bow 68822-2417, 308-538-2277
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MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY RECORD

	Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2009	Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2009	Membership Dec. 31, 2008	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL GAIN	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrawn	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL LOSS	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2009
1 - Nebraska	9	0	9	1	172	9	0	2	0	0	0	11	1	7	4	0	1	0	13	170
2 - Western Star	2	1	3	1	154	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	1	0	0	0	8	149
3 - Capitol	7	0	7	1	87	6	0	1	3	0	0	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	94
4 - Nemaha Valley	2	1	1	1	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	6	60
5 - Omadi	9	1	9	2	144	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	143
6 - Plattsmouth	8	2	8	1	281	9	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	289
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	46
10 - Solomon	4	0	4	1	79	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	79
11 - Covert	15	2	13	0	519	15	0	0	12	0	0	27	2	20	33	0	0	1	56	490
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	30
15 - Fremont	6	0	6	1	232	6	2	1	5	0	0	14	1	7	7	0	0	0	15	231
19 - Lincoln	3	4	0	0	188	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	0	9	0	1	0	0	10	183
21 - Washington	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	68
23 - Pawnee	0	1	0	0	142	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	135
26 - Beatrice	3	1	4	0	174	3	0	1	4	0	0	8	0	6	10	0	3	0	19	163
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	15
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	37
31 - Tekamah	0	0	0	0	129	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	124
32 - Platte Valley	1	0	1	0	226	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	2	9	4	0	0	0	15	215
33 - Ashlar	3	3	3	3	167	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	162
34 - Acacia	1	0	1	0	68	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	5	65
35 - Fairbury	2	0	2	0	55	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	52
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	34
37 - Crete	1	0	1	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	57
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	46
39 - Papillion	9	1	8	1	226	7	0	0	4	0	0	11	4	5	6	0	3	0	18	219
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
43 - Hebron	4	0	4	0	43	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	44
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	11
46 - Rob Morris	6	2	5	3	211	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	0	6	2	0	2	0	10	206
50 - Hastings	3	1	2	0	166	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	8	163
51 - Fidelity	1	0	1	2	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	45
52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	30
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	26
54 - Lancaster	22	12	12	10	324	6	1	5	1	0	0	13	0	2	12	0	0	0	14	323
55 - Mosaic	1	0	2	0	117	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	116
56 - York	4	0	4	0	91	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	1	4	3	0	0	0	8	89
57 - Mt Moriah	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	48
59 - Wahoo	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
61 - Thistle	0	0	0	1	144	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	141
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	1	48	0	0	0	0	21	0	21	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	65
65 - Osceola	2	2	2	1	85	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	84
68 - Aurora	1	0	1	1	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	33
72 - Hooper	2	0	2	0	49	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
73 - Friend	1	0	2	0	44	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
75 - Frank Welch	5	0	6	2	120	6	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	5	7	0	0	0	12	117
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	39

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79 - Geneva	1	0	2	1	133	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	126
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
82 - St Paul	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39
83 - Corinthian	0	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	27
89 - Cedar River	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	26
91 - Oakland	1	1	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
94 - Bennett	3	1	3	1	33	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	35
95 - Garfield	3	2	1	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	49
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
97 - Euclid	4	0	4	0	60	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	59
102 - Waterloo	1	0	2	0	104	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	104
103 - Ord	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	23
104 - Wymore	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	43
106 - Porter	2	2	0	0	57	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	56
110 - Pomegranate	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	14	81
111 - DeWitt	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	0
112 - Springfield	20	1	20	1	304	20	1	0	14	0	0	35	1	3	42	0	0	0	46	293
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	34
119 - North Bend	5	2	3	1	88	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	85
120 - Wayne	2	0	2	1	92	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	93
121 - Superior	0	0	1	0	41	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42
126 - Stromsburg	1	1	1	0	71	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	71
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	33
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	35
135 - McCook	0	2	0	1	154	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	3	0	0	0	8	148
136 - Long Pine	1	0	1	2	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	37
146 - Jachin	7	1	8	0	119	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	5	3	1	0	0	9	120
148 - Custer	1	1	0	0	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	107
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	26
158 - Samaritan	1	1	0	0	82	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	82
159 - Ogalalla	0	0	0	0	77	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	72
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	19
167 - Elwood	3	0	3	0	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	30
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	0	0	9	37
180 - Justice	1	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
183 - Alliance	3	0	3	0	144	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	8	0	0	0	15	132
184 - Bee Hive	4	2	3	0	183	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	10	0	0	0	14	172
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
194 - Highland	2	0	2	0	39	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	39
195 - Arcana	0	0	1	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
198 - Purity	0	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	39
200 - Blazing Star	0	2	0	0	28	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
201 - Scotts Bluff	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	6	79
204 - Plainview	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	46
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	49
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	21

	Initiated		On Rolls Dec. 31, 2009		Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2009		Membership Dec. 31, 2008		Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL GAIN	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL LOSS	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2009
210 - East Lincoln	3	1	2	1		253	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	7	3	0	0	0	10	249	
211 - Cement	3	0	3	3		55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	53
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0		33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0		75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	70
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0		40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	38
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0		67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	63
227 - North Star	0	0	2	1		142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	131
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0		57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	54
229 - Comet	2	1	2	0		64	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	64
234 - Zion	0	0	0	0		43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	41
236 - Golden Rule	0	0	0	0		20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0		22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0		17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	15
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0		32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	30
250 - G Washington	0	0	0	0		61	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	9	53
251 - Wausa	3	2	1	0		91	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	10	84
256 - Hickman	13	1	12	0		201	12	0	0	7	0	0	19	0	19	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	16	204
263 - Mitchell	0	1	0	0		99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	95
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	0		55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	52
265 - R W Furnas	3	0	3	0		107	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	1	6	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	12	101
268 - G W Lininger	6	2	6	0		221	7	2	2	1	0	0	12	1	12	1	2	10	0	0	1	1	14	219
274 - Olive Branch	1	1	2	0		62	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	63
279 - Wallace	4	1	4	1		38	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
281 - Florence	2	1	1	0		134	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	0	5	0	7	19	1	0	0	0	27	112
284 - Seneca	2	0	2	2		25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	0	0		79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	1	0		34	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
287 - Union	0	0	0	0		36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	35
288 - Omaha	5	3	3	1		85	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	86
290 - John J Mercer	11	1	9	1		443	9	0	0	8	0	0	17	0	17	0	18	12	0	0	0	0	30	430
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0		43	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	42
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0		33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
294 - James Eatmon	3	2	1	0		64	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	62
297 - Cotner	7	2	7	2		216	5	1	1	1	0	0	8	4	8	4	8	7	0	0	0	0	19	205
300 - Liberty	11	0	11	1		288	12	0	0	5	0	0	17	1	17	1	4	37	0	2	1	45	260	
302 - Mizpah	4	0	6	0		274	7	1	2	1	0	0	11	0	11	0	8	6	0	0	0	0	14	271
305 - Newman Grove	1	0	1	0		30	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
310 - Victory	5	1	5	3		57	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	57
314 - Craftsmen	3	0	4	0		205	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	9	200
317 - Mid-West	7	1	6	2		230	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	1	12	6	0	0	0	0	19	215
320 - College View	4	1	4	2		65	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	62
323 - Lebanon	3	0	3	0		113	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	7	110
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0		19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	17
325 - Bellevue	6	0	6	1		231	6	2	1	2	0	0	11	1	11	1	9	9	0	0	0	0	19	223
326 - Centennial	0	1	0	0		136	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	16	122
327 - Shiloh	2	0	3	0		162	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	4	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	10	156
328 - Miloma	8	3	7	0		163	7	0	0	2	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	18	0	1	0	0	19	153
332 - Tabula Rasa	2	3	0	0		17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	16	
TOTALS	327	300	13498	275	27	34	117	21	0	474	43	375	467	4	21	24	934	13038						

