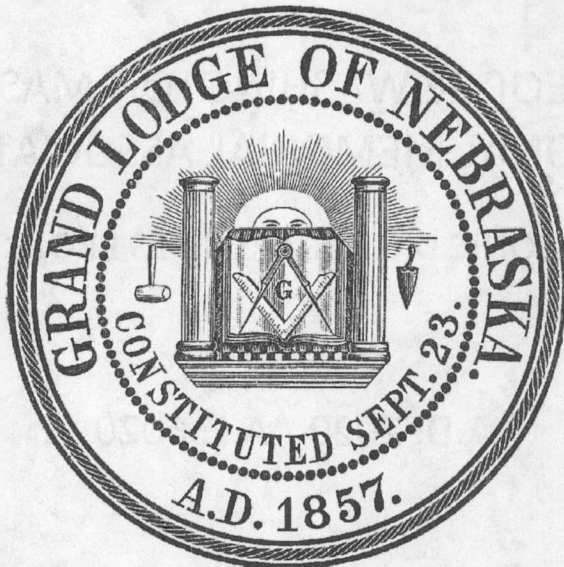


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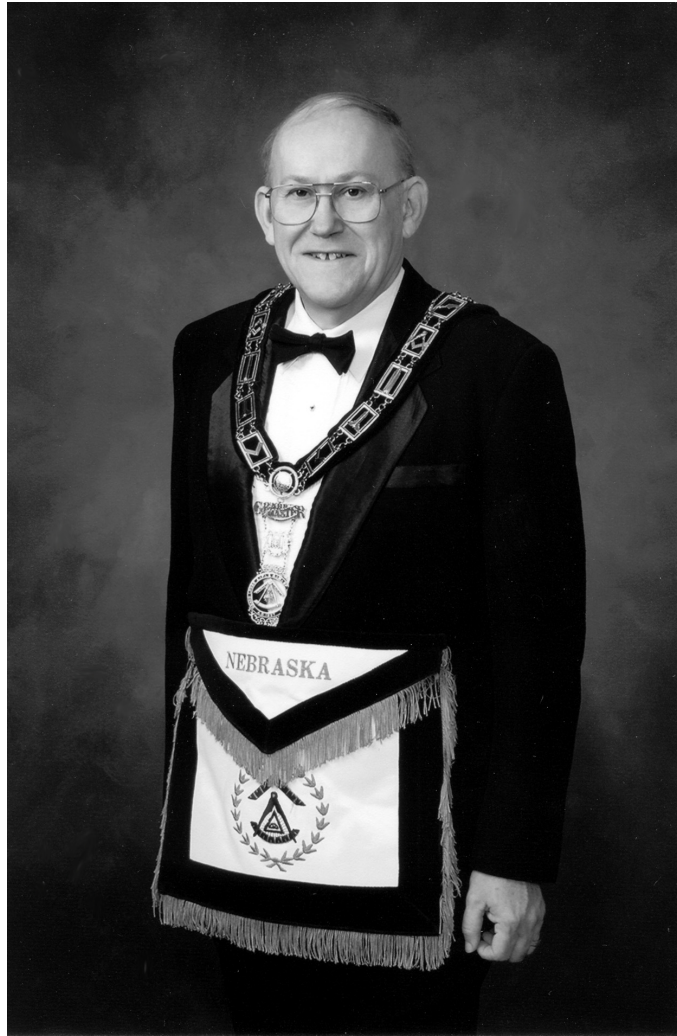


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John T. Parsons

**Grand Master 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, and of Porter Lodge No. 284, in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania in April 2010.

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; 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.

E. David Watts

**Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect
of Masons of Nebraska
2011-2012**

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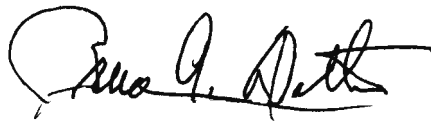
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Attest:

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 4 and 5, 2011, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska this 1st day of September, 2011.



Bruce A. Watkins
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful John T. Parsons
Grand Master

First Day – Public Opening
Friday, February 4, 2011

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 4, 2011.

Most Worshipful Russell G. Reno, Past Grand Master, presided.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master John T. Parsons and his Lady Pauline.

M.:W.: John T. Parsons presided from the lectern and introduced the Grand Chaplain for the invocation.



Very Worshipful Dennis E. Rix, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.



Grand Master Parsons asked that all remain standing for the presentation of the colors. The Colors were presented by the Tangier Shrine Legion of Honor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.



M.:W.: Parsons welcomed the audience to the 154th 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.: Parsons 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 John Maxell introduced the representatives:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Heather Wilkie, Grand Worthy Advisor
Betty Garwood, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska

Nebraska Job’s Daughters

Rachel Nerud, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Katie Hergenrader, Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter
Courtney Smith, Miss Nebraska Congeniality
Cindy Bartling, Grand Guardian
Jeff Makris, Associate Grand Guardian
Mary Warren, Past Grand Guardian

Nebraska DeMolay

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

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Jerrie Wilcox, Worthy Grand Matron
Dennis L. Smith, Worthy Grand Patron
Carl Plants, Associate Grand Patron
Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary
Judy Wehrbein, Grand Conductress
Gwen Hurst-Anderson, Associate Grand Conductress
Isobel Taylor, Grand Ruth
Sharlene Coulter, Grand Warder

Daughters of the Nile

Billie Mattern, Past Worthy Grand Matron
Nancy Jones, Queen, Naphis Temple No. 66
Helen Mathew, Queen, Naamah Temple No. 108

Social Order of the Beauceant

Beverly Pickering, Worthy President, Omaha Assembly No. 91
Randa Ogier, North Platte Assembly No. 177

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



M.:W.: Parsons called on Heather Wilkie, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



Miss Rachel Nerud, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, was asked to bring greetings from Nebraska Job's Daughters.



M.:W.: Parsons invited State Master Councilor Cameron Daiss 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 Master Councilor Cameron Daiss and State Senior Councilor Dalton Kock presented the awards for DeMolay Mason of the Year and Sponsoring Body of the Year.

This year's Mason of the Year has been a very active Mason, and has been an active supporter of the Masonic youth groups in his community for many years. He has served as Master of his lodge, Worthy Patron of his Eastern Star Chapter, and is a Past Associate Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters. He is a member of his local York Rite bodies and Tangier Shrine. He and his wife have worked to help orchestrate the triennial Nebraska Masonic Youth conferences, and they have sponsored the silent auctions held at each annual communication of the Nebraska Grand Lodge for a number of years, including this one. It is my distinct pleasure to present the Mason of the Year Award to Gene Wehrbein of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

DeMolay Chapters must have at least three Master Masons on their Advisory Board and be sponsored by a Masonic Family Body. Each year, Nebraska DeMolay recognizes a group who has gone "above and beyond" as the Nebraska DeMolay Sponsoring Body of Year.

The 2010 recipient is a very active lodge and has been very supportive of Nebraska DeMolay generally for many, many years. They have made their building available again and again to our State Chapter even though there was not an active DeMolay Chapter in their community. Members of this sponsoring body approached the Nebraska Executive Officer and State Officers at Grand Lodge last year inquiring about reactivating a chapter in their community. By July 2010, they had secured advisors and DeMolay candidates. The lodge passed a Resolution to Sponsor a DeMolay Chapter and paid all fees. The first candidates were initiated in October 2010 and more followed at Grand Master's Class in November. This lodge has laid the foundation to ensure that Fort Kearney Chapter, which had been dormant for 25 years, will continue long into the future.

Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney, Nebraska.



M.:W.: Parsons invited Jerrie Wilcox, Worthy Grand Matron, and Denny Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Nancy Jones, Queen of Naphis Temple No. 66 in Lincoln, brought greetings from Daughters of the Nile.



M.:W.: Parsons welcomed Beverly Pickering, Worthy President of Assembly No. 91 in Omaha and Randa Ogier, Worthy President of North Platte Assembly No. 177 in North Platte, to bring greetings from the Social Order of the Beauceant.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Grand Master requested that Steve Barchus, 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 Lancaster Lodge No. 54. The trophy in the small lodge division went to Franklin Lodge No. 264.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Grand Master John Parsons 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 the Pamida Foundation as the winner in the non-Masonic award category. Members of Superior Lodge No. 121 and Nelson Lodge No. 77 accepted the award on behalf of the Foundation.

Kent named Earl Robinett, a member of Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln, as recipient of the award in the Masonic Family category. Earl was not able to attend the Public Opening.

M.:W.: Parsons asked Kent Broyhill to remain on stage. W.:B.: John Maxell came forward to present Brother Broyhill with a CHIP Award of his own, acknowledging the many years he served as Chairman of the original CHIP committee and President of the Foundation Board, as Kent resigned from the position for the year 2011, but would still serve as a member of the Foundation Board.

CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS AWARDS

Grand Master John Parsons explained that there would be two categories of awards in the Change for the Troops program: Total Contributions and Total Per Capita Contributions. The top three lodges in each category would receive a sculpture featuring the flag and bald eagle, and the top ten lodges in each category would receive certificates for their participation in and contribution to the program, with two additional organizations receiving honorable mention. M.:W.: Parsons read the list of lodges and asked that a representative from each lodge come forward to receive the awards.

Awards for Top Total Contributions

1. Bellevue No. 325
2. Platte Valley No. 32
3. Robert W. Furnas No. 265
4. Plattsmouth No. 6
5. George W. Lininger No. 268
6. Sts. John Education No. 331
7. Papillion No. 39
8. Custer No. 148
9. Plainview No. 204
10. Covert No. 11

Honorable Mention:

1. Sesostris Shrine
2. North Platte York Rite Bodies

Awards for Top Total Per Capita Contributions

1. Robert W. Furnas No. 265
2. Bellevue No. 325
3. Plainview No. 204
4. Platte Valley No. 32
5. Custer No. 148
6. Seneca No. 284
7. Cement No. 211
8. Franklin No. 264
9. York No. 56
10. (Tie) Plattsmouth No. 6 and George W. Lininger No. 268



M.:W.: Parsons 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.: Parsons then asked Dennis Rix, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

Dennis E. Rix, Grand Chaplain

Most Worshipful Brother Parsons, First Lady Pauline, Brethren and Ladies, thank you for allowing this time to honor and remember the Brethren that have passed away since we last met for our Annual Communication.

We have much to celebrate in this ancient and honorable Fraternity of ours. While meeting for the common good, we have helped countless youth in their journey to adulthood, both physically and emotionally through our gifts of time, talent and money. We were brought into this Fraternity by men who saw not only who we were, but who we could become. We were taught, nurtured, and loved by men who had taken to heart and practiced in their lives the tenets of our organization. While we all meet on the level, there are leaders that stand out. They are a guiding force, reminding us of the journey we are taking together and the good we can do when we work as one.

One such man was Most Worshipful Brother Bevin Bump, serving as the 118th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska in 1983. He was an outstanding leader in Chadron, dedicating his life to making life better for others. He passed away December 30, 2010. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Source of all Good, still our hearts and fill us with the love that only you can give. Make us thankful for the time we had to share with the Brothers whose names we are about to read on the screen before us. Help us to remember that while we desperately miss them here on earth, they are forever embraced in your love and grace, celebrating the eternal life that only you can give. May we keep the memories of these brothers alive in our hearts, remembering for all time the lessons they lived, while teaching us how to become better men. We honor them best by living the lessons they taught us, while we teach those who follow us. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen

At this time I would ask that you quiet your heart and reflect with me on the lives of those Masons who have dropped their working tools this past year to travel to that undiscovered country from who's borne no traveler returns.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis E. Rix, 15
Grand Chaplain

A PowerPoint presentation was then observed listing the names and lodges of the brethren who departed in 2010 to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. The list also included H. Jean "Jeannie" Holt. Jeannie served as Administrative Assistant at the Grand Lodge Office from 1997 to 2007, and was involved with Myrtle Chapter No. 94 in Lincoln.

M.:W.: Parsons thanked V.:W.: Rix for his report.

GRAND ORATION

Patrick D. Barger, Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, and family ... Greetings! It is my honor to stand before you again as Grand Orator to share my thoughts concerning our mutual horizon through the success of the Masonic year we bring to a close. Throughout 2010 Grand Master John Parsons led numerous programs that brought Masonry into the limelight for many people who had theretofore never heard of us, or reminded those who had long since forgotten who we are and what we stand for.

In referring to the numerous outstanding opportunities to display Masonry's hallowed and respectful image through events covered by the news media, Grand Master John Parsons is quoted as saying, when referring to various lodges, "Their fervency and zeal for Masonry provides us with invaluable and positive exposure to the local communities." And that is important, as you will agree.

The undisputed pinnacle of his efforts to raise positive public awareness of our fraternity is the Grand Master's "Change for the Troops" program which provided long-distance telephone cards to all Nebraska military members deploying to a war zone, and let me tell you, it has been an unparalleled success. Numerous letters of appreciation from service members receiving a card has (and I quote the Grand Master) "again presented the

fraternity in a positive light in many local communities that, prior to this, had no idea what Masons do.”

But our Grand Master’s tenacious efforts to ensure Nebraska Masonry continues to prosper for generations to come did not limit itself to just the “Change for the Troops” program. He is also quoted as saying his major goal was “to leave the fraternity in better shape” than it was when he assumed its reigns, meaning he believes that no matter how good we are today, we cannot rest on our laurels and that continuous improvement is necessary for long term growth and prosperity.

And what is necessary to ensure our fraternity experiences long term growth and prosperity? Do we measure that in how many degrees we perform? Do we measure that in how much money we raise for charity? These things are very important to us, and rightfully so, but there are other things that are absolutely essential to us if we are to continue as a fraternity. In fact, they are the very things that make us Masons. Any number of community groups can do charity work. They all can bring in new members. But what makes us different from them? What makes us Masons?