**Historical Records
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**Grand Island, Nebraska
February 5-6, 2010**

PAST GRAND MASTERS

YEAR	SERVED	NAME	LODGE	IF DECEASED, DATE OF DEATH
1st	1857-58-59	Robert C. Jordan	3	Jan. 9, 1899
2nd	1860-61-62	George Armstrong	3	Nov. 12, 1896
3rd	1863-64	Daniel H. Wheeler	6	Nov. 27, 1912
4th	1865-66	Robert W. Furnas	4	June 1, 1905
5th	1867-68	Orsamus H. Irish	5	Jan. 27, 1883
6th	1869-70	Harry P. Deuel	11	Nov. 23, 1914
7th	1871-72	William E. Hill	2	Dec. 29, 1917
8th	1873	Martin Dunham	3	Feb. 18, 1915
9th	1874	Frank Welch	27	Sept. 4, 1878
10th	1875	Alfred G. Hastings	19	July 10, 1894
11th	1876	George H. Thummel	33	Feb. 5, 1932
12th	1877	George W. Lininger	3	June 8, 1907
13th	1878	Edward K. Valentine	27	April 11, 1916
14th	1879	Rolland H. Oakley	19	Feb. 2, 1904
15th	1880	James A. Tulleys	53	Jan. 31, 1901
16th	1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	9	Nov. 24, 1920
17th	1882	Edwin F. Warren	2	July 9, 1923
18th	1883	Samuel W. Hayes	55	Nov. 15, 1913
19th	1884	John Jay Wemple	50	May 28, 1943
20th	1885	Manoah B. Reese	59	Sept. 18, 1917
21st	1886	Charles K. Coutant	11	Aug. 23, 1910
22nd	1887	Milton J. Hull	67	Sept. 18, 1923
23rd	1888	George B. France	56	Aug. 16, 1914
24th	1889	John J. Mercer	4	Feb. 25, 1915
25th	1890	Robert E. French	46	Feb. 16, 1947
26th	1891	Bradmer D. Slaughter	89	May 8, 1909
27th	1892	Samuel P. Davidson	17	Dec. 8, 1928
28th	1893	James P.A. Black	76	Nov. 12, 1918
29th	1894	John A. Ehrhardt	41	Nov. 1, 1925
30th	1895	Henry H. Wilson	19	June 28, 1941
31st	1896	Charles J. Phelps	34	Aug. 24, 1915
32nd	1897	John B. Dinsmore	49	Oct. 6, 1915
33rd	1898	Frank H. O. Young	207	Dec. 24, 1917
34th	1899	William W. Keysor	25	Aug. 17, 1922
35th	1900	Albert W. Crites	158	Aug. 23, 1915
36th	1901	Robert E. Evans	5	July 9, 1925
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93	Nov. 19, 1913
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32	Jan. 31, 1933
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	55	May 29, 1933
40th	1905	Melville R. Hopewell	31	May 2, 1911
41st	1906	Zuingle M. Baird	155	Dec. 17, 1916
42nd	1907	Ornan J. King	54	Dec. 26, 1927
43rd	1908	William A. DeBord	3	May 17, 1916
44th	1909	Michael Dowling	119	May 5, 1921
45th	1910	Harry A. Cheney	100	June 27, 1948
46th	1911	Henry Gibbons	46	Aug. 22, 1923
47th	1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	105	Sept. 3, 1950

48th	1913	Alpha Morgan	148	April 17, 1924
49th	1914	Thomas M. Davis	93	Aug. 12, 1919
50th	1915	Samuel S. Whiting	54	Aug. 11, 1931
51st	1916	Andrew H. Viele	55	May 9, 1941
52nd	1917	Frederic L. Temple	61	Aug. 13, 1944
53rd	1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	139	Mar. 16, 1944
54th	1919	John J. Tooley	258	July 31, 1934
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3	June 14, 1950
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136	July 10, 1965
57th	1922	Edward M. Wellman	1	Aug. 31, 1922
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127	Nov. 21, 1971
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95	June 18, 1941
60th	1925	John Wright	19	Oct. 29, 1936
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158	Nov. 7, 1953
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120	Mar. 7, 1929
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25	Oct. 23, 1940
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56	Oct. 13, 1944
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19	Oct. 16, 1936
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119	Mar. 21, 1954
67th	1932	Edwin B. Johnston	33	Feb. 11, 1933
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50	Oct. 7, 1970
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203	May 8, 1950
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26	Aug. 7, 1956
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268	May 19, 1938
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Phillips	150	Sept. 12, 1968
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6	July 3, 1944
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36	April 9, 1960
75th	1939	William J. Breckenridge	317	Nov. 16, 1951
76th	1940	Earl J. Lee	15	Dec. 15, 1963
77th	1941	Edward F. Carter	201	Dec. 21, 1981
78th	1942	George A. Kurk	54	May 4, 1977
79th	1943	William B. Wanner	9	June 13, 1975
80th	1944-45	William C. Schaper	148	Feb. 12, 1977
81st	1946	Benjamin F. Eyre	1	Aug. 12, 1993
82nd	1947	Edward Huwaldt	318	Feb. 14, 1977
83rd	1948	Elmer E. Magee	227	Mar. 19, 1975
Honorary	1949	Roscoe Pound	54	July -, 1964
84th	1949	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	59	April 20, 1959
85th	1950	John S. Hedelund	268	Jan. 30, 1962
86th	1951	Thomas J. Aron	37	Dec. 22, 1993
87th	1952	Edward M. Knight	183	Mar. 3, 1983
88th	1953	Fay Smith	198	Oct. 2, 1968
89th	1954	Charles F. Adams	68	April 17, 1980
90th	1955	Herbert T. White	11	Oct. 12, 1975
91st	1956	Merle M. Hale	54	Feb. 23, 1988
92nd	1957	Roy I. Babbitt	295	Feb. 13, 1971
93rd	1958	John E. Beaver	253	Sept. 20, 1965
94th	1959	Joseph C. Tye	46	Feb. 14, 1989
95th	1960	John F. Futcher	302	July 11, 1984
96th	1961	Herbert A. Ronin	210	Nov. 4, 1997
97th	1962	Ernest O. Van Wey	32	July 16, 2005
98th	1963	Ralph M. Carhart	120	Nov. 10, 1965
99th	1964	Harry A. Spencer	184, 227	Aug. 9, 2007