I submit to you that it is the embracement of the fundamental principles of Masonry that makes us Masons. This was what the Grand Master was referring to when he mentioned those brethren demonstrating these principles to the news media who “provided us with invaluable and positive exposure to the local communities.”

You are here today because you value Masonry as a way of life. Grand Master John Parsons’ words are firmly grounded on those principles of Masonry that transcend time. The greatest ideals of Man are those that use our fundamental Masonic principals to clarify the hidden mysteries of life.

2010 was underscored by the tenets of Masonry to build upon those venerable ideals that established and have 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 fifty years, we cannot afford to scale back our personal commitment to its dignity. If we do, the fraternity will surely face extinction.

Speculative Masonry is the science by which morality is taught through the symbols and traditions associated with building King Solomon’s Temple over 3,000 years ago. Like every science, Masonry is founded on various conceded principles. These principles teach a Mason that he must learn to govern himself with wisdom by practicing the Cardinal Virtues of Freemasonry, the first of which is Temperance.

Temperance calls for Masons to cultivate calmness of the mind and heart, and allows us to conquer the tides of emotions. Conflict is a fact of life, but you need not embrace it.

In addition to temperance, I submit that there are other virtues Masons live by as well such as integrity, wisdom, and accountability.

Integrity is the courage to be honest with yourself and others. Do not act for your own self-interest. Strive for humility, realizing that you are but a tiny speck in this massive universe.

And while Masons are born with intelligence, wisdom is acquired throughout their lives. Smart men learn from their mistakes, wise men learn from those of others.

Every action has a reaction. Masons are accountable for their actions and the affect they have on others. They choose carefully and are responsible for their choices. They offer

sincere apologies and atone for a misdeed. They face the reality that there are consequences for everything they do. They always seek the higher path, unencumbered by bias or personal gain.

Masons practice discretion and prudence and guide their destiny by the alliances they keep. They are mindful of what lies behind and what lies ahead, and prepare for their rendezvous with destiny. Masons attain great stature of character by holding to these virtues and duties, realizing that the act of striving towards these ideals ennobles the spirit, and elevates the character.

Without an expressed belief in these principles, no man can ever become a Mason. From these principles flows the Brotherhood of Man. Masons cannot pick and choose which of these principles apply when it is convenient, or use a few of them to defend the violation of various other principles, but adhere to all of them, all the time.

Our Masonic fraternity stands before the world today, not only as a spectacular monument of antiquity more pervasive than any other human institution, but as an organization that has maintained these everlasting principles upon which it was founded, as unbroken today as they were when Masonry emerged from the shadows of prehistory.

Masonry is also a broad system of Morals and Ethics. The tools and implements used at Solomon's Temple demonstrate to us the cultivation of the virtues we use to build our inner spiritual temples. These traditions serve as worthy examples for our imitation, and inspire us to love all that is good and true. Masonry thus becomes a system of spiritual education wherein is taught not only the virtues, but also the useful lessons of everyday life.

As the story goes, St. Francis of Assisi said to a younger Friar, "Brother, let us go into the village to preach." They went out and down the streets and through the marketplace and, after walking several miles and saying nothing to anyone, St. Francis and the Friar turned back, retracing their steps and once again they entered the Monastery. "But Father," asked the young Monk, "When shall we begin to preach?" "We have been preaching," was the reply. "As we walked, we were observed; our manner, our behavior, what we stand for. We have been preaching."

This, my friends, is Masonry. May it live on through us for countless ages, and may we be ever worthy to spread Masonic Light for the generations yet to come.

So, we prepare to close the 2010 trestle board our Grand Master crafted to help ensure the future of our beloved fraternity! You are to be commended for your efforts to rally behind his charge to uphold the impervious principles of Masonic virtue in the eyes of the public, so essentially necessary to our continued prosperity.

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



M.:W.: Parsons made closing remarks and announcements, thanked the Tangier Shrine Legion of Honor 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.

The brethren were asked to clear the room in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin promptly at 9:45 a.m.

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Most Worshipful John T. Parsons
Grand Master

First Day – Formal Opening Session
Friday, February 4, 2011

A tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Papillion Lodge No. 39 and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.

The Deputy Grand Master led grand honors for Most Worshipful John T. Parsons, Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

V.: W.: Grand Chaplain Dennis E. Rix invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master declared the 154th 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.: Parsons 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.

“As they are retiring, I also have a brief announcement that I’d like to make. I sent an email out to subordinate lodge secretaries implying that Brother Watts’ attorney would

appear at the Grand Lodge session and the case would be argued at that time. That was my error. That was not intended. Brother Watts’ attorney met with the Jurisprudence Committee and it was agreed by all parties that factual discussions would be inappropriate during the session, so discussion will be limited to procedure issues involved, that’s it.”

M.:W.: Parsons thanked members of his home lodges, Papillion Lodge No. 39 and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, for doing a superb job of opening the lodge. The officers who opened were:

- Worshipful Master W.:B.: Edward W. Nolte, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- Senior Warden W.:B.: Okley Gibbs, G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Junior Warden B.: Jonathan Paz, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- Secretary W.:B.: Anthony T. “AJ” Johnson, G. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Chaplain W.:B.: Carl Highman, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- Senior Deacon W. B. Mel Morton, Papillion Lodge No. 39
- Junior Deacon B.: Douglas Lewis, G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Senior Steward W.:B.: Christopher Carter, G. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Junior Steward W.:B.: Rick Gilmore, G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
- Tyler W.:B.: Ronald Stites, G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268

M.:W.: Parsons appointed M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan, Past Grand Master, as Parliamentarian for the 154th 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.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.: W.: Parsons raised the lodge and the Past Grand Masters were brought to the East. Grand Marshal John Maxell introduced them individually.

Donald R. Swanson.....	1974
Charles W. Amidon.....	1986
Paul R. Eveland.....	1988
Steven F. Mattoon.....	1994
V. Kaye Ramsey.....	1996
Kenneth G. Fleming.....	1997
Don E. Rasmussen.....	1998
Dwight E. Smith.....	1999
James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000
Philip A. Lorenzen.....	2001
Michael E. Jones.....	2002
Kenneth D. Beebe.....	2003
Les Seiler.....	2004
Ivan A. Vrtiska.....	2005
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	2006
Dean Skokan.....	2007
Reginald S. Kuhn.....	2008
Russell G. Reno.....	2009

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



M.: W.: Parsons asked all visiting Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other distinguished guests from other jurisdictions, and officers of Nebraska appendant bodies, 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.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

The Finance Committee reviewed the budget of the Grand Lodge for 2011 and found it to be in order for submission to the Grand Lodge. W.:B.: Lorenzen noted the location of the Report of the Finance Committee in the Annual Communication Program and asked the brethren to review the report and ask questions prior to voting on the report the following day.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gene Wehrbein, Chairman

The Youth Committee met during the “Grand Lodge All Committee Meeting” on March 13 at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont and addressed the following items:

1. Plans for the Silent Auction, to be held during Grand Lodge in 2011, were discussed. The money raised is divided among the three Nebraska Masonic Youth Groups (DeMolay, Job’s, and Rainbow).
2. A brief outline for the Tri-Annual Masonic Youth Leadership Conference to be held on October 1 & 2, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska was presented. We thank the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for supporting this event for our youth. In the past we have had youth attend from Colorado and Kansas. Youth leaders from surrounding states continue to acknowledge Nebraska for this outstanding Conference.
3. Continue to promote youth involvement in our Masonic activities, scholarships, camps, etc, that are available to them, as well as encouraging more adult participation.

This spring the Committee selected the following to receive \$1000.00 scholarships for the 2010 school year: Tyler Sherlock - International Order of DeMolay for Boys, Allison Jackson - Job’s Daughters International, Jessica Rodriguez - International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Susan Hammons (the International Order of Rainbow for Girls) Grand Master Scholarship

A special thanks to everyone who have given their time, talents, and gifts for our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Wehrbein, 6, Chairman
Tim Birdsall, 210
James Carlton, 325
Michael Lagueux, 54, 332
Bruce Bugbee, 65
Ervin Imig, 102
Jeffrey Coleman, Ad Hoc, 39

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

REPORT OF THE CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS COMMITTEE*Anthony T. "AJ" Johnson, Chairman*

W.:B.: Johnson referred the brethren to the printed report on pages 41 & 42 of the Annual Communication Program, and indicated that the program had a very successful year, collecting over \$24,000. "It was probably one of the easiest groups I've ever chaired in my entire life. The hardest part was building the boots." AJ thanked the committee for their assistance and moved for adoption of the report as printed below:

On behalf of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge I would first like to thank all of the Brothers and all from the appendant bodies of Masonry who have contributed thus far. This has been one of the easiest programs to be in charge of because of your generosity, the help of my fellow committee members, and of course the help of Michelle and Carol at the office who keep the telephone cards ordered and the money straight.

We all know that the reason for this program was to raise money to buy phone cards for those men and women deploying to support our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some of the Lodges have been very competitive, but the real winners have been the troops because over \$24,000 has been contributed thus far. Following are the stats for how the cards were purchased and dispersed as of the printing of this report.

Deployments - Phone Cards Issued to Troops		
6-Mar	456th Transportation Company, US Army Reserve, Omaha	22
10-Apr	439th Transportation Company, US Army Reserve, Elkhorn	12
19-May	394th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, US Army Res., Fremont	80
22-May	192nd MP Detachment, NE Army National Guard, Nebraska City	45
29-Jun	67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Lincoln	60
1-Jul	Stratcom Active duty officers	7
11-Jul	67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Lincoln	325
17-Aug	Bill Garner's Grandson, Marine, deploying to Afghanistan	1
31-Jul	134th Calvary (Recon & Surveillance), Lincoln, Beatrice, Hastings	325
3-Sep	Spc. Daniel Romisch, A Co. 4BSB 1BCT 41D(M), APO AE 09355	1
17-Sep	Spc Bounds Cory, 4 Cab, E Co 2-4 AVN Regt GSAB, Camp Marmal	1
15-Oct	Maj Micheal Eason, South-Ops/FECC, deployed to Afghanistan	1
28-Oct	623rd Engineer Company, Wahoo	162
15-Nov	Son of Alan Smith, Omaha, deployed to Afghanistan	1
28-Nov	2-135 General Spt Avn Bn, Lincoln	95
28-Nov	402nd Military Police Battalion (I/R), Omaha	150
1-Dec	623rd Eng Co, Lincoln	3
1-Dec	Arabic Linguists, Lincoln	5
10-Dec	195th FSC, Cav, Omaha	11
12-Dec	Maj Micheal Eason, South-Ops/FECC, (sent addl card for unit use)	1
12-Dec	Stormi Eatherton, deployed to Iraq, Masonic-Eastern Star Home alumnus	1
28-Dec	Offutt Deployment, via John Parsons	1
1-Jan	US Navy Reserve, Omaha	9
1-Feb	45th Military Police Det, Columbus	45
Total		1364
Cards Purchased		1726
Cards Remaining		362

Again, thank you for your generosity and I believe the Grand Lodge leadership has intentions to continue this project through 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson, 268, Chairman
Skip W. Debusk, 268
Peter Gardner, 248PA
John E. Lorenzen, 331, 10 & 314
William H. Nelson, 256
William E. Sumner, 325
Gary S. Under, 112

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 John Maxell.

Grand Lodge of Virginia..... W.: David N. Silver
Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Iowa W.: Jerry L. Levay,
Chairman, Committee on Division and Reference
W.: Dennis “Toby” Williams, Junior Grand Steward

Grand Lodge of Minnesota R.: W.: Thomas E. Hendrickson, Deputy Grand Master
W.: Frederick B. Vihovde, Grand Representative and
Past National President of National Sojourners, Inc.

Grand Lodge of Kansas M.: W.: Kent Needham, Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Washington..... M.: W.: Gale Kenney, Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Wyoming R.: W.: Allen L. Pierce, Deputy Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Manitoba..... M.: W.: Kristjan Goodmanson, Grand Master

Grand Lodge of South Dakota M.: W.: Dean Behrens, Grand Master
M.: W.: Charles N. Kaufman, Past Grand Master, and
Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the
Scottish Rite Supreme Council of South Dakota

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska. W.: Russell W. Hobson, Grand Lecturer Emeritus

Shriners International..... Imp. Sir Jack H. Jones, Imperial Recorder
and Past Imperial Potentate

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



M.: W.: Parsons asked Kent Needham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to bring greetings on behalf of the out of state dignitaries.

**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.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

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

Grand York Rite

- Theodore J. Johnson Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
- Jay Speck Right Emminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska
- Bruce T. Anderson Grand Secretary/Recorder

Red Cross of Constantine

- Robert Williams Sovereign, Shiloh Conclave

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

- Bob Klesath Potentate, Tangier
- Gregory Hadcock Chief Rabban, Tangier
- Gary Unger Oriental Guide, Tangier
- Charles Sohm Recorder, Tangier
- Jim Parks Past Potentate, Tangier
- Doug Gates Potentate, Sesostris
- William Lichtenberger Potentate, Tehama

National Sojourners, Inc.