100th	1965	Louis V. Sylvester	281	Dec.	4, 1997
101st	1966	Lewis R. Ricketts	19	July	14, 1990
Honorary	1966	Carl R. Greisen	32	June	28, 1995
102nd	1967	John A. Bottorf	49	Feb.	21, 1984
103rd	1968	Norris W. Lallman	72	Nov.	1, 1984
104th	1969	Hugh W. Eisenhart	228	June	16, 1995
105th	1970	John H. Brown	1	Feb.	2, 1978
106th	1971	Russell L. Fickes	33	April	18, 1989
107th	1972	Howard J. Hunter	59	May	6, 1975
108th	1973	Frank J. Mattoon	75	July	4, 1997
109th	1974	Donald R. Swanson	54		
110th	1975	Harold Hultman	39	April	3, 2005
111th	1976	T. Leo Stines	36, 323	Feb.	26, 1994
112th	1977	Alfred B. Saum	46	Oct.	11, 1980
113th	1978	Jack H. Hendrix	174	Nov.	25, 2006
114th	1979	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.	314		
115th	1980	Byron C. Jenkins	325	Sept.	12, 2000
116th	1981	Harold C. Wurdeman	323	June	21, 1985
117th	1982	Paul R. Pierce	50	July	31, 1999
118th	1983	Bevin B. Bump	158		
119th	1984-85	Robert A. Metcalf	210	Nov.	22, 2002
120th	1986	Charles W. Amidon	281, 327		
121st	1987	Wayne G. Lueningborg	32, 39	May	12, 2008
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. "Sonny" Eatmon	294	Aug.	28, 1999
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41		
128th	1994	Steven F. Mattoon	75		
129th	1995	Jerry L. Rittenburg	210, 64	Jan.	26, 2007
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		
139th	2005	Ivan A. Vrtiska	327		
140th	2006	Scott J. Krieger, Sr.	317, 332, 33		
141st	2007	Dean Skokan	15		
142nd	2008	Reginald S. Kuhn	134, 19, 332		

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
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 15.....2000-2009
- 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, 541910
- Walter W. Wells, 192.....1910
- Ensign J. Rix, 551910
- James D. Phillips, 931910
- Frederick L. Wolff, 135.....1910
- Ernest H. James, 1.....1910
- Fred A. Howe, 119.....1910
- Robert B. Walker, 170.....1912
- Frank W. Farrand, 361913
- Ira C. Freet, 56.....1913
- Benjamin Wood, 2101913
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- Robert A. Armstrong, 321913
- Levi Pringle, 2761913
- Earl M. Bolen, 1301914
- Frank L. Haycock, 2071914
- George A. Stevens, 158.....1914
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- Levi D. Phipps, 311916
- Alfred G. Hunt, 33.....1916
- Harry L. F. Proffitt, 501916
- Barclay M. Hickman, 381916
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- Andrew H. Viele, 551917
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- Jesse Lowther, 219.....1920
- Franklin C. Tym, 25.....1920
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- Frank M. Johnson, 1881920
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- Frances S. Robey, 191922
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• Henning C. Johnson, 171.....	1930
• Carroll C. Raymer, 164.....	1932
• Ward B. Schrack, 46.....	1933
• Byron S. Peterson, 25.....	1933
• Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	1933
• Ray B. Bottorf, 33.....	1933
• Wallace E. Linn, 1.....	1934
• Jesse P. Entriiken, 295.....	1934
• Harrold D. Weddel, 208.....	1937
• Cecil C. Gates, 227.....	1938
• Fred G. Christensen, 33.....	1938
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• S. William Beck, 43.....	1940
• Stanley B. Fryar, 139.....	1940
• Roy S. Planck, 15.....	1940
• Buren P. Wells, 315.....	1940
• Clarence G. McNamee, 55.....	1941
• F. Ray Dilts, 83.....	1942
• Ernest C. Purdy, 195.....	1942
• Lewis E. Baker, 135.....	1943
• Howard E. Bradstreet, 261.....	1943
• George S. Schwab, 49.....	1946
• Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	1946
• Irving S. Johnson, 148.....	1946
• LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....	1946
• Ernest E. James, 1.....	1946
• Frank A. Anderson, 17.....	1949
• Robert W. Cook, 33.....	1949
• Paul D. Fleming, 293.....	1949
• Charles M. Frederick, 136.....	1949
• Sylvester Shumard, 227.....	1949
• Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	1950
• Morris V. Balcom, 46.....	1950
• William F. Flicklinger, 56.....	1951
• Forest A. Lape, 183.....	1951
• Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....	1954
• Harold M. Wilkerson, 54.....	1954
• Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.....	1955
• Clifford D. Webster, 75.....	1956
• Matthias E. Mael, 173.....	1956
• Frank H. Smith, 301.....	1957
• Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....	1957
• Richard L. Ely, 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

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• 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, 23	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, 23.....	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, 285.....	2000
Harold C. Mueksch, 132.....	2000
Carl C. Plants, 54.....	2001
• Joseph D. Chrisman, 279.....	2002
Ashley H. Story, 314, 146.....	2002
James R. Taylor, 327.....	2002
Dean Papenhagen, 50	2003
R. William Lichtenberger, 207, 148	2003
• Gordon L. Carley, 75.....	2003
Suman Vallabhbhai, 314.....	2004
Daniel L. Scarborough, 79.....	2005
Frank Veverka, 15.....	2005
Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 284	2005
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W. Keith Neisler, 1 & 302.....	2009
Edward W. Nolte, 39.....	2009
Brian K. Sandall, 21.....	2010
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**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 (award is dated year presented, for work in previous year).

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
2006	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
2007	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln

Large	2008	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2008	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
Large	2009	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth
Small	2009	Omadi Lodge	No. 5	South Sioux City
Large	2010	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2010	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow

**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
2006	Hastings Lodge	No. 50	Hastings
2007	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2008	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2009	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff

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 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
2008	V.K. "Tony" Vrana	Oliver No. 38	Seward
2008	Sanford H. "Sam" Nelson	East Lincoln No. 210	Lincoln
2009	G. Charles Thone	Lincoln No. 19	Lincoln

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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
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
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
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
Osceola	No 65	Osceola	Polk	November 23,1876	June 20,1877
Aurora	No 68	Aurora	Hamilton	February 10,1876	June 19,1878

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Pomegranate	No 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13,1883	June 19,1883
Springfield	No 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy	March 30,1883	June 19,1883
Wisner	No 114	Wisner	Cuming.....	February 12,1883	June 24,1884
North Bend	No 119	North Bend	Dodge.....	September 5,1883	June 24,1884
Wayne	No 120	Wayne	Wayne	September 26,1883	June 24,1884
Superior	No 121	Superior	Nuckolls.....	November 22,1883	June 24,1884
Stromsburg	No 126	Stromsburg	Polk	January 16,1884	June 24,1884
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
Hay Springs	No 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20,1888	June 21,1888
Justice	No 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy	October 8,1888	June 20,1889
Alliance	No 183	Alliance	Box Butte.....	January 18,1889	June 20,1889
Bee Hive	No 184	Omaha.....	Douglas	January 22,1889	June 20,1889
Minnekadusa	No 192	Valentine.....	Cherry	August 15,1889	June 20,1890

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	
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
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
Geo. Armstrong	No 241	Craig	Burt.....	August 1,1895	June 17,1897
Laurel	No 248	Laurel.....	Cedar	February 12,1900	June 7,1900
Geo. 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
Geo. W. Lininger	No 268	Omaha	Douglas	February 26,1908	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
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

EXISTING LODGES

Roll of Existing Nebraska Lodges, with Locations, Dates Created and Chartered

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
Victory	No 310	Valley	Douglas	December	27,1920	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 Educ.	No 331			December	27, 2000	February	2, 2002
Tabula Rasa	No 332	Lincoln	Lancaster	July	24, 2006	February	3, 2007

CONSOLIDATED LODGES

Joppa No. 76	Bloomington with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152	Liberty with Barneston No. 165 Barneston, January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85	Blue Springs with Wymore No. 104 Wymore, July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255	Bradshaw with Hampton No. 245 Hampton, May 21, 1942
Level No. 196	Stockville with Cambridge No. 150 Cambridge, June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269	Belgrade with Cedar River No. 89 Fullerton, June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42	Juniata with Kenesaw No. 144 Kenesaw, July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315	Palmer with St. Paul No. 82 St. Paul, October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90	Elk Creek with Tecumseh No. 17 Tecumseh, November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63	Riverton with Franklin No. 264 Franklin, May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252	Hildreth with Grace No. 226 Wilcox, October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92	Hubbell with Hebron No. 43 Hebron, February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182	Ohiowa with Jewell No. 149 Tobias, April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259	Bee with Oliver No. 38 Seward, June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130	Surprise with Composite No. 81 Rising City, February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230	St. Edward with Albion No. 78 Albion, January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149	Tobias with Geneva No. 79 Geneva, September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157	Wilsonville with Beaver City No. 93 Beaver City, March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304	Ruskin with Nelson No. 77 Nelson, September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197	Gresham with Stromsburg No. 126 Stromsburg, December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247	Osmond with Plainview No. 204 Plainview, December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144	Kenesaw with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129	Blue Hill with Mid-West No. 317 Hastings, February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322	Lyman with Oasis No. 271 Morrill, April 10, 1969
Compass & Square No. 212	Sumner with Thistle No. 61 Lexington, April 20, 1969
Hope No. 29	Nemaha with Nemaha Valley No. 4 Brownville, September 9, 1969
Elm Creek No. 133	Elm Creek with James A. Tulleys No. 267 Overton, March 17, 1970

Naphthali No. 206.....Diller with Fairbury No. 35
Fairbury, March 23, 1970

Alexandria No. 74 Alexandria with Hebron No. 43
Hebron, September 10, 1970

Pythagoras No. 156..... Ewing with Diamond No. 291
Orchard, December 4, 1970

Grace No. 226..... Wilcox with Jachin No. 146
Holdrege, May 11, 1971

Wolbach No. 292.....Wolbach with St. Paul No. 82
St. Paul, December 23, 1971

Tyrian No. 243 Oak with Nelson No. 77
Nelson, June 9, 1972

Mystic Tie No. 166.....Tilden with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, June 12, 1972

Roman Eagle No. 203 Pender with Bancroft No. 145
Bancroft, April 20, 1973

Amethyst No. 190.....Stapleton with Cable No. 225
Arnold, April 20, 1973

Prudence No. 179..... Beaver Crossing with Utica No. 96
Utica, April 20, 1973

Fairfield No. 84.....Fairfield with Clay Center No. 139
Clay Center, January 24, 1974

Ramah No. 275.....Bertrand with Elwood No. 167
Elwood, February 14, 1974

Sterling No. 70.....Sterling with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 20, 1974

Mt. Hermon No. 231..... Cook with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 15, 1974

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

Temple No. 175.....Filley with Tecumseh No. 17
Tecumseh, March 26, 1975

Beemer No. 253..... Beemer with Wisner No. 114
Wisner, June 17, 1975

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

Plumblin No. 214.....Adams with Beatrice No. 26
Beatrice, October 1, 1976

Cubit No. 237 Douglas with Union No. 287
Palmyra, December 13, 1977

Bancroft No. 145..... Bancroft with Olive Branch No. 274
Walthill, December 17, 1978