- Edward Nolte National Commander, Heroes of '76
- Ron Stites Regional Representative, Nebraska and Iowa
- Charles Folsom Past National President/Past National Commander

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Iowa

- David Krogh Potentate, Abu Bekr

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Iowa

- George Harrison Secretary/Registrar, Sioux City

M.:W.:B.: Parsons commented that it was great to see the large number of distinguished guests representing the appendant bodies and noted that it provides good evidence of the unity found within the Nebraska Masonic family. He 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.: Parsons asked Charles Sederstrom, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council for Nebraska, to bring greetings on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies. Grand Master Parsons made reference to the SGIG Masonic apron previously presented to Brother Charles and thanked him for his work with the Nebraska Scottish Rite.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Reginald S. Kuhn, President

The Nebraska Masonic Foundation held its annual meeting Thursday, February 3, and I would just like to highlight a couple of items from that meeting for your information. As you are aware, the Foundation's building on North 10th Street in Lincoln continues to be the home for the Grand Lodge Office, the Nebraska Masonic Museum and also the main staging area for the Nebraska CHIP Foundation, and that relationship continues to be beneficial to all of the Masonic organizations throughout the state. We did have a little construction this year on the building due to a hail storm that came through Lincoln. We received a new roof, gratefully other than \$1000 deductible our insurance took care of the rest of that, so that was an unplanned, but wonderful improvement to the building. We also were able to purchase and update our computer server system. The Foundation owns the servers in the Grand Lodge Office, which we also then lease back to the various Masonic organizations that are in the building and also are able to maintain our historical membership records. Our fiscal year ends in May, so for the year ending May 2010, we netted about \$10,000 in actual net revenue and it looks that we're continuing on a similar track for this year. Finally, I want to thank all of our brothers who faithfully contribute to the Foundation. Each year we net between \$15,000 and \$20,000 of donations to the Foundation to enable us to provide the services that we do provide. Remember, brothers, this is your Foundation and we appreciate very much the support that you give.

Respectfully submitted,
Reginald S. Kuhn, President



M.:W.: Parsons asked W.:B.: Jack Lorenzen to come to the East and report on the progress of the capital campaign for renovating the Lincoln Scottish Rite Center and moving the Grand Lodge Office.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brothers, over 150 years ago, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was formed, and during those years, we Nebraska Masons have faced many challenges and accepted many opportunities. Our fraternity has touched the lives of countless individuals by instilling the Masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth in our members. Our members have, in turn, practiced those virtues in their daily lives and interactions with their families, with neighbors and their communities. We are assembled these days as our brothers have been in the past years to make decisions that will affect the future of our fraternity. This future brings with it challenges that we may not clearly foresee, but also opportunities from which we will strengthen and grow.

Some of us look with fondness on the past, a time when Nebraska Freemasonry's membership exceeded 50,000 men and the commitment to our lodges' efforts was strong. We share a proud history with our brothers from past generations who invested in the future of our fraternity – a future which we now enjoy. So it is, each generation of our fraternity is given the opportunity to invest in the future generations to follow, to continue to build upon our moral and Masonic edifices.

Since 1999, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska offices have been located at 1240 N. 10th Street in Lincoln. This facility was originally purchased with the long-term goal of locating to another facility. With the change in the demographics of the neighborhood, the need for relocation has become more important.

Recently, a new relationship has been formed between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite to renovate and share a common facility located on Centennial Mall in downtown Lincoln. This facility will be known as the Nebraska Masonic Center. Some of you may wonder why the Grand Lodge would seek such a relationship. I can share with you that these two organizations within our Nebraska Masonic family have come to realize that this is an opportunity to draw from the strengths of each organization. The Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite has been housed in a beautiful building built in 1918 two blocks north of the State Capitol, which is in need of updating and refurbishment. This new arrangement will address the challenges of renovating and preserving an historic Nebraska Masonic building, will offer a visible location that will highlight the work of the entire Nebraska Masonic family across our state, and will provide a safe and productive working environment for our staff.

The initial plans call for renovation of the Temple's east addition and relocation of the Grand Lodge and Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite offices into a remodeled space on the lower level. This will include renovation and expansion of the lobby area, a new conference room, office space for the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, and the Nebraska Shrine Bowl, as well as refurbishment of the elevator. A new south entrance off of L Street will eventually be developed, and the facility's infrastructure will be updated.

In 2009, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite hired Paul J. Strawhecker, Inc., a fundraising consulting firm, to conduct a philanthropic planning study. Forty people affiliated with Nebraska Freemasonry were personally interviewed, and over 300 Masons completed an online survey by sharing their opinions and their feelings about the proposed project and a possible capital campaign to fund it. We learned that a sizable majority of Masons were in favor of the project and would likely give a financial gift to make it a reality. It had been hoped to launch the campaign a year ago, but the recession caused us to take a more conservative approach and the capital campaign work began this last November. The capital campaign will begin its efforts in the Lincoln area and will begin work in the Omaha area later this month. Several months from now, the campaign will begin work throughout the entire state. Brothers have been trained and are beginning to make visits to invite Masons and other affiliated with our fraternity to invest in this project.

Our campaign consultant, Scott Larsen, is with us today and is available to address questions you may have about the project and its campaign. He is available at the Nebraska Masonic Center's Capital Campaign booth in the display area. This display has information available for you to take back to your lodge. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Scott. The initial goal of this campaign is to raise \$1.75 million. It is the campaign's goal that approximately \$1 million of this will be raised from the Lincoln area, \$250,000 raised from the greater Omaha area and \$250,000 raised from the rest of the state, with the balance raised through planned gifts. No construction will begin until at least \$750,000 has been raised by the campaign, and we will not go into debt to complete this project.

At this time, I would ask Most Worshipful Sir Reg Kuhn if he has any comments to follow the remarks that I've just made."

Most Worshipful Kuhn took the podium and made the following additional comments:

“Thanks, Jack. Jack is part of the steering committee that has done untold work in preparing for this campaign. We have talked about this probably for the last three or four years, but we thought it was important to let the Craft know where it stands. It’s begun and when you are contacted, as you will be, we hope that you will respond generously. The campaign is off, we’re still a little bit in the quiet period, but we thought it was important that the Craft know the status of this. The Foundation is very much aware of this action and we’ll continue to assist in any way that we can. As Jack said, Scott Larsen is out in the display area and if you have any questions of him, or Jack or myself, or other committee members, please do not hesitate. But we wanted to share with you the status of the project.”



Grand Master Parsons took the podium and made the following announcement:

“Brethren, I have an announcement. Shortly after the opening of Grand Lodge, Masonic charges were filed against R.W. Deputy Grand Master E. David Watts, R.W. Grand Junior Warden, and the W. Grand Senior Deacon. The Grand Secretary will read these charges pursuant to Section 3-302 of the Bylaws.”

Grand Secretary Bruce Watkins read the charges as presented:

CHARGES AGAINST R.W. E. DAVID WATTS BY MICHAEL E. JONES, PGM

“As a Master Mason it is my opinion that membership in our beloved Fraternity is one of privilege and not a right. Membership in Freemasonry being of a voluntary nature, carries a critically high standard of personal conduct, personal decorum and one where the best interests of our brethren outweigh those of our own. As such, a member must preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied.

THEREFORE:

I, Michael E. Jones, Past Grand Master 2002, and a member in good standing of Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, do hereby object to the installation of R.W. Brother E. David Watts, Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and submit the following charges of un-Masonic conduct.

BYLAWS AND RITUAL CITED:

1. Introductory page of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: ‘the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska doth enact the following code of bylaws for its government and the government of its officers, subordinate lodges, their officers and all ancient free and accepted Masons sojourning within its jurisdiction.’

2. Part Three (Discipline) Chapter 1, Section 3-101: specifically, ‘acts which tend to impair the good name of Freemasonry or which violate Masonic obligations or the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge.’
3. Masonic Ritual, Master Mason Section, Obligation
4. Masonic Ritual, Master Mason Section, Charge

CHARGES:

1. On or about November 21, 2010, R.W. Brother E. David Watts, while at the residence of a woman with whom Brother Watts acknowledges a two-year personal relationship although still being legally married to another woman, was involved in a domestic episode resulting in serious charges being filed by the Lancaster County Deputy Attorney.

In my opinion, this event violates provisions contained in Section 3-101 of the Bylaws, a Master Mason’s obligations, and a Master Mason’s charge.

2. On or about December 13, 2010, in a meeting with six Grand Lodge line officers, R.W. E. David Watts gave his word on the honor of a Mason that should he be bound over for civil trial as a result of the event enumerated in item 3 above, he would resign his position as Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master elect. That resignation was not delivered as promised.

It is my opinion that having not fulfilled his Masonic promise, he violated Sections 3-101 of the Bylaws, a Master Mason’s obligation, and a Master Mason’s charge.

SUMMARY:

It is my opinion that the events outlined in his charges demonstrate un-Masonic conduct and do impair the good name of Freemasonry.

Signed, Michael E. Jones, February 4, 2011.”

CHARGES AGAINST R.W. REX J. MOATS BY MICHAEL E. JONES, PGM

“As a Master Mason, it is my opinion that membership in our beloved Fraternity is one of privilege and not of right. Membership in Freemasonry being of voluntary nature, carries a critically high standard of personal conduct, personal decorum and one where the best interests of our brethren outweigh those of our own. As such, a member must preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied.

THEREFORE:

I, Michael E. Jones, Past Grand Master 2002, and a member in good standing of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, do hereby object to the installation of R.W. Brother Rex J. Moats, Grand Junior Warden, to a Grand Lodge office to which he may be elected or appointed for the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, and submit the following charges of un-Masonic conduct.

BYLAWS AND RITUAL CITED:

1. Introductory page of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: ‘the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska doth enact the following code of bylaws for its government and the government of its officers, subordinate lodges, their officers and all ancient free and accepted Masons sojourning within its jurisdiction.’
2. Part Three (Discipline) Chapter 1, Section 3-101: specifically, ‘acts which tend to impair the good name of Freemasonry or which violate Masonic obligations or the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge.’
3. Part Three (Discipline) Chapter 1, Section 3-102(d); specifically, ‘attempting, from captious or unworthy motives to arrest the legitimate work of a lodge.’
4. Masonic Ritual, Master Mason Section, Obligation.
5. Masonic Ritual, Master Mason Section, Charge.

CHARGES:

1. On or about December 14, 2010, R.W. Brother Rex J. Moats, initiated a telephone call to the Secretary of Osceola Lodge No. 65 requesting that Osceola Lodge No. 65 prefer Masonic charges against R.W. E. David Watts, Deputy Grand Master, for un-Masonic conduct. The Masonic charges drafted and forwarded to the Master and subsequently to the Grand Master, were authored solely by Brother Moats upon his unsolicited initiative.

The fact that Brother Moats, under his own unsolicited initiative, used his Grand Lodge office to convince the lodge to adopt the charges he drafted, exacerbates his action.

It is my opinion these activities violate provisions contained in Section 3-101 and Sections 3-102(d) of the Bylaws, a Master Mason’s obligation and a Master Mason’s charge.

SUMMARY:

It is my opinion that the activities outlined in these charges demonstrate un-Masonic conduct and do impair the good name of Freemasonry.

Signed, Michael E. Jones, Past Grand Master 2002, February 4, 2011.”

CHARGES AGAINST W. THOMAS L. HAUDER BY HICKMAN LODGE NO. 256

“This is a complaint from Hickman Lodge No. 256 to the Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Brother Thomas L. Hauder is hereby charged with non-Masonic conduct by reason of the following specifications:

First Section: That the said Thomas L. Hauder, a brother of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 and currently serving as Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, on or about the 3rd day of January, 2011 A.D., 6011 A.L., in the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, in the State of Nebraska, did engage in non-Masonic conduct to wit: Attempting to intimidate and coerce the Worshipful Master, Junior Warden and Secretary of Hickman Lodge No. 256 to file Masonic charges against a brother of Hickman Lodge, thereby attempting from captious or unworthy motives, to arrest the legitimate work of a lodge, a violation of Section 3-201, Section 3-206 and Section 3-301 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, a violation of Masonic law and an enumerated Masonic offense under Section 3-102.

Wherefore it is demanded that the said Thomas L. Hauder be put on trial upon said charges and specifications and be dealt with according to the Masonic law and usages.

Brought by the following brethren of the Hickman Lodge: Robert Cassidy, Keith Sandall, Michael Gray, Gary Jarzynka, Olin Boone, Ray Schwarz, Jerry Sievers, Tom Trainor, John Irons, Bill Haberlan.”

CHARGES AGAINST R.W. REX J. MOATS BY HICKMAN LODGE NO. 256

“To the Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Brother Rex J. Moats is hereby charged with the following non-Masonic conduct by reason of the following specifications:

First Section: That the said Rex J. Moats, a brother of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 and currently serving as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.:, on or about the 3rd day of January 2011 A.D., 6011 A.L., in the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, in the state of Nebraska, did engage in non-Masonic conduct to wit: attempting to intimate and coerce the Worshipful Master, Junior Warden and Secretary of Hickman Lodge No. 256 to file Masonic charges against a brother of Hickman Lodge in violation of Section 3-201, Section 3-206, and Section 3-301 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.:, thereby attempting from captious or unworthy motives to arrest the legitimate work of a lodge, a violation of Masonic law and an enumerated Masonic offense under Section 3-102.

Second Section: That the said Rex J. Moats, a brother of Waterloo Lodge No. 102, and currently serving as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, on or about the 3rd day of January, 2011 A.D., 6011 A.L., in the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, in the state of Nebraska, did engage in non-Masonic conduct to wit: Prepared Masonic charges against a brother of Hickman Lodge in violation of Section 3-201, Section 3-206 and Section 3-301 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.:, thereby attempting from captious or unworthy motives, to arrest the legitimate work of a lodge, a violation of Masonic law and an enumerated Masonic office, under Section 3-102.

Third Section: That the said Rex J. Moats, a brother of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 and currently serving as Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.:, on or about the 6th day of January, 2011 A.D., 6011 A.L., in the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, in the state of Nebraska, did engage in non-Masonic conduct to wit: During a regular meeting of Hickman Lodge No. 256, did present evidence against a brother of Hickman Lodge No. 256 and attempted to influence and coerce the Master of Hickman Lodge No. 256 to accept the charges against the brother of Hickman Lodge, a violation of Section 3-201, Section 3-206, and Section 3-301 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A.:F.: & A.:M.:, thereby attempting from captious or unworthy motives, to arrest the legitimate work of a lodge, a violation of Masonic law and an enumerated Masonic offense under Section 3-102.

Wherefore it is demanded that the said Rex J. Moats be put on trial upon said charges and specifications and be dealt with according to the Masonic law and usage.