Litchfield No. 278..... Litchfield with Mason City No. 170
Mason City, July 1, 1979

Hartington No. 155 Hartington with Relief No. 219
Coleridge, August 10, 1979

Creighton No. 100..... Creighton with Plainview No. 204
Plainview, May 17, 1980

Star No. 88.....Decatur with Pilot No. 240
Lyons, January 22, 1981

Gladstone No. 176..... Ansley with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, November 4, 1981

Eminence No. 223.....Giltner with Keystone No. 62
Phillips, October 26, 1981

Antelope No. 276 Elgin with Trowel No. 71
Neligh, January 1, 1982

Bladen No. 319	Bladen with Charity No. 53
Red Cloud, May 6, 1982	
Oak Leaf No. 312	Lynch with Ornan No. 261
Spencer, April 22, 1983	
Crofton No. 273	Crofton with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, April 17, 1984	
Harlan No. 116	Alma with Melrose No. 60
Orleans, April 17, 1984	
Hardy No. 117	Hardy with Superior No. 121
Superior, April 17, 1984	
Merna No. 171	Merna with Custer No. 148
Broken Bow, April 17, 1984	
Lee P. Gillette No. 272	Dunbar with Western Star No. 2
Nebraska City, January 18, 1985	
Occidental No. 215	Cedar Bluffs with Fremont No. 15
Fremont, March 28, 1985	
Siloam No. 147	Stuart with Atkinson No. 164
Atkinson, November 20, 1985	
Ponca No. 101	Ponca with Alpha No. 316
South Sioux City, June 1986	
Boaz No. 185	Danbury with McCook No. 135
McCook, September 16, 1986	
Curtis No. 168	Curtis 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	
Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, June 26, 2006	
Culbertson No. 174	Culbertson with McCook No. 135
McCook, January 19, 2007	
Palisade No. 216	Palisade with McCook No. 135
McCook, January 19, 2007	
Lotus No. 289	Ravenna with Porter No. 106
Loup City, October 10, 2007	
Polk No. 311	Polk with Solar No. 134
Clarks, December 14, 2007	
Humboldt No. 40	Humboldt with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, December 27, 2007	
Evening Star No. 49	Sutton with Geneva No. 79
Geneva, August 8, 2008	
Bloomfield No. 218	Bloomfield with Wausa No. 251
Wausa, October 17, 2008	
DeWitt No. 111	DeWitt with Blue Valley No. 64
Wilber, March 13, 2009	
Composite No. 81	Rising City with Fidelity No. 51
David City, February 26, 2010	
Trestle Board No. 162	Brock with Pawnee No. 23
Pawnee City, February 26, 2010	

**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 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
Macoy No. 22 – Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 – Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 – Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 – Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 – Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 – Firth.....	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 – Ulysses.....	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 – Waco.....	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 – Doniphan	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 – Steele City.....	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 – Arapahoe.....	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 – Brainard.....	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 – Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 – Odell.....	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 – Indianola	June 8, 1904
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

* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Nebraska #1	John L Brommer	Kirk P Carlson	Wilton A Hobbs	Gregory A Wells
Western Star #2			Donald E Sullivan	David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Christopher V Edwards	Frederick J Ulrich	Rodney E Williamson*	Terry M Theis
Nemaha Valley #4	James Rendleman	Mark Caspers*	Rick Clifton*	
Omadi #5	Michael E Newcomb*	Wayne Benson*	Kenneth E Mogler*	Chris T Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Jeffrey C Stanley	James L Forrest*	L Cecil Smith	Jay H Speck
Falls City #9				
Solomon #10	Sean Bohannon*	Reginald Boyer*	Todd Lewis*	Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Thomas K Brummett	Nizar K Wehbi	Eric I Jacobsen*	Donald L Gockley
Peru #14	William H Kieler*	David L Pease*	Carl Stevenson*	Ted R Groves
Fremont #15	Dennis Rix	Richard Curley*	Richard Goble*	Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	Kenneth W Koop Jr	Kirk P DeCoste*		Charles A Burk*
Washington #21	Rodney Hansen*			
Pawnee #23	Edward D Raper	Ted R Groves	Larry L Bradbury*	Gary H Bedea*
Beatrice #26	Ryan P Norris*	Clayton E Wells	Stevin J Strickland*	Lance R Brinkman*
Jordan #27				
Blue River #30	Gary L Brhel		Melvin R GILES	Richard T Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Randy Hart	Sam L Harmer*	Charles Goll*	
Platte Valley #32	Larry E Linstrom*	Walter W Johnson	Kevin Petska	Glenn R Mulholland
Ashlar #33	Justin T Richardson	Joshua L Richardson*	Jon M Bosley	William D Parrish
Acacia #34				Dennis D Coufal
Fairbury #35				
Lone Tree #36				
Crete #37	Jerry F Bespelec		James A Clark	
Oliver #38				
Papillion #39	James C Lee	Jeffrey Coleman	Jonathan Paz	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41	Gerald L Kuhn*		Gary D Benson*	Robert E Schellpeper
Hebron #43				
Harvard #44		Warren Christensen		
Rob Morris #46	Gerald A Caldwell	Stephen O Sparks	Alexander Straatmann	Nick V Longly
Hastings #50	Stanley R Thayer	Monte W Malouf II	Benjamin A Richards*	W Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51	Michael E Jones*	Rex M Rehmer*		
Hiram #52	Kenneth L Reed*	James A Wiseman	Troy L Clausen*	Sydney R Clausen*
Charity #53				
Lancaster #54	Patrick D Barger	Mark K Clinton	Tyler G White	William H Cummins
Mosaic #55	Rodrick R Hughes*	Brian B McCarthy*	David L Sieler	Robert Sisson*
York #56				
Mt. Moriah #57				
Wahoo #59	Gerald M Bontrager	Patrick J Rezac	Gregory L Naby*	Dean Biggerstaff*
Thistle #61				Philip E Darby
Keystone #62	Charles Monter	Tarl W Carpenter		
Blue Valley #64	Stephen L Ourecky			
Osceola #65				Mervin E Ransom Jr

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Aurora #68				
Hooper #72	Roger L Hunteman	Andrew Hunteman		
Friend #73				
Frank Welch #75				
Nelson #77		Michael J Drexel*	Michael M Dunn	Roger D Watson*
Albion #78	Merlin L Weber Jr		Jeffrey J Noble	
Geneva #79	Fran L Crowe	Alan L Pospisil	Daniel Aspegren	Max Miller*
Composite #81				
St. Paul #82		Robert O Roth*		Wesley E Stevens
Corinthian #83	Terry L Henschke*		Bradley A Jones*	Robert A Jones
Cedar River #89				
Oakland #91	Gerald F. Sieck	N Emory Wickstrom*		Peter B Kruse
Bennett #94	Daniel Longley	Richard D Harris	Tom Morrissey	Stuart B Erickson Sr*
Garfield #95			Robert L Mlinar	
Utica #96	Charles A Westwood	Kevin O Scheele	T John Hinkel*	Loren L McNeil
Euclid #97	Kevin R Kelly	Scott M Miller	Patrick Cunningham*	Matthew L Mogensen*
Waterloo #102	Bradley D Petersen*		Rodney E Jobman	
Ord #103	Charles P Zangger	Joshua R Zangger*		Dan P Hersh
Wymore #104				
Porter #106	Kenneth A Bills			
Pomegranate #110	D Tyson Boellstorff		Andy Kocharov	
Springfield #112	Joseph J Beister*	Steven D Hurlbutt	Bryan K Deming	Donald P Ellenberger
Wisner #114				
North Bend #119	Kragh D Johnson			
Wayne #120	Kenneth R Liska			Gail Axen
Superior #121	George E Piper	Jason P Jensen*		A Gary Keeling
Stromsburg #126		John F Dale		Timm O Waller*
Guide Rock #128	John R Ely			Rodney P Ely
Scribner #132	Donald G Havekost			Harold C Mueksch*
Solar #134	Philip E Foulk			
McCook #135	Greg A Wolford	Greg Fyn	Don G Hopkins*	Marshall D Grant
Long Pine #136	Alvin O Benemerito	Barry L Frerichs*	Gerald E VanEvery*	Gary R Wolfe
Jachin #146	John D Konzack	Daniel Brown	R Mike Hoagland	Bruce G Raddatz
Custer #148	Clifford P Moore	Chet E Wales*	George Bundy	Kevin R Lindly
Lily #154				
Samaritan #158	John Armstrong*			
Ogalalla #159	Philip J Armstrong	Richard H Roberts*	Bernard Beckius*	Richard L Lindauer*
Trestle Board #162	David Gravatt*	Daniel C Boellstorff*	J Ival Schmucker*	Ted R Groves
Atkinson #164		Dale L Mellor*	Charles Shane*	James A Widtfeldt
Barneston #165				
Elwood #167				Geoffrey K Bogle
Robert Burns #173			Donald E Rife	
Hay Springs #177				
Justice #180				
Alliance #183	Joel W Zilmer	Christopher J Baas*	Gary Goodell	Eugene Gatti

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Bee Hive #184	Joseph N Johnson	Derick L Loberg	Steven J Cisney	Larry R Hulsebus*
Minnekadusa #192				
Highland #194				
Arcana #195				
Purity #198	Keith A Wood	John D Osler*	Tom Elder*	Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200				
Scotts Bluff #201				
Plainview #204	Gale R Retzlaff*			Dick L Hemmingsen*
Golden Fleece #205	Mal M Minshall	Douglas A Criswell*		Dwight E Smith
Parian #207		William Harshbarger*		
Canopy #209				
East Lincoln #210	W Scott Dodge	Robert J Pratt	Kevin Pratt	Jeffrey S Wunder*
Cement #211	Jon Yocom	John Prettyman*		Dewey R Heminger
Magnolia #220				David Gradert*
Wood Lake #221				
Landmark #222	Randall L Hart	Wayne D Long*	Richard N Patterson*	Allen R Trumble*
Silver Cord #224	Joe D McBride			Evan C Evans*
North Star #227	Mark W Poston	Keith D Brocksmith		Steve B Wetzel*
Bartley #228	Lester Webb			Gary A Newcomb
Comet #229	Jack M Johnson	Gregory L Prosocki		
Zion #234	Josh Streiff	R Leroy Evans*	Travis Wenzel*	Steve A Fouse*
Golden Rule #236				
Friendship #239				
George Armstrong #241				
Laurel #248				
George Washington #250	Troy T Tuhey*	Daniel D Kahler Sr*		
Wausa #251	Douglas D Kristensen*	Richard H Lentz*	James W Otteman*	Lowell C Erickson
Hickman #256	Richard D Eggerling	Gary L Jarzynka*	James D Eggerling	Olin D Boone
Mitchell #263	David M Thomas*	Richard C Reisig Jr*	Jordan R Asmus*	Richard H Cooper*
Franklin #264	Jerrell F Gerdes		Gary L Keim	
Robert W Fumas #265	Arthur R Stricker	David E Williamson*	Frank Wooden*	Donald E Loos
George W Lininger #268	Anthony T Johnson	Skip W Debusk	Allen G Branco*	Ronald D Stites
Olive Branch #274	Kyle J Peterson	James E Horak*	Dennis L Piper*	
Wallace #279	Kenneth E Ogier	Shaun B Baker*	Brian W Banks	Eric J Chrisman*
Florence #281	David L Rose			Dale E Wagner*
Seneca #284				
Camp Clarke #285	Brent E VanPatten	Justin R VanPatten*	Robert Hughes*	
Oshkosh #286				
Union #287			Dennis Brydl	
Omaha #288	Joseph P Charbonneau	Karl G Smith		David L Peterson*
John J Mercer #290	John E Dimon	Charles J Odorizzi III	Richard M Peterson	
Diamond #291				
Monument #293				
James L Eatmon #294	Kerry D Haug*	Ralph E Kimzey*	Joe C Perkins*	Michael J Schadegg

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Liberty #300	James Batten	Randy L Cox*	Mark A Elikor*	Bruce A Watkins
Mizpah #302	Gary L Prokop	David Shaw	Bill Stone	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove #305				
Victory #310	Robert C King	Carroll G Peacock	Christian D Hagemann	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	Theodore J Johnson			James P Heinke
Mid-West #317	Danny J Nonneman			Eduardo Casas
College View #320				
Lebanon #323	Daryl L Smith	Troy B Medinger		John H Lippert
Cairo #324	James R Ford*			
Bellevue #325	Ricky L Baker		Donald E Elerbie	David C Norton
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Shiloh #327	Matthew Vandergriff	Larry Broermann		Kenneth Walker*
Miloma #328				
Tabula Rasa #332	Ben F Hughes	Patrick Barger	Mark Clinton	Dennis H Brydl