Brought by the following brethren of Hickman Lodge No. 256: Tom Trainor, Robert Cassidy, Keith Sandall, Michael Gray, Olin Boone, Gary Jarzynka, Ray Schwarz, Jerry Sievers, John Irons, Bill Haberlan.”

Grand Secretary Watkins then indicated, “That concludes the reading of these charges.”

After the charges were read, several brethren attempted to raise questions of the Grand Master, to which he responded: “This is not the venue for discussion. Please have a seat.” After another inquiry, the Grand Master continued, “Pursuant to Section 3-302, the Grand Lodge cannot quash these charges and specifications. It is my duty as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge to decide whether a Masonic offense is charged. In this regard, I direct that the Jurisprudence Committee immediately convene to determine whether these charges are in the proper form and thereafter I will determine whether Masonic offenses are charged. We will continue with our regular agenda pending the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Next thing on the agenda is the Nebraska Work Report. Phil?”

Still another inquiry came from the floor from Past Grand Master Donald Swanson, stating, “Most Worshipful Grand Master, I’d like to speak on the order.”

To which M.:W.: Parsons responded, “As I said to Most Worshipful Brother Krieger, this is not the time, nor the place. Please have a seat.” (single gavel rap)

Insistently, a few brethren continued to question the Grand Master. Most Worshipful Parsons insisted the matter would be addressed at a later time in the proceedings and instructed all brethren to take their seats.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

The charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work includes assistance to the Grand Custodian in his efforts of 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 self-appointed champions of a new cause. Change is good in many cases – as to the Masonic Ritual, it however, is timeless as to the lessons imparted – wholesale change risks loss of its basic

tenets. Ritual is a key component of that which separates us from other organizations. Masonic Ritual remains important and it is the bonding agent for many of us, with the lessons contained therein simply demanding of Masons a higher standard of self-imposed conduct. Masons are not confined only to civil or governmental law, every Mason's conduct is first governed by one's heart with his first responsibility to God and his brother, Masonic or not. The lessons are timeless, demanding, and just as applicable today as when first understood and stated. 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 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 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, not in a condescending manner but quietly and graciously. 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 our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Parsons and each of the Grand Lodge Officers is appreciated. Most Worshipful Brother 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. Most Worshipful Brother Krieger's example encourages Deputy Custodians and proficient Masons in providing leadership in setting a high standard for proficiency in Nebraska. Using Most Worshipful Brother 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.

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	# of Candidates
January 30	Covert 11	Omaha	23
February 20	Hastings 50	Hastings	30
April 17	G W Lininger 268	Omaha	17
July 17	Springfield 112	Omaha	8
September 25	Hickman 256	Lincoln	12
October 23	Omaha 288	Omaha	22

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.



Deputy Grand Master Watts raised a question of Grand Master Parsons: “Worshipful Grand Master, I would just like to, our parliamentarian left the room, but I believe a point of order requires a determination and to be heard under the rules of...”

Grand Master Parsons interjected and stated, “Will the Parliamentarian come back to the room with jurisprudence? Because that’s what we’re not, we’re gonna get into this discussion here. Okay? In the meantime, we’re going to continue with the rest of this as I stated.”

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.

- 16- Gregory A. Wells, Nebraska 1
- 15- Bruce A. Watkins, Liberty 300
- 14- Robert Kruse, Liberty 300
- 13- Ric L. Helms, Hickman 256
- 12- Nicholas M. Vodicka, Bee Hive 184
- 11- Kevin Pratt, East Lincoln 210
- 10- Richard D. Eggerling, Hickman 256
- 9- Armando R. Benitez, John J. Mercer 290
- 8- Donald L. Gockley, Covert 11
- 7- John L. Brommer, Nebraska 1
- 6- Rob R. Prouty, Garfield 95
- 5- C. Scott McDaniel, Frank Welch 75
- 4- Keith W. Kortright, John J. Mercer 290
- 3- Jay H. Speck, Plattsmouth 6

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

- 2 - Thomas K. Brummett, Covert 11
- 1 - Patrick D. Barger, Lancaster 54

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



Grand Master Parsons then began, “Now, at this point, I will ask our Brother Parliamentarian to address the questions that were raised while you were out of the room by Most Worshipful Brother Swanson and by R.:W.: Brother Watts. Starting with R.:W.: Brother Watts on point of order, what was your question?”

Deputy Grand Master Watts announced, “I wanted to clarify, I believe a point of order supersedes the work of a Grand Lodge and has the right to be heard from the floor.”

Parliamentarian Most Worshipful Dean Skokan answered, “A point of order is a device in Roberts Rules of Order which are not formally adopted in the Grand Lodge. They are recognized as a set of rules to govern assemblies and meetings of such that they do not have the force of law of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Constitution provides that the Grand Master is the presiding officer of the Annual Communication, and in my judgment, that would give the Grand Master the ability to determine when and if comment from the floor is appropriate, and it would also give him the ability to rule on procedural matters before or after such comments were received. But it is clearly established in the Constitution that the Grand Master is the presiding officer at Annual Communication. And that is law, that is not Roberts Rules of Order, that’s in the Constitution.”

Grand Master Parsons returned to the podium and said, “Thank you. I would also remind you that there are no tweets, texts or anything else going on while we are in here. I will, number one, I would, you know refrain from doing it, cause it’s a tyled meeting, and number two, if you do, first of all, it’s gonna be ten bucks. I said any means of electronic communication and we’re serious about that. So do not do it.”

MORE LIGHT EDUCATION AWARD

M.:W.: Parsons asked Denny Brydl, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee, to come forward to present the awards. Chairman Brydl stated 2010 was the first year for the More Light Education Award. It will be presented each year to the large lodge and the small lodge that research, plan, and implement an involved and rewarding Lodge Education Program. It is grounded on lodge internal education efforts and the lodge reaching out to the community to increase the understanding, benefits, and general overall knowledge of Masonry and the good it can and does accomplish.

The winner of the award for the large lodge was Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln. The winner of the award for the small lodge was Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow.



Grand Master Parsons announced that the workshops scheduled for the afternoon would begin at 12:30 pm in the Ballroom. The first workshop is a presentation on search and rescue dogs by SAR Unit, Inc. and their relevance to Nebraska Freemasons CHIP. The second program is on planning a cornerstone, presented by W.:B.: Wayne Vian of Grand Island. M.:W.: Parsons indicated that the Grand Lodge session would continue following the workshop with voting on the Grand Master’s Recommendations and

Constitutional Amendments, and a leadership presentation for the 2011 Masters and Wardens will be held at 4:00 pm. He also made several announcements relative to the location of the Grand Lodge Office, hospitality rooms, vendors, and instructions for upcoming meetings, silent auction and meal functions.



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene following the workshops at 2:00 p.m.

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2:00 p.m.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Dennis E. Rix invoked the blessing of Deity.

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 154th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2011.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.:B.: Parsons asked M.:W.:B.: Dwight Smith to come forward to give the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. M.:W.: Smith read the report:

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed all four complaints and finds them to be in acceptable form and offer the opinion that a Masonic offense is alleged in each of the four complaints under Section 3-102 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Recommendations

We recommend that the two complaints against R.:W.: Brother Moats be consolidated and that trial commissions be appointed in each of the three cases.

We see nothing in the code to prohibit a brother facing these charges from standing for election. Further, it is our unanimous opinion that no brother charged, if elected, should be installed until charges against him are resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Smith, Chairman, 205
Dean Skokan, 15
Les Seiler, 317 & 331
Steven Mattoon, 75
Reg Kuhn, 134, 19 & 332

Grand Master Parsons thanked M.: W.: Dwight for the report and stated, "Since we have received these and I am inclined to accept the Recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee, however, before I do so, we're not going to put this up to a vote, but let's just call this a plebiscite. I just want to get a feel of the membership in the Grand Lodge on the situation today. So what I am going to do is I am going to ask for the next ten to fifteen minutes or so, if it goes that long, any of you to go to the microphone, state your name, lodge and if you are in favor of accepting this recommendation or not, and we'll go from there. I do not expect this to deteriorate into any type of vituperative exchange, nor do I expect anybody to stand up there and orate. So if you are going to get up there, get your thoughts together. Once you get there, you have two minutes to say your peace. Make it short and succinct, and we're going to have hopefully an equal amount on either side. Any questions? Okay, at this point I would ask if there's anybody that would like to speak in favor of the Jurisprudence Committee's Recommendations. Comments." After a long pause, and no response from the brethren, Grand Master Parsons continued, "Okay, anybody that wants to oppose the Jurisprudence Committee's Recommendations."

After another long pause with no response from the brethren, Grand Master Parsons concluded, "Brethren, the Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the charges and found them to be in proper form. I now find that a Masonic offense is charged and I accept these charges. By the authority vested in me as Grand Master by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, specifically included, but not limiting, to Article X of the Constitution, I make the following Orders. I will appoint three trial commissions to be named here shortly, and I will direct that these trial commissions conduct the trial and complete its report within thirty days of this date. A prosecutor for those teams will be named later. Any appeals for the report of the trial commission will be determined by the Grievances Committee within thirty days of the filing of the appeal. The report of the Grievance Committee will be delivered to a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge specifically called for that purpose as soon as possible after the preparation of the Grievance Committee Reports. As we had before, these individuals will not be installed until the charge and appeals are resolved, and if any, is satisfied. I specifically forbid any member or officer of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from installing any of these individuals until those things are resolved. I will continue to serve as Grand Master until it is determined whether or not E. David Watts can be installed as Grand Master, and the others would stay in their posts as well. I anticipate the determination will be made within sixty days. When that determination is made, either E. David Watts or the Deputy Grand Master will be installed as Grand Master and the others accordingly. I will accept no perks as Grand Master from the Grand Lodge during this time. Until the report of the trial commission is entered, all those individuals are entitled to attend and participate in the Annual Communication and any subordinate lodge activities. Brethren, these are difficult decisions and there are difficult days ahead. I recognize that reasonable men may disagree with orders or the decisions made here. I have made these decisions in what I

perceive to be the best interests of Nebraska Freemasonry and of the Grand Lodge and expect that they will be accepted as such.

We will now go on with the rest of the program as scheduled.”



M.:W.:B.: Parsons announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Ron Grass as Chairman.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

M.:W.:B.: Parsons asked Deputy Grand Master Watts to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master’s Recommendations. R.:W.:B.: Watts 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.

Recommendaton No. 1

Amend **Section 2-301 – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT** – by adding a third paragraph to the section so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 2-301 – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT – The elective officers of a subordinate lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. One officer may hold both elective offices of Treasurer and Secretary. The appointive officers shall consist of a Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards and Tyler. The offices of Marshal and Organist may also be appointed if desired.

The elective officers shall be elected by secret written ballot by a majority vote at the first regular meeting in November of each year. Anyone so elected should, if possible, accept the office. An election cannot be reconsidered by the lodge unless the member so elected declines. All appointive officers shall be appointed by the Master.

Each elected lodge officer, as outlined above, must successfully complete an open book test on the Constitution and Bylaws, in a form to be provided by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska via a web form or paper format. Such test is required to be completed only once by an individual in his lifetime. Successful completion will be noted in the individual membership records held at the Grand Lodge office. Tests must be submitted to and received by the Grand Lodge office via the web form, first class or electronic mail, within 30 days of the date of election reported by each lodge on the Election of Officers form. Tests will be scored by Grand Lodge Education Committee. Each elected officer, commencing with officers to serve in the year 2012, must complete the test within 30 days of his election. Failure to complete the test and submit the same within the timeframe referenced above in this paragraph, or failure to satisfactorily complete the test with a score of seventy percent (70%) or above, will void the election of that officer, and a special election will be held by that lodge to fill that vacancy within an additional 30 days.

A motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Parsons gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After a brief discussion, the Deputy Grand Master called for the question and, by a show of raised ballots, the motion failed to gain a two-thirds majority vote.

Recommendation No. 2

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, 2012, 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		
January 2010	.50	
January 2011 and thereafter	1.00	
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 2010	19.00	
commencing January 2011	20.00	
commencing January 2012		22.00
commencing January 2013		23.00
commencing January 2014		24.00
commencing January 2015		25.00
commencing January 2016		26.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – PER CAPTITA TAX** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX: 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) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00)~~ as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January ~~2005~~ 2011. The per capita tax shall increase at a rate of ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, ~~2008, 2012,~~ and one dollar per year for the next ~~three~~ four years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: ~~2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, and 2011 - \$24.00, 2012 - \$27.00, 2013 - \$28.00, 2014 - \$29.00, 2015 - \$30.00, 2016 - \$31.00.~~ The Grand Lodge shall use ~~\$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member~~ distribute the per capita tax as provided in Section 1-404 of this code. 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. 2 was made and seconded. M.:W.:B.: Parsons gave his rationale for proposing the Recommendation. After a brief discussion, the Deputy Grand Master called for the question and, by a show of raised ballots, the motion passed with a two-thirds majority vote.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following proposed Constitutional Amendments were presented at the Annual Communication in February 2010 and thereafter submitted to the chartered subordinate lodges for their approval or rejection of bringing the question for ballot at the following session. A majority of the subordinate lodges approved thereof.

Proposed Amendment No. 1

Amend **ARTICLE II – MEMBERS** of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge 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.

M.:W.:B.: Parsons asked a signer of Constitutional Amendment No. 1 to state the position of the signers prior to the ballot. M.:W.: Russell Reno went to the microphone and stated that the signers brought the amendment in an attempt to encourage more officers to attend the Annual Communication and take what they learn back to their lodges.

A motion for the adoption of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1 was made and seconded. After a brief discussion, the Deputy Grand Master called for the question and, by a show of raised ballots, the motion passed with a majority vote.

Proposed Amendment No. 2

Amend **ARTICLE II – MEMBERS and ARTICLE V – OFFICERS** of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge 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:

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together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or the proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

**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.

M.:W.:B.: Parsons asked a signer of Constitutional Amendment No. 2 to state the position of the signers prior to the ballot. M.:W.: Russell Reno went to the microphone and stated that the signers brought the amendment in an effort to include the musical talents of individuals who can add a lot to Grand Lodge.

A motion for the adoption of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 2 was made and seconded. After a brief discussion, the Deputy Grand Master called for the question and, by a show of raised ballots, the motion passed with a majority vote.

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 2010 Masters earned the Grand Master’s Leadership Award:

- Jeffrey Stanley, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- Patrick Barger, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- Mark Poston, North Star Lodge No. 227
- Donald Albrecht, Cotner Lodge No. 297

From among the recipients, Patrick Barger received the award with distinction by also achieving the 3% membership gain and was selected as the Master of the Year.



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 8:30 am.

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Membership Banquet
Friday, February 4, 2011
7:00 p.m.

After dinner, Grand Master Parsons 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.: Parsons said it was his distinct pleasure to award the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to W.:B.: Wes Turtscher of Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Dr. Del Weber of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268. Neither recipient was able to attend the banquet, however, a statement was read from Brother Turtscher:

“Thank you for the invitation for the meeting of Grand Lodge. I have always enjoyed Masonry and learned a lot from it. Because of health and family, I will be unable to attend. I will certainly miss a bunch of wonderful people. Working together and respecting each other is the light that shines in the Masonic order. Thank you Most Worshipful Brother, John Parsons.”

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

M.:W.:B.: Parsons invited Ron Giesselmann of the Fremont Children's Home, Mary Stapp of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Reg Kuhn, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, to come forward to receive checks representing the proceeds of the Ninth Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented a check in the amount of \$4,341.01.

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.: Parsons presented the award to members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

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 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln as recipient of the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award and Franklin Lodge No. 264 in Franklin as winner of the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award.

The 2nd Runner-up in the large lodge category was Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth, and the 1st Runner-up was Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln.

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

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 2011, for the lodge year 2010, Michelle Fulmer and Carol Schroeder presented the award to Phil Edwards, Secretary of Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha.

LADIES AT THE TABLE

Following the presentation of the awards, a Ladies at the Table was held, with Past Grand Master Phil Lorenzen and Past Grand Master Jim Brown acting as directors.

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V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Dennis E. Rix invoked the blessing of Deity.

The R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master called the 154th 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 5, 2011.

M.:W.:B.: Parsons welcomed the brethren. He announced that the silent auction was successful in raising \$2,757 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 pick up the awards. He asked that all cell phones and other electronic devices be turned off, and warned that someone would be around to collect \$10 to benefit Change for the Troops if a phone rings.

M.:W.:B.: Parsons announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Ron Grass as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT

Grand Master Parsons directed the delegates to cast their ballots for the election of the offices of Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary.

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

M.:W.:B.: Parsons 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.

Solomon Lodge No. 10, Ft. Calhoun
 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
 York Lodge No. 56, York
 Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield
 North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
 Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg
 Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman
 Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon
 Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln

Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin
 Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill
 Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace
 Seneca Lodge No. 284, Thedford
 Union Lodge No. 287, Palmyra
 Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
 Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
 Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
 Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
 Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, Lincoln

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this, the 154th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 18 Past Grand Masters, 22 Deputy Grand Custodians and 38 non-delegate Masons.

At the time of this report there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered: There are 74 Masters in person and 27 by proxy; there are 38 Senior Wardens in person and 31 by proxy; there are 23 Junior Wardens in person and 37 by proxy; and there are 60 Secretaries in person and 35 by proxy.

We have 358 total possible votes with officers and proxies. We are also recognizing the Lodges that have all four delegate officers in attendance in person. They are Lodges 1, 32, 50, 54, 79, 146, 148, and 332. They will receive a certificate to display in their lodge. We thank them for their efforts to be present and a part of this Grand Communication.

At this time there are no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 9, 59, 103, 106, 110, 132, 165, 220, 221, 234, 241, 248, 263, 286, and 293. There have been no Masters, Wardens, or Secretaries registered for two years from Lodges 9, 73, 165, 221, 241, 248, 286, and 293, and for three years from Lodges 73 and 165.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

We are also pleased to have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic-related organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Shrine International, Sesostris, Tehama, and Tangier Shrine Temples, Daughters of the Nile, Social Order of the Beauceant, 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 224 present at the Grand Master's Banquet on Thursday evening, there were 442 at the Public Opening Friday and 338 at the Membership Banquet Friday night.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for you Most Worshipful John, and I would like to thank the other brothers on the committee that spend many hours at the registration table to help make this a smooth and enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication, they are Frank Dougherty, Phil Edwards, Mike Hoagland and Gordon Brown.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle and Carol at the Grand Lodge Office for their hard work 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
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
R. Mike Hoagland, 46 & 146
Leroy Moats, 102 & 290
Allan Rolfs, 102
Gordon L. Brown, 146, Ad-hoc
Philip O. Edwards, 326, Ad-hoc

The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

M.:W.:B.: Parsons thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee, and asked for reiteration of the lodges absent for three or more years, and then stated:

“Brethren, you have heard the report and noted the absence of representatives from lodges which have been absent for three or more years. At this point, in compliance with section 2-514 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, I now declare that Lodges No. 73 and 165, having been absent for more than three years, they have forfeited their charters. They may regain those charters by attending the next annual communication. In the meantime, they are prohibited from engaging in any Masonic activity unless they first apply for and receive a dispensation from the Grand Lodge.”

After the Credentials Report was given, it was found that a representative from Friend Lodge No. 73 did register Saturday morning while Chairman Delmar was giving his report. Grand Master Parsons amended his order to reflect that only the charter for Barneston Lodge No. 165 would be forfeited.

FINAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

The 2010 Committee on Finance 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.

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

Actual revenue and expenses, compared to budgeted, for 2010 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	503,800.19	467,737
Expenses	(512,842.52)	(534,890)
Net Deficit	(9,042.33)	(67,153)

The numbers show that \$9042 of investment income was needed to make up the difference between revenue and expenses – \$58,111 less than the investment draw budgeted for 2010. 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 2010; 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 Committee on Finance 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,
 John E. Lorenzen, 10 & 314, Chairman
 Thomas A. Brazer, 11 & 1
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Jeffrey C. Johnson, 19
 David G. Krogh, 5
 Steven S. Nichols, 102
 Thomas J. Schmidt, 288
 Steve B. Wetzel, 227

Account	2011 Budget
Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$247,580.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$6,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$6,189.50
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$250.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$24,758.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,200.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$12,379.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$250.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$6,189.50
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	\$4,875.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$900.00

4640.000 CHIP Assessment	\$13,038.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$2,066.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$19,512.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$346,537.00
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	\$216.00
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	\$1,200.00
4625.800 Sale of Vet's Luncheon Tickets	\$168.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$1,800.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$770.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$360.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$850.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$300.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$32,574.00
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$60,000.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$9,000.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$0.00
4465.000 GM Program Income	\$20,000.00
4905.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$0.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$89,000.00
Participatory Income	
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$5,000.00
4641.000 CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	\$16,000.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$31,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$499,111.00
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,000.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$6,903.90
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$400.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$8,380.05
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$450.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$300.00

5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$2,500.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$204.38
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$1,376.40
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,040.00
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,147.00
5175.410 Vet's Lunch	\$168.00
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$218.40
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$663.00
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$1,720.50
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$713.30
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$278.70
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,500.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$3,600.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$34,563.63
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Installation	\$2,500.00
5220.425 Meals	\$4,000.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$800.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$7,300.00
Travel & Related	
5210.000 Auto Allowance-GL Staff	\$900.00
5210.100 Auto Allow-Grand Master	\$4,000.00
5210.150 Auto Allow-Dep Gr Master	\$1,000.00
5210.200 Auto Allow-Gr Secretary	\$650.00
5210.250 Auto Allow-Gr Custodian	\$650.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$1,000.00
5210.350 Auto Allow-Other Officers	\$4,000.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$550.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$325.00
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	\$2,500.00
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	\$3,000.00
5240.500 Conference of Grand Masters/Grand	\$6,300.00
5240.550 Midwest Conference	\$3,750.00

5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$200.00
5240.700 Shrine Membership Seminar	\$750.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$500.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$1,300.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$40,725.00
Occupancy & Related	
5400.100 Office Rent	\$21,600.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$5,100.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$500.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$1,800.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$5,500.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$5,200.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$7,500.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$2,500.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$2,000.00
5435.000 Postage	\$4,000.00
5435.250 Postage-Gr Custodian	\$0.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$2,800.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$100.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$3,500.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$400.00
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	\$600.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp & Semi-Annual Flyer	\$41,000.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$220.00
5481.000 Credit Card Fees	\$150.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$4,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$20.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$3,500.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	\$1,500.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$400.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,000.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	\$2,200.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$2,400.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$125,490.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$641.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$33,278.32
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$2,066.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,669.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$19,512.00

5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$839.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$62,505.32
Committees and Programs	
5650.450 Masonic Education	\$250.00
5240.450 Conv & Conf-Masonic Education	\$400.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	\$500.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$75.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$4,000.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$100.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$69,500.00
5650.750 Youth Committee-MYLC	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.800 Membership committee	\$500.00
5520.800 Awards & Rec	\$50.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$1,000.00
5650.960 GW Memorial Committee	\$200.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$0.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$2,200.00
5660.000 Digital Proceedings Project	\$5,000.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$5,500.00
5801.000 GM Programs Expense	\$26,000.00
5805.000 Masonic Family Summit	\$500.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$122,275.00
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	\$91,886.44
6561.100 Salary-Gr Custodian	\$0.00
6561.200 Salary-Part-time Staff	\$0.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$100.00
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	\$7,029.31
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$200.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$150.00
6560.000 Payroll Expenses-Other	\$55.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$2,756.59

6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$100.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$104,677.35
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$6,439.50
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$25,958.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$12,629.00
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$13,038.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$58,064.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$565,925.80
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)	(66,814.80)
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB - Omaha	\$66,814.80
3.96% of \$1,684,512 balance on 11/30/2010	
ADJ. BALANCE WITH INVEST. INCOME	\$0

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

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.: Parsons asked for representatives of the following lodges to come forward to receive the awards:

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 of Plattsmouth
 Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte
 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 of Lincoln
 Geneva Lodge No. 79 of Geneva
 Custer Lodge No. 148 of Broken Bow
 North Star Lodge No. 227 of Lincoln
 Franklin Lodge No. 264 of Franklin
 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 of Omaha
 Cotner Lodge No. 297 of Lincoln
 Bellevue Lodge No. 325 of Bellevue
 Centennial Lodge No. 326 of Omaha

VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented at the 153rd Annual Communication in February 2010:

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, 2012, 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 2010	19.00	
commencing January 2011	20.00	
commencing January 2012	19.00	28.50
commencing January 2013	20.00	33.50
commencing January 2014		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

R.:W.:B.: Watts 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.



Deputy Grand Master Watts requested to say a few words:

“Brethren, I had, first, I want to apologize to the Craft for any of the confusion that may have been caused on my part with yesterday. My installation was supposed to be held today at 5:30 pm. We are not going to hold that installation today, and depending on what happens with the ruling from Jurisprudence, it may be delayed maybe thirty days, I’m not sure. But under Section 1-101.01 of the Bylaws, as Grand Master-Elect, I am going to announce that the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers shall be held at 10:00 am, February 19, 2011, at the Scottish Rite Center in Alliance, Nebraska. Depending on Jurisprudence, that may change. But that’s the date set at this time. Again, I am sorry, brethren, for any of the inconveniences I have caused you. I appreciate the support and I look forward to working with you next year. Thank you, brethren.”

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.:B.: Parsons asked Deputy Grand Master Dave Watts to cover to allow him to make the motion.

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

PREFACE

I have had the privilege of serving as a Grand Lodge officer since 1997 when M.:W.:B.: Ken Fleming appointed me Grand Historian. I served in that capacity for eight years, and enjoyed all eight years immensely. Had my Grand Lodge journey stopped after that period, I would have departed happy in the knowledge that I had been able to contribute something to the Grand Lodge. Such was not the case, however, as M.:W.: B.: Ivan Vrtiska appointed me to the advancing line, a further honor for which I am deeply indebted.

As I thought about what I wanted to say in this address, the magnitude of the task suddenly hit me. Normally, I can sit down and crank out articles, letters, and other written communications in fairly short order. I realized that I had a lot of things to say, people to thank, and emotions to try and express, all in a few short paragraphs. Merely recounting the experiences of my year as Grand Master or even talking about all my experiences as a Grand Lodge officer doesn't quite cover it, so I decided to talk about my Masonic journey from its beginning, over 35 years ago. Growing up in a small town in Pennsylvania, I was aware that my maternal grandfather was an active Mason, having served as master of his lodge, and as an officer and member in the York Rite bodies, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. I determined at a fairly early age to emulate his example and become a Mason. The first opportunity I had was when I was assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, where I met an individual who had just become a Mason in a lodge in Omaha. He signed my petition to George W. Lininger Lodge, and I was off and running. After completing my Blue Lodge degrees, I joined the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shrine, and my wife and I both became members of the Eastern Star. The only goal to which I ever aspired was to serve as Master of my lodge. I achieved that goal, and everything I've achieved since then was beyond my wildest dreams. I am very grateful to all of you who have helped me along the way. First and foremost, I have to thank my wife Pauline for her support and encouragement. The fact that she also came from a Masonic family certainly helped, as her father, both grandfathers, and most of her uncles were Masons.

I am also fortunate in that as I traveled around the globe while in the Air Force, I met Masons in numerous states and countries, and came to realize and appreciate the global nature of our fraternity. There is an instant bond of friendship and trust that is established whenever you meet a brother, no matter what the language or cultural barriers may be. These ties and friendships have given me a love for the fraternity, and have inspired me to always try and do the right thing for the benefit of the craft. I have been truly humbled by being selected to serve as your Grand Master.

To our visitors, I extend a heartfelt welcome. You honor the Grand Lodge of Nebraska with your presence, and we extend to you and your jurisdiction our warm fraternal greetings. Over the years, I have been well received and have had a great time in my visits to other jurisdictions, and I hope you find our Annual Communication likewise friendly and uplifting.

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2010 my goals were not to introduce a myriad of new programs, but rather to focus on what was successful in the past, to refocus some efforts on some areas that

needed attention, and finally, to support the men and women of our armed forces whose efforts enable us to enjoy the blessings of freedom that we enjoy in this nation.

In support of the first goal, we have encouraged lodges to participate in CHIP. It is a great program that not only helps safeguard children throughout the state, but projects a positive image of Masonry in the public eye throughout the state. Membership growth continues to be a goal, and in support of that effort, this year we introduced a pin only to be awarded to first time, top line signers of a petition. The first time an individual signs a petition is the most important time he will do so, because it demonstrates that he has made a personal commitment to the fraternity to get one of his friends, relatives or co-workers to join him in its good endeavors. This year we distributed over 70 pins to such individuals. Masonic unity was another goal this year. To that end, I actively participated in many events with the York and Scottish Rites, the Shrine, Eastern Star, and Masonic youth groups. While some of us may have more interest in the ceremonies of the Rites, or the fun and philanthropy of the Shrine, we are all Masons and bound by the same fraternal tie. We need to stress cooperation, not competition. Finally, we introduced the Change for the Troops program this year, which was originally started by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It has been phenomenally successful, and my hat is off to all those who have contributed to the program.

I have submitted two recommendations this year. Recommendation No. 1 was originally submitted last year as a Resolution from the floor by Springfield Lodge No. 112. It had insufficient valid signatures, and thus could not be voted upon. I thought the proposal had merit, and informed the brethren of that lodge that I would submit it as one of my recommendations this year.

My second recommendation is an attempt to acquaint elected lodge officers with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge. All elected officers take an obligation to uphold and obey the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, but it is a little tough to do so if you have never read them. This is an effort to get people into the books so that they may become familiar with what they have sworn to uphold.

The following is a recapitulation of my activities and a summary of some of the important work of Nebraska Freemasonry during the past year.

VISITATIONS

This year I had the privilege to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Minnesota, Alabama and Iowa, as well as the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges, and the Imperial Shrine Session. I also attended the Annual Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, as well as the Prince Hall Midwest Conference of Grand Masters, both of which were held in Omaha. In all instances, I was the recipient of wonderful hospitality and was extended every courtesy. Over the years I have had the privilege to make many friends around the United States, and I look forward to continuing those friendships in the years to come.

I also enjoyed the Imperial Shrine Session and am grateful for the warm hospitality extended by the Tangier, Sesostris, and Tehama Shrine Centers during a wonderful week in Toronto.

During the year I, or a Grand Lodge officer, attempted to accept nearly every invitation we received from a subordinate lodge. If we missed an event to which we received an invitation, it was due to our oversight. However, if your lodge was not visited this past year, it is most likely because we were not invited. The following is a listing of the more significant events and official visitations in which I participated. There were also numerous committee meetings, telephone conferences, office meetings, and other routine activities which I have chosen not to list in detail:

February

February 3-6 Annual Communication – Grand Island
 February 8 SR Cathedral Board Meeting -Omaha
 February 12 Friendship Dinner – Scottish Rite- Omaha
 February 13 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting – Omaha
 February 14 Grand Lodge Installation – Omaha
 February 20-23 Grand Masters Conference – Arlington, VA
 February 27 50 year pin presentations – Fremont
 February 27 Dodge County Masonic Banquet – North Bend
 February 28 Friendship Dinner- Sesostris Shrine – Lincoln

March

March 1 Rainbow Dessert Auction – Omaha
 March 2 Omaha No. 288 Visit – Omaha
 March 3 Masonic Funeral – Plattsmouth
 March 3 College View No. 320 -Visit - Lincoln
 March 6 Conferred PM Degree, RAM – Omaha
 March 7 Cornerstone – Scottsbluff
 March 8 SR Cathedral Board Meeting -Omaha
 March 10 Board Meeting, Children's Home – Fremont
 March 10 Royal Arch Masons Meeting – Papillion
 March 11 School of Instruction – Omaha
 March 12 Prince Hall Midwest Conference of GM - Omaha
 March 13 GL All Committee Meeting – Fremont
 March 13 Daughters of the Nile Installation – Omaha
 March 13 Prince Hall Grand Masters Dinner – Omaha
 March 15 Scottish Rite Meeting – Omaha
 March 16 School of Instruction – Papillion
 March 17 Northeast Nebraska Masons - Sioux City, IA
 March 19 Shrine Circus – Lincoln
 March 20 Masonic Family Summit – Lincoln
 March 20 Grand Lodge Officers Reception – Tangier – Omaha
 March 24 School of Instruction – Omaha
 March 25-27 Minnesota Grand Lodge – St. Cloud
 March 27 Tangier Potentate's Ball – Omaha
 March 30 Masonic Education Session- Papillion

April

April 3 Jordan Medal Presentation – Papillion
 April 3 Nebraska Scottish Rite Foundation – Lincoln
 April 5 Plattsmouth No. 6 – Visit – Plattsmouth
 April 6 G. W. Lininger No. 268 – Visit - Omaha
 April 7-10 Grand York Rite– Columbus
 April 12 SR Cathedral Board Meeting - Omaha
 April 13 Masonic Home Board Meeting – Plattsmouth
 April 14 Board Meeting - Children's Home - Fremont
 April 15 Cornerstone – Grand Island
 April 16-18 Scottish Rite Leadership Conference – New Orleans
 April 19 Scottish Rite Meeting - Omaha
 April 20 Table Lodge – G.W. Lininger No. 268 – Omaha
 April 21 Masonic Unity Meeting – Tangier - Omaha
 April 22 Custer No. 148 – Awards Night – Broken Bow
 April 23-24 Scottish Rite Reunion - Omaha

April 24	Sesostris Potentate's Ball – Lincoln
April 28	Covert No. 11 – Awards Night – Omaha
April 29	Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting - Omaha
April 29	Liberty No. 300 – Awards Night - Lincoln
May	
May 1	Papillion No. 39 - Coffee on the Square – Papillion
May 1	Omaha Area York Rite Installation – Papillion
May 2	Shiloh No. 327 Pancake Breakfast – Omaha
May 3	Line Officers' Meeting – Lincoln
May 6	Capitol No. 3 Visit – Omaha
May 9	Masonic Day at the Ballpark – Omaha
May 10	SR Cathedral Board Meeting - Omaha
May 10	KT Commandery – Dinner - Plattsmouth
May 11-13	OES Grand Chapter – Lincoln
May 12	Masonic Luncheon – Offutt AFB
May 13	50 Year Pin Presentation – Lincoln
May 14	Friendship Dinner – Tangier Shrine – Omaha
May 17	Scottish Rite Meeting – Omaha
May 18	Acacia No. 34 – Visit - Schuyler
May 19	Scottish Rite Steak Fry - Papillion
May 21	Lancaster No. 54 - PM Dinner and Awards - Lincoln
May 22	National Guard Departure - Nebraska City
May 23	OES/GL Officers Reception - Papillion
May 25	Papillion No. 39 - PM Night - Papillion
May 26	Sojourners Meeting - Omaha
May 27	Trinity No. 299 OES - PM/PP Night - Omaha
May 28	Crescent Shrine Club – Omaha
June	
June 1	Area Meeting – McCook
June 2	Area Meeting – Alliance
June 3	Area Meeting – Ainsworth
June 5	Midwest No. 317 – Outdoor Degree - Hastings
June 8	G.W. Lininger No. 268 Visit - Omaha
June 9	Board Meeting - Children's Home - Fremont
June 10	Tangier Shrine - Business Meeting - Omaha
June 11	Cornerstone – Grand Island
June 12	Rainbow Grand Assembly – Crete
June 14	SR Cathedral Board Meeting – Omaha
June 15	Visit to Shrine Hospital – St Louis, MO
June 16-17	Band Camp – Lincoln
June 17	Job's Grand Bethel – Grand Island
June 19	50 Year Pin Presentation - Lincoln
June 19	Nebraska Shrine Bowl - Lincoln
June 29	Lincoln No. 19 – Charter Night - Lincoln
July	
July 3-9	Imperial Shrine Session – Toronto, Canada
July 10	Wes Turtscher Humanitarian Award - Papillion
July 11	Nemaha Valley No. 4 – 60 Year Pin - Brownville
July 12	SR Cathedral Board Meeting – Omaha
July 13	Masonic Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
July 13	North Bend No. 119 – Steak Fry – North Bend

July 14 Board Meeting – Children’s Home - Fremont
 July 16 Nebraska Prince Hall Grand Lodge - Omaha
 July 17 MM Degree - One Day Class – Omaha
 July 21 Masonic Unity Dinner - Tangier – Omaha
 July 22 SR Century Club Dinner - Omaha
 July 24-25 DeMolay Conclave – Hastings
 July 25 Cornerstone - Scottsbluff

August

August 1-4 Rainbow’s International Meeting – Omaha
 August 8 Corinthian No. 83 - Pin Presentation - Wakefield
 August 9 SR Cathedral Board Meeting – Omaha
 August 13-15 GL Officers Retreat – Chicago, IL
 August 16 SR Picnic – Omaha
 August 19 Cornerstone – Grand Island
 August 20-22 Midwest Conference of Grand Masters – Sioux Falls, SD
 August 23 Grand Masters Golf Tournament – North Bend
 August 25 Sojourners Meeting – Omaha
 August 28 Red Cross of Constantine - Columbus

September

September 1 Bellevue No. 325 – Past Masters Night – Bellevue
 September 2 Comet No. 229 – Jordan Medal - Ceresco
 September 4 CHIP Event – State Fair - Grand Island
 September 7 Lininger No. 268 – Visit - Omaha
 September 8 Board Meeting – Children’s Home - Fremont
 September 8 Northern Light No. 41 - NE Neb Masons – Stanton
 September 11 Masters and Wardens – Omaha
 September 11 Papillion No. 39 – Awards - Papillion
 September 13 SR Cathedral Board Meeting - Omaha
 September 16-17 Grand Lodge of Iowa – Sioux City
 September 18 Tehama Potentate’s Ball - Kearney
 September 20 SR Meeting - Omaha
 September 22 SR Outing – Papillion Gun Club
 September 23-28 OES Trip – Washington DC
 September 29 Shiloh No. 327 – Pin Presentation – Omaha

October

October 12 Masonic Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
 October 13 Mizpah No. 302 – Pin Presentation – Omaha
 October 14 Peru No. 14 – Area Meeting – Peru
 October 15 Omaha Home for Boys Breakfast – Omaha
 October 16 Long Pine No. 136 – Cornerstone – Long Pine
 October 19 Western Star No. 2 – Area Meeting – Nebraska City
 October 22 Del Weber Humanitarian Award - Omaha
 October 27 Sojourners Meeting – Kearney
 October 28 Finance Committee Meeting – Lincoln
 October 29 Friendship Dinner – SR - Omaha

November

November 1 Plattsmouth No. 6 – PM Night – Plattsmouth
 November 6 Papillion No. 39 – Pin Presentation – Papillion
 November 6 Red Cross of Constantine Meeting – Plattsmouth
 November 6 Covert No. 11 – Lodge of Military Tribute – Omaha
 November 8-10 Alabama Grand Lodge – Montgomery, AL

November 13 Nile Supreme Queen Visit – Lincoln
 November 14 Cornerstone – Grand Island
 November 15 SR Meeting – Omaha
 November 16 Lininger No. 268 - PM Night – Omaha
 November 18 Plattsmouth No. 6 – MM Degree - Plattsmouth
 November 19-20 SR Reunion – Omaha
 November 29 Heroes of '76 – Omaha

December

December 2 Capitol No. 3 – Pin Presentations – Omaha
 December 6 Pomegranate No. 110 – Visit – Ashland
 December 7 Trinity No. 299 OES – Dinner – Omaha
 December 8 Board Meeting - Children's Home - Fremont
 December 9 Tangier Shrine – Elections – Omaha
 December 11 Mt Calvary Commandery KT - Installation - Papillion
 December 18 Sesostris Shrine - Visit - Lincoln
 December 27 Saints John Education Lodge No. 331 – Meeting – Omaha

January

January 2 Installation – Papillion No. 39 – Papillion
 January 4 Installation – Plainview No. 204 - Plainview
 January 7 Tangier Shrine – Installation - Omaha
 January 8 Installation – Fremont No. 15 - Fremont
 January 11 Masonic Home Board Meeting – Plattsmouth
 January 12 Board Meeting – Children's Home - Fremont
 January 12 Cornerstone – Children's Home - Fremont
 January 18 Installation – Lininger No. 268 – Omaha
 January 29 One Day Class – Omaha
 January 29 Trinity No. 299 OES- Installation - Omaha

The Grand Lodge officers continue to confer the First Section of the Master Masons Degree when requested and did so at the Omaha One-day Degree Conferral on July 17. I encourage local lodges to use this resource as the degree work is of the highest quality. In addition, the Grand Lodge officers continued to portray the Eighth Degree of the Scottish Rite in all four Nebraska Valleys, as well as the Past Master's Degree in the Royal Arch Chapter of the York Rite. The ritual performance in these degrees is excellent, and demonstrates the continuing support by the Grand Lodge for the appendant bodies.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

I want to thank each member who served on a Grand Lodge committee. Your work is essential to the continued success of the Grand Lodge and its programs, and I fear your contribution to the fraternity can sometimes be ignored. I hope that you will look back on your service with a sense of satisfaction for a job well done. This past year many committees made significant progress in making their functions relevant. With the new goals and objectives which are being set before the committees, this level of relevancy will only continue to increase.

CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS

The one new program that I started this year was Change for the Troops, whereby individual lodges would collect their spare change after meeting and forward that change to the Grand Lodge office. The collected donation would be used to buy phone cards for troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. I am extremely happy to report that the

program has been a rousing success, and has demonstrated the patriotism and support for our military among the Masons of Nebraska. Individual lodges, Shrine Centers and clubs, York and Scottish Rite bodies, and other Masonic related organizations around the state have all contributed. Thus far this year we have raised over \$24,000 and distributed phone cards to nearly 1,500 deploying men and women. I would like to personally thank W.:B.: Bill Nelson who orchestrated the issue of these cards to the troops as they deployed; to W.:B.: Glenn Mulholland who led the effort in the North Platte area; and to an anonymous member of Bellevue Lodge, a retired Air Force member now living in Australia, who made substantial financial contributions to the program. I am happy to report that this program will continue next year as well. Thanks again for all your support.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

The Nebraska CHIP, begun several years ago under the leadership of Past Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska, has matured and grown into one of the best programs ever sponsored by the Masons of Nebraska. Under the able leadership of its President, Kent Broyhill, and a very active Board of Directors, Nebraska CHIP continues to be a vital tool for lodges. To date, Nebraska Masonic lodges have identified nearly 30,000 individuals. If your lodge has not yet participated in a CHIP event, I urge you to consider sponsoring an event.

The Grand Lodge remains committed to Nebraska CHIP both through our financial support via the \$1.00 per member assessment and by continuing to provide office and other logistical support to the program. In addition, Michelle Fulmer, the Grand Lodge Office Manager, assumed the responsibilities of the CHIP Coordinator in the fall of last year.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE STAFF

I want to acknowledge the contributions of the Grand Lodge office staff, both our Office Manager, Michelle Fulmer, and our Administrative Assistant, Carol Schroeder. The work of the Grand Lodge simply would not take place without their excellent work. They continue to be terrific assets to the Grand Lodge. We are very fortunate to have such committed and able employees, and I hope that you will take time to thank them for their work in supporting our mission.

GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD

In 2010, it gave me great pleasure to present two Grand Master's Humanitarian Awards. The nominations of both W.:B.: Wes Turtscher of Papillion and B.: Del Weber of Omaha indicated that their lives of service to their lodges, professions and communities rendered them most deserving of this honor. Both awards were presented at public ceremonies which were well attended by lodge brothers and members of the community. I encourage lodges to nominate worthy brothers for this award as it is an excellent way to honor members of your lodge within the context of a community celebration.

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

The following lodges celebrated anniversaries of their charter date this year. Many of these lodges marked this event with celebrations and other activities:

125 Years:

Scribner Lodge No. 132 – Scribner, Nebraska
 Solar Lodge No. 134 – Clarks, Nebraska
 McCook Lodge No. 135 – McCook, Nebraska
 Long Pine Lodge No. 136 – Long Pine, Nebraska

100 Years:

Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 – Walthill, Nebraska

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

The Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp continues to be one of our premier programs. I heard numerous comments from individuals who have been involved with this program during its entire sixteen year history to the effect that this was the best and most talented band ever assembled. A special thanks to every member or Masonic organization who made a financial contribution to the program or who volunteered as a band chaperone. I want to specifically thank the members of the Grand Lodge Band Committee, particularly its Chairman, Roger Dill, for their contributions to this program, as well as our Grand Lodge Office Manager, Michelle Fullmer, for her untiring efforts in organizing this event.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Home for Children in Fremont continues its outstanding efforts to care for the young men and women who reside there. Executive Director Ron Giesselmann and the Home's Board of Directors have maintained this institution as a model worth emulating. In this era of rapid change, the Fremont Home's adherence to traditional values and programs, including attendance at public schools, participation in extracurricular activities, such as the 4-H program, and student mentoring, have proven their worth. While some other institutions are cutting back on services and numbers in pursuit of some ill-defined and politically correct solution to society's problems, the Fremont Home is currently filled to capacity, a testimonial to its reputation and performance. I have no doubt that this will continue well into the future.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home puts into practice one of the primary duties of a Mason: to provide for the care of our brothers and their immediate families. It is a wonderful, clean facility providing all levels of care with dignity. I had the privilege to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors over the past year, and I commend its members for the serious consideration of the many issues that confront a health care institution. Each of us should continue to promote the Home in our own lodges as the care there is second to none, and is perhaps unparalleled in the nation. The Home will be starting a capital campaign in 2011 to update some of its facilities, and I hope you will support it.

NECROLOGY

In 2010, 366 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain Dennis Rix will conduct a memorial service during our Annual Communication which will pay fitting tribute to these brethren.

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:

Scottsbluff – March 7 – Safety Building
Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Master: Arthur R. Stricker

Grand Island – April 15 – College Park Theater, Central Community College
Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Master: Justin T. Richardson

Grand Island – June 11 – Show Barns and Auditorium, Nebraska State Fairgrounds
Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Master: Justin T. Richardson

Scottsbluff – July 25 – City Hall
Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Master: Arthur R. Stricker

Grand Island – August 19 – Health Science Building, Central Community College
Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Master: Justin T. Richardson

Scottsbluff – September 25 – Bluffs Middle School
Host Lodge: Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Master: Arthur R. Stricker

Long Pine – October 16 – Rededication of Lodge
Host Lodge: Long Pine Lodge No. 136
Master: Alvin O. Benemerito

Grand Island – November 14 – Field House, Central Community College
Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Master: Justin T. Richardson

Fremont – January 12 – Recreation Center, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
Host Lodge: Fremont Lodge No. 15
Master: Dennis E. Rix

Special thanks to Wayne Vian, a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, for promoting and organizing the numerous cornerstones held in Grand Island in 2010. The brethren of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff have also done a superb job this year in their cornerstone endeavors, including an appearance by the Governor of Nebraska at one of the ceremonies. My thanks to the brethren of all the lodges that sponsored cornerstone ceremonies this year. They were all done superbly.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

Amend **Section 2-301 – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT** – by adding a third paragraph to the section so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 2-301 – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT – The elective officers of a subordinate lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. One officer may hold both elective offices of Treasurer and Secretary. The appointive officers shall consist of a Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards and Tyler. The offices of Marshal and Organist may also be appointed if desired.

The elective officers shall be elected by secret written ballot by a majority vote at the first regular meeting in November of each year. Anyone so elected should, if possible, accept the office. An election cannot be reconsidered by the lodge unless the member so elected declines. All appointive officers shall be appointed by the Master.

Each elected lodge officer, as outlined above, must successfully complete an open book test on the Constitution and Bylaws, in a form to be provided by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska via a web form or paper format. Such test is required to be completed only once by an individual in his lifetime. Successful completion will be noted in the individual membership records held at the Grand Lodge office. Tests must be submitted to and received by the Grand Lodge office via the web form, first class or electronic mail, within 30 days of the date of election reported by each lodge on the Election of Officers form. Tests will be scored by Grand Lodge Education Committee. Each elected officer, commencing with officers to serve in the year 2012, must complete the test within 30 days of his election. Failure to complete the test and submit the same within the timeframe referenced above in this paragraph, or failure to satisfactorily complete the test with a score of seventy percent (70%) or above, will void the election of that officer, and a special election will be held by that lodge to fill that vacancy within an additional 30 days.

Recommendation No. 2

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, 2012, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$.50	<i>\$1.00</i>
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial		
January 2010	.50	
January 2011 and thereafter	1.00	
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.00	<i>2.50</i>
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50	
To the General Fund – January 2007	15.00	
commencing January 2010	19.00	
commencing January 2011	20.00	
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</i>

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX** – by adding and deleting certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-601 – PER CAPITA TAX: 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)~~ *Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00)* as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January ~~2005~~ *2011*. The per capita tax shall increase at a

rate of ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, ~~2008~~, 2012, and one dollar per year for the next ~~three~~ four years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: ~~2008 - \$20.50, 2009 - \$21.50, 2010 - \$22.50, and 2011 - \$24.00, 2012 - \$27.00, 2013 - \$28.00, 2014 - \$29.00, 2015 - \$30.00, 2016 - 31.00.~~ The Grand Lodge shall use ~~\$.50 of the per capita tax for the publication and distribution of a Masonic education newsletter to each member~~ distribute the per capita tax as provided in Section 1-404 of this code. 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 April 22, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte to increase the degree fees.

On May 10, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Keystone Lodge No. 62 in Phillips to change the date of the regular stated communication from the third Monday to the second Monday of each calendar month.

On June 1, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln to change the mileage amount paid to the sitting Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Secretary to the US government mileage rate limit payable to attend the Nebraska Annual Communication, and to limit the number of days the officers may receive the per diem amount to two.

On June 1, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln to change the provisions with regard to suspension of a member to align the lodge bylaws with the bylaws of the Grand Lodge

On June 1, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln to change the time of the regular stated communication from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On July 15, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth to increase the amounts paid to the Treasurer and Secretary for services to the lodge.

On July 30, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to increase the degree fees.

On September 10, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nelson Lodge No. 77 in Nelson to increase the annual dues.

On September 14, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island to increase the annual dues.

On October 12, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to increase the amount the Secretary receives for his services to the Lodge, and to increase degree fees.

On December 2, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Guide Rock Lodge No. 128 in Guide Rock to increase the annual dues.

On December 2, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to increase the annual dues.

On December 13, 2010, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln adding a requirement and fee for a background check to be performed on a candidate.

On January 4, 2011, 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.

On January 24, 2011, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance to change the amount of the lodge dues.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS

As the population shrinks in some of the small communities, we will see more and more consolidations. This is not a reflection on the Brethren in the small lodges or their desire to stay open, but as the population decreases, fewer prospects for Masonry are available in the community.

I approved the following consolidations:

Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City, merged into Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City, effective the 26th day of February, 2010.

Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock, merged into Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City, effective the 26th day of February, 2010.

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.

- February 15, 2010, for Hastings Lodge No. 50 in Hastings for degrees on February 20, 2010.
- March 29, 2010, for George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha for degrees on April 17, 2010.
- July 6, 2010, for Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield for degrees on July 17, 2010.
- July 26, 2010, for Omaha Lodge No. 288 in Omaha for degrees on October 23, 2010.
- September 8, 2010, for Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln for degrees on September 25, 2010.
- December 7, 2010, for Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha for degrees on January 29, 2011.

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. Each candidate will be instructed that he must return to his home lodge and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual within the time period allowed in Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws;
- f. 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.
- g. 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 15, 2010, 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 February 15, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 in Ashland to move their charter on March 1, 2010, to the Oxbow Living Center in Ashland, for the purpose of holding a meeting for the brethren at the home.

On February 15, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit York Lodge No. 56 in York to install their 2010 Junior Deacon and Marshal out of time.

On February 15, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Sioux City Scottish Rite to obtain a list of members living in Nebraska or Iowa from seven Nebraska subordinate lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a Masonic education dinner.

On February 15, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Falls City Lodge No. 9 in Falls City to obtain a list of Master Masons in select zip codes in the Falls City area for the purpose of inviting them to the 145th Lodge anniversary celebration.

On February 24, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of the Masters of Nebraska subordinate lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a dinner at the Tangier Shrine Center.

On February 26, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to move their charter on April 5, 2010, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of holding a regular business meeting at the Home.

On February 26, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln to move their charter throughout the 2010 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 February 26, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to The Nebraska Masonic Home to receive a list of all current, deceased and suspended Nebraska Masons for the purpose of updating their records.

On March 3, 2010, I admonished Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln for actions with regard to a one-day conferral and ordered that the lodge not hold any one-day classes until further notice from the Grand Master.

On March 5, 2010, I lifted the order of the Grand Master dated December 12, 2009, prohibiting lodges from having contact with the Nebraska Masonic Home regarding fund raising efforts.

On March 10, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to install their 2010 Senior Deacon out of time.

On March 11, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to obtain a list of all Nebraska subordinate lodges for the purpose of sending information about a golf tournament.

On March 19, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Long Pine Lodge No. 136 in Long Pine to send correspondence to all Nebraska subordinate lodges for the purpose of notifying them of a gun raffle to be held October 2010.

On April 5, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to move their charter on April 20, 2010, to the Veterans Auxiliary Building in Palisade, for the purpose of holding a regular lodge meeting.

On April 6, 2010, 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 April 12, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Tehama Shrine to obtain a list of members of lodges in their area who have been raised since January 1, 2008 for the purpose of sending membership information.

On April 12, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 in Brownville to obtain a list of members living in Nebraska who belong to four lodges in the area for the purpose of inviting them to a Ladies at the Table.

On April 22, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to move their charter on May 18, 2010, to the Methodist Church in Culbertson, for the purpose of holding a lodge meeting close to members of the consolidated Culbertson lodge.

On April 26, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Washington DC to obtain a list of all active Nebraska Masons for the purpose of sending the Memorial publication.

On May 5, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to panhandle Shrine clubs to obtain a list of blue lodge members in Gering, Mitchell, Morrill, Bridgeport, Alliance and Kimball for the purpose of sending tickets for the Shrine Circus.

On May 6, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to install their 2010 Junior Deacon, Junior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On May 10, 2010, 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 8, 2010 to an isolated area of Brother Walter Johnson's ranch located at 16600 N. Johnson Road in North Platte, for the purpose of conducting a stated meeting in an outdoor setting.

On May 10, 2010, 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 1, 2010, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of holding the June business meeting at The Home.

On May 11, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to move their charter on June 10, 2010, to an outdoor location at the rural home of W.:M.: Fran Crowe, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On May 13, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings to move their charter on June 5, 2010, to Brother Bill Morrow's home on the shores of the Platte River, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On May 24, 2010, 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 June 9, 2010, I granted permission to loan to Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City the cancelled charters of those lodges that have consolidated with Fidelity Lodge for the purpose of properly displaying them in a museum or viewing area for historical purposes, with a notation stating that the charters are on loan from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

On July 2, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Masonic Youth Foundation to obtain a list of all Lodge Masters and Secretaries for the purpose of contacting them regarding financial support for the 2011 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

On July 9, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Arcana Lodge No. 195 in Gordon to move their charter to various locations suitable for holding lodge meetings and conducting business, and performing degree work, until such time as the lodge building in Gordon that was destroyed on June 19, 2010, could be rebuilt, or a new permanent location for the lodge established. The notification requirements of Section 2-502 must be met.

On July 13, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to install their 2010 Senior Steward out of time.

On July 21, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to move their charter on August 17, 2010, to the Rex Solomon farm two miles north of McCook, for the purpose of holding an outdoor degree.

On July 26, 2010, pursuant to Article X, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I suspended the Senior Warden of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln for good reasons shown.

On August 3, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to move their charter on August 3, 2010, to a low vale 2 miles south and 2 miles east of Wallace, for the purpose of conducting an outdoor degree.

On August 3, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 13, 2010, to 17260 NW 12th Street in Davey, for the purpose of conducting a pasture lodge.

On August 16, 2010, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 18, 2010, pursuant to Article X, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I suspended the Secretary of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 in Fairbury for good reasons shown.

On August 26, 2010, 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 4, 2010, 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 8, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to move their charter on October 2, 2010, to a cabin located a few miles west of Seward, for the purpose of holding an outdoor Master Mason degree.

On September 8, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont to move their charter on October 30, 2010, to a farm south of Kennard, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an outdoor Master Mason degree.

On September 13, 2010, 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 20, 2010, 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 September 29, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to send a circular to all Nebraska subordinate lodges advertising a concert to benefit the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On September 30, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth to move their charter on September 30, 2010, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of conferring a Fellow Craft degree.

On October 12, 2010, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On October 28, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to the Hastings lodges to send a circular to all Nebraska subordinate lodges advertising a military tribute on Veteran's Day.

On November 3, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-704, I gave permission to the Grand Lodge of Florida to obtain a list of Nebraska Masons living in Florida for the purpose of inviting them to "Welcome Snowbirds Back to Florida" parties across the state. Assurances were made by the Grand Lodge of Florida that the list would be used for a one-time endeavor and solicitation to join Florida lodges would not be made.

On November 8, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-601 of the Bylaws, I disapproved a proposed bylaw amendment from Wahoo Lodge No. 59 in Wahoo that would have allowed the lodge to raise the annual dues by a majority vote without further amending the lodge bylaws.

On November 18, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to elect their 2011 officers out of time.

On November 29, 2010, under the provisions of Section 2-503, I granted dispensation to Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to hold a special meeting on December 16, 2010, for the purpose of conducting business to include the payment of bills, reading of minutes, and receiving, and balloting on petitions. Additionally, I granted a one-time permission to confer all three degrees on one day on a single candidate, lifting the order given on March 3, 2010.

On November 30, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Albion Lodge No. 78 in Albion to elect their 2011 officers out of time.

On December 1, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Elwood Lodge No. 167 in Elwood to elect their 2011 officers out of time.

On December 3, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to a member of Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha to obtain a list of Lodge secretaries in the Omaha area for the purpose of contacting them to enlist members who will assist with one-day conferrals organized by Omaha lodges.

On December 14, 2010, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Blue River Lodge No. 30 in Milford to elect their 2011 Junior Warden out of time.

On December 16, 2010, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Tangier Shrine to obtain a list of the Masters of Nebraska subordinate lodges for the purpose of creating congratulatory certificates.

On January 11, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-905, to permit Springfield Lodge No. 112 to ballot on a petition that had not yet lain over 28 days.

On January 12, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jachin Lodge No. 146 in Holdrege to install their 2011 Officers out of time.

On January 13, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to The Nebraska Masonic Home to receive a list of all 2011 Worshipful Masters for the purpose of sending a letter.

On January 14, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to move their charter on February 4, 2011, to the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On January 14, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to move their charter on February 4, 2011, to the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island, for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On January 18, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to move their charter on August 18, 2011 to the Rex Solomon farm two miles north of McCook, for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge meeting.

On January 18, 2011, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to move their charter on May 17, 2011, July 15, 2011 and September 6, 2011 to Palisade, Culbertson and Curtis, respectively, for the purpose of holding a lodge meeting close to members of the consolidated lodges in those towns.

On January 21, 2011, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite to receive a list of members raised since January 1, 2008 in various lodges in Lincoln and the surrounding area for the purpose of informing them about Scottish Rite membership.

On January 24, 2011, 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 26, 2011, I did not approve an amendment to the bylaws of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 due to inconsistencies with the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge and issued a letter requesting that they make suggested changes before resubmission.

On January 27, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to install their 2011 Senior Deacon out of time.

On January 28, 2011, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to install their 2011 Treasurer, Senior Deacon, and Junior and Senior Stewards 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 17, 2010	William J. Jones	John J. Mercer No. 290
February 27, 2010	George R. Miller	Pawnee No. 23
March 5, 2010	Jason Bernt	Osceola No. 65
March 12, 2010	Kenneth Kohl	Hickman No. 256
March 12, 2010	William Dedick	Lancaster No. 54
March 19, 2010	Perry A. Pirsch	George W. Lininger No. 268
March 19, 2010	Terry N. Wooldridge	Thistle No. 61
March 19, 2010	Douglas A. Smith	Hastings No. 50
April 20, 2010	Arthur W. Snodgrass	Parian No. 207
April 22, 2010	Dale B. Wilson	Justice No. 180
April 22, 2010	Robert Machacek	Crete No. 37
April 22, 2010	Andrew C. Maschmann	Beatrice No. 26
April 27, 2010	Robert A. Bridenbaugh	Omadi No. 5
May 11, 2010	Fred Swihart	Lancaster No. 54
May 11, 2010	Robert Privett	Hickman No. 256
May 13, 2010	Dukiro Guy	Beatrice No. 26
June 10, 2010	Bill D. Jussel	Ashlar No. 33
June 16, 2010	Michael W. Gardner	Florence No. 281
July 15, 2010	George Keller	Lancaster No. 54
July 15, 2010	Edward M. Stewart	Liberty No. 300
July 30, 2010	Daniel L. Skow	Olive Branch No. 274
August 23, 2010	Wayne F. Ehlers	Craftsmen No. 314
October 12, 2010	W. Wayne Delong	Liberty No. 300
October 12, 2010	Jeffrey B. Fanning	Florence No. 281
October 28, 2010	Michael L. Vittitoe	Mizpah No. 302
November 4, 2010	Jeffrey W. Worrall	Craftsmen No. 314
November 16, 2010	Robert L. Hooten	Papillion No. 39
December 9, 2010	Kirk D. Loos	Bennett No. 94
December 20, 2010	Allan L. Montgomery	Washington No. 21
December 20, 2010	Verland Widga	Stromsburg No. 126
January 6, 2011	Ralph Best	John J. Mercer No. 290
January 17, 2011	Jack G. Wolfe	East Lincoln No. 210

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

In the Trial Commission for a member of George Washington Lodge No. 250, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic fraternity on February 17, 2010.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Utica Lodge No. 96, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic fraternity on April 23, 2010.

In the Trial Commission for a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, the individual was found guilty by the Commission and expelled from the Masonic fraternity on January 11, 2011.

In the Trial Commission for a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, I appointed a new Chairman of the Commission; 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 Liberty Lodge No. 300. 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 Cotner Lodge No. 297. 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:

July 21, 2010	Andrew J. Sullivan, Sr. Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa
December 28, 2010.....	Eric Holcomb Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

This past year has been one of the best of my life. I have traveled across the state, renewing old friendships and creating new ones, from South Sioux City to Scottsbluff, from Chadron to Falls City, and points in between. The thing that has impressed me the most during all these travels is the dedication and devotion to Masonry and its principles that I have seen demonstrated. I have seen a passion for the fraternity, expressed by both new members in their twenties and recipients of 60-year membership pins; in diverse locations, including Plattsmouth, Broken Bow, Alliance, and Long Pine. In short, I am heartened by what I have seen and heard.

I have seen a renewed spirit of Masonic unity across the state. Friendship dinners, community activities, and cooperative charitable endeavors are all overt manifestations of this drive and spirit. This cooperative attitude in Nebraska serves as a model for much of the rest of the country to emulate. We need to thank the leaders of all the appendant bodies in Nebraska for helping to foster this attitude. I have seen situations in other parts of the country where egos, short-sightedness, and personal animosities have stymied such cooperation. We in Nebraska are extremely fortunate to be in such an environment.

This is a great time to be a Mason. There has been a renewal of interest in the Masonic fraternity, as evidenced by the number of Masonic related books, both factual and fiction, that have been published. There is a vast amount of Masonic related information available on line, and there have been a number of movies and television shows that have featured Masonic themes. What is most interesting about these books, articles, shows, and movies, is that they are generally much more pro-Masonry than they might have been ten or twenty years ago. The upshot of all this, is that we are getting more younger candidates. Many of these young Masons had a grandfather who was a Mason, but not a father, as their father's generation were not "joiners." Interestingly, some of these young Masons have now gotten their fathers to join, an interesting role reversal.

In order to keep these new Masons that we are obtaining, we need to make it worthwhile to come to lodge functions. Business meetings must be interesting, informative, and fairly short, followed by an opportunity for social time together. Since many of these newer members have young families, there should also be lodge events, such as picnics, dinners, and children's events, that encourage family participation, as well as community activities, like CHIP events, that put Masonry in the public's eye.

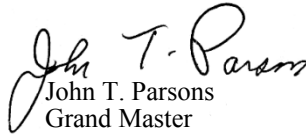
While the basic principles and tenets of Freemasonry have not changed, the means by which we teach those lessons and attract new members who believe in those principles and tenets, have changed. Masonry, after all, is a "progressive moral science." Unfortunately, not every lodge is willing to adapt to the changes in society. There are some lodges out there that are unwilling or unable to change anything: they have not obtained any new members; they have not engaged in any community activity; they have not attended the annual communications of the Grand Lodge; they have not attended any area meetings; they have, in fact, not even held lodge business meetings, although they may have "pencil whipped" minutes attesting to the fact that meetings were held. In short, they are a "Last Man's Club." In order for Masonry to flourish, those practices and attitudes must cease. In an effort to begin to change that mindset, I have decided to enforce those Grand Lodge bylaws that require lodges to attend annual communication. I hope this will be a wake-up call and that the true spirit of Masonry will energize those lodges into action.

During my year-long journey as Grand Master, there have been some potholes in the road, a couple of them large, but most of them minor. My only disappointment, and one that I share with many of my predecessors, is that I didn't accomplish all the things I set out to do. Those minor instances aside, this year has been a phenomenal experience. I have enjoyed all the great people I met and associated with this year, the once in a lifetime events I participated in, and the overall sharing of Masonic brotherhood with so many. I hope I have done an acceptable job in your eyes, and I know that with the help of each Nebraska Mason, the fraternity will continue to be in good hands as we proceed down the road.

CONCLUSION

It has been the highest privilege of my life to serve as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I attempted to serve the Craft to the best of my ability and I hope to the satisfaction of you, my brothers. I earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will continue to guide our fraternity in its noble endeavors, and that He bless each of you in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,


John T. Parsons
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.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

John T. Maxell, Chairman

The Masonic Relief Committee would like to thank the effort and passion of our Brother Kevin Orr for the service he provided to the committee over the past two years. His love for the fraternity and his Brethren were shown through his action on the committee and he will be missed by all Masons throughout the state of Nebraska.

The Committee on Relief voted to support Grand Master Parson’s program Change for the Troops and decided to have only one fundraiser for the year so that each Lodge could concentrate on raising funds for his program. The one fundraiser held by Relief in 2010 was the “No Green Bean Meal” at the Friday Membership Banquet at Annual Communication in 2010, which raised over \$1,400.00. Each participant received a Masonic Relief pin, reserved seats at the banquet and NO green beans with dinner. The committee would like to thank all the individuals for helping to make that event a success.

The committee has and will continue to sell wearable’s on line through the Grand Lodge web-site to help raise additional funds.

With relief funds, the Nebraska Masons were able to help seven brothers, widows, and children of Nebraska Masons. A total of \$2,516.00 was paid out.

Respectfully submitted,
John Maxell, 327 & 6, Chairman
Kevin Orr, 327
Jonathan Paz, 39
William Dittmer, 317
Lowell Erickson, 251
Stanley Thayer, 50, Ad-hoc

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Bruce A. Watkins

I gratefully acknowledge the privilege to again serve the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, as Grand Secretary this past year. It continues to be a great pleasure and rewarding experience to associate and work with the other Grand Lodge officers, the Grand Lodge office staff and to be able to travel and meet local Lodge officers and brethren throughout the State.

Travel within the State again included many cornerstone ceremonies, Lodge rededications and milestone anniversaries for local Lodges. Travels outside the State include the Conference of Grand Secretaries in Arlington, Virginia in February, the Annual Communication of North Dakota in June and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in August. .

We appreciate the work that the Secretaries of the local Lodges do in compiling and keeping Lodge records and filing their reports to the Grand Lodge office. As recognition for those Secretaries who file all their reports for the year to the Grand Lodge office by a specified date, a Certificate of Achievement is presented to them at the Secretaries Workshop at the Annual Communication. Those Secretaries who received this award at the 2010 Annual Communication for their work in 2009 are as follows:

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| David Wetrosky, Western Star No. 2 | Loren McNeil, Utica No. 96 |
| Denny Smith, Fremont No. 15 | Lanny Kizer, Porter No. 106 |
| Glenn Mulholland, Platte Valley No. 32 | Bruce Raddatz, Jachin No. 146 |
| Dennis Coufal, Acacia No. 34 | Lowell Erickson, Wausa No. 251 |
| Nick Longly, Rob Morris No. 46 | Olin Boone