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Emile Ouosso	10/27/2005	Africa, Cameroon Africa, Congo Africa, Guinnee Africa, Mali Africa, Mauritius	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, 332	12/4/1995
Donald E. White	10/21/1997	Arizona	Robert A. Carhart, 120	1/26/2006
Marty D. Byers	8/11/1996	Arkansas	Dennis Brydl, 287, 314, 332	12/12/2000
Ian Ralph Alexander	12/28/2009	Australia, New S. Wales	Robert C. Thackery, 320	12/23/1990
W. T. Neale	2/29/1960	Australia, Queensland	Russell G. Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
G. T. Brice		Australia, South Aust.		
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Tasmania		
Peter Alexander Potheary	5/27/1994	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 135	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, 285	
		Brazil, Acre	Sydney Clausen, 52	3/12/2002
		Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman		
		Brazil, Bahia	Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	3/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Brasilia		
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, 11, 290	8/23/2005
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Aldo Buitoni	12/23/2002	Brazil, Grand Oriente		
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. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Antonio Filho	10/6/1999	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Tutomio Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
		Brazil, Pernambuco	Daniel Spearow, 126	4/18/1994
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Scott G. Brendel, 146	3/7/2002
		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	6/10/1992
Jose M. Ferrieira de Santana	6/22/1992	Brazil, Tocantins		
		Bulgaria		
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
Richard A. Money	3/27/2006	Canada, British Columbia	Kent A. Talich, 75	4/19/1994
A. G. Brock	7/20/1993	Canada, Manitoba	Michael J. Tye, 46	12/31/1989
Morley G. McKay	7/10/2000	Canada, New Brunswick	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210	11/14/1995
Kevin M. Kelly		Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador	Jay H. Speck, 6	9/17/1999
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
Ian Magill	5/1/2007	Canada, Pr. Edward Island	Philip O. Edwards, 326	12/26/2000
Maurice A. Kelso	9/10/1997	Canada, Quebec	Viron E. Baxter, 2135	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		

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Jacque N. Hampton	4/9/1980	Colorado	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 33, 332	1/24/2006
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	10/6/1999	Czech Republic	Jerry F. Bespalec, 37	8/17/1999
David D. Crockett	3/4/2008	Delaware	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317, 33, 332	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		
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, 96, 332	7/17/2003
Pirkka Karki	12/31/1997	Estonia		
Robert J. Morrow	3/28/2007	Finland	Eugene H. Kirchhoff, 210	12/27/1995
Edward Jeanmonod	9/14/1954	Florida	John Lippert, 323	3/8/1982
Marcel Ibinga Magwangu	5/3/1990	France	Paul Befort, 32	5/31/2002
Wm. H. McDaniel	8/6/1989	Gabon	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	2/10/1989
Wolfgang Durst	9/24/1975	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	8/3/1960
Andreas Rizopoulos	2/12/1989	Germany	Kevin L. Rittenburg, 229	10/24/1995
Roberto René Santizo Diaz	7/31/2007	Greece	Benjiman H. Harvey, 119	2/10/1989
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	6/8/1977
Vilmos Bacher	3/12/2008	Hawaii	James DeMoss, 325	12/7/1991
Pall Egilsson	3/23/2009	Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Hungary		
Kenneth Smith		Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
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Jerry Scott James	12/4/1974	Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	India		
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
Shlomo Sapir	8/28/1997	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
Giancarlo Boero	5/1/1986	Ireland		
Yasuhiko Ide		Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
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Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	11/12/1996
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50, 211	1/8/2001
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Carlos Marban	10/26/1995	Mexico, Benito Juarez		
Tom R. Esply	1985	Mexico, Nuevo Leon		
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/1989	Mexico, Sinoloa		
Thomas L. Packer	3/31/2000	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Rex M. Rehmer, 51, 81	2/7/2003
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Mexico, Valle de Mexico	Dean T. Dinklage, 114	
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/1989
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Ellis W. Howard	6/14/1962	Minnesota	Cullen F. Pilker, 39	4/11/2002
Lawrence H. Kalish	5/2/2008	Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
Albert Hoffman	5/16/2005	Missouri		
John W. Emmerson	4/6/2000	Montana	Dean Skokan, 15	8/1/2007
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	Netherlands		
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	Nevada	D. Sidney Stewart, 135	3/7/2003
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	New Hampshire		
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/1985
		New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
		New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/1973
		Nicaragua	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	2000
		North Carolina	T. John Hinkel, 38, 96	3/6/2003
		North Dakota		
		Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	2/10/1989
		Ohio		

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John David Wagner	8/11/1996	Oklahoma		
Joseph C. Willhoft	1985	Oregon	Michael Birnstihl, 314	12/13/1999
Elias S. Mizrahi	1/13/1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	7/28/1965
		Paraguay	Wayne A. Andreasen, 204	
Fernando Olazabal Arguedas	8/1/2008	Peru	Richard L. Mauch, 136, 224	6/4/1971
Antonia Espinosa		Philippines	Dr. Charles M. Godwin, 210	1/25/1996
		Poland		
Vasco Trancoso	10/31/2005	Portugal	Fran L. Crowe, 56, 79	
Billy Watkins	12/23/1993	Puerto Rico		
Edward T. Hudson	8/11/1978	Rhode Island		
		Romania	Tren Miller, 106	3/11/2003
		Russia	Max H. Miller, 79	2/7/2003
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Scotland	John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33	1/15/1992
Borut Gersak	5/12/2008	Slovenia		
A. Rhodie	8/18/1989	South Africa	Delmar Jones, 46, 65	12/31/1989
Rhoden D. Batson	7/6/1971	South Carolina	Sanford H. Nelson, 210	2/22/1996
Walter Covey	6/20/1991	South Dakota	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	1/30/2006
Howard M. Stoler	3/6/2001	Spain	Dale W. Anderson, 158	3/11/2002
Jan Mansfield	2/27/2002	Sweden	Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	6/12/1987
Frederick J. Pruefer	6/21/1978	Switzerland	Dean Taylor, 59	12/23/1990
M. D. Manning	9/14/1981	Tennessee		
T.E. "Gene" Carnes	12/28/2000	Texas	Philip A. Lorenzen, 1, 10, 327	5/20/1992
Attila Atli	12/29/1971	Turkey	Howard G. Whitmore, 81	5/30/2003
		Ukraine		
		Uruguay	Roy L. Kiser, 78	8/5/1992
David W. Barrow	1/10/1990	Utah	Dwight E. Smith, 205	4/18/1994
		Venezuela	Paul A. Canady, 51	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
		West Africa, Liberia		
Armand Agbogba	11/16/1998	West Africa, Senegal	Robert A. Jones, 83	2/7/2003
Anicet Benissan	1/1/2007	West Africa, Togo	Pepper Aasgaard, 1,11	1/1/2007
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, 23	1/12/2004

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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2009

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED -			
U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		<u>221,228</u>	<u>221,228</u>
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
FNMA DTD, 2.000%, 12-10-2019	50,000	50,000	49,094
FNMA DTD, 3.000%, 10-29-2021	50,000	50,000	48,625
FHLB DTD, 2.000%, 12-17-2021	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>48,516</u>
Total government securities	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>146,235</u>
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND			
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS			
Abbott Laboratories, 3.75%, 3-15-2011	50,000	47,042	51,653
Ryder Sys DTD, 5.95%, 5-2-2011	50,000	52,595	51,718
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	78,278
Mattel Inc., 5.625%, 3-15-2013	50,000	53,400	52,820
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	54,953
Black & Decker Corp., 4.75%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	51,207
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	48,411
Southwest Aircls Co., 5.75%, 12-15-2016	50,000	40,000	49,416
Prudential Finl Inc., 6.10%, 6-15-2017	50,000	49,900	51,756
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.10%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	53,652
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.50%, 6-15-2019	<u>50,000</u>	<u>51,695</u>	<u>56,995</u>
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	<u>575,000</u>	<u>558,312</u>	<u>600,859</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>725,000</u>	<u>708,312</u>	<u>747,094</u>

COMMON STOCKS			Approximate
Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Market Value
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	15,508
10	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	32,860
325	Boeing Co.	14,938	17,592
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	23,188
1,040	Cemex Certificates	6,835	12,293
600	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	15,014	15,528
1,300	Chicago Bridge & Iron	12,337	26,286
432	ConocoPhillips	11,108	22,062
400	Direct TV	13,217	13,340
700	Dominion Resources Inc.	26,522	27,244
350	Forest Laboratories Inc.	9,804	11,239
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	12,238
1,800	Gencorp, Inc.	16,923	12,600
2,800	Investors Real Estate Trust	28,560	25,200
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	26,632
200	L-3 Communications Hlds Inc.	17,039	17,390
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	26,194
900	Leucadia National Corp.	39,274	21,411
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	26,730
800	Nexen Inc.	22,353	19,144
800	Peabody Energy Corp.	8,276	36,168
1,200	Pfizer Inc.	36,486	21,828
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	26,432
150	SPDR Gold Trust	11,691	16,096
500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	15,025
600	Ultrashort S&P500 Proshares	35,158	21,030
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	15,801
300	Walt Disney Co.	6,008	9,675
500	Wells Fargo & Co.	<u>15,709</u>	<u>13,495</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		<u>535,839</u>	<u>580,229</u>
TOTAL FUND		<u>1,244,151</u>	<u>1,327,323</u>

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2009

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		<u>188,400</u>	<u>188,400</u>
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.25%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	30,947
FNMA DTD, 2.000%, 12-10-2019	25,000	25,000	24,547
FHLB DTD, 2.000%, 12-17-2021	50,000	50,000	<u>48,516</u>
Total government securities	<u>100,000</u>	<u>103,117</u>	<u>104,010</u>
CORPORATE BONDS			
Newell Rubbermaid Inc., 4.00%, 5-1-2010	25,000	25,025	25,185
Chevron Phillips Chem Co., 7.00%, 3-15-2011	50,000	50,000	52,561
Weyerhaeuser Co., 6.75%, 3-15-2012	50,000	47,250	52,974
Cargill Inc., 5.60%, 9-15-2012	25,000	26,332	26,892
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.1%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	26,093
Mattel Inc., 5.625%, 3-15-2013	35,000	37,380	36,974
John Deere Cap Corp., 3.00%, 10-15-2013	50,000	50,000	50,247
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.30%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	27,476
Black & Decker Corp., 4.75%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	51,207
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.5%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	48,411
General Elec Cap Corp., 4.00%, 5-15-2015	25,000	24,563	25,208
Southwest Aircls Co., 5.75%, 12-15-2016	25,000	20,000	24,708
Target Corp., 5.375%, 5-1-2017	50,000	49,111	53,657
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.10%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	53,651
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.50%, 6-15-2019	25,000	25,847	28,498
Halliburton Company, 6.75%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	<u>27,293</u>
Total corporate bonds	<u>585,000</u>	<u>569,184</u>	<u>611,035</u>
TOTAL BONDS	<u>685,000</u>	<u>672,301</u>	<u>715,045</u>

COMMON STOCKS			Approximate
Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Market Value
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	15,508
10	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	32,880
450	Boeing Co.	20,684	21,358
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	22,243	23,188
1,872	Cemex Certificates	12,303	22,197
600	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	15,014	15,598
1,800	Chicago Bridge & Iron	15,815	36,396
396	ConocoPhillips	10,183	20,221
500	Direct TV	16,521	16,675
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	25,298
500	Forest Laboratories Inc.	14,008	16,055
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	12,238
2,000	Gencorp Inc.	18,853	11,000
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	27,000
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	26,622
200	L-3 Communications Hlds Inc.	17,039	17,390
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	26,191
1,000	Leucadia National Corp.	39,451	23,790
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	26,720
1,000	Nexen Inc.	27,941	23,930
700	Peabody Energy Corp.	7,241	21,617
1,300	Pfizer Inc.	38,661	23,617
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	22,656
150	SPDR Gold Trust	11,691	16,097
500	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,603	15,025
600	Ultrashort S&P500 Proshares	35,158	21,030
300	Vulcan Matls Co.	12,057	15,801
500	Walt Disney Co.	10,012	16,125
700	Wells Fargo & Co.	<u>21,992</u>	18,893
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		<u>574,139</u>	<u>627,042</u>
TOTAL FUND		<u>1,176,232</u>	<u>1,266,322</u>

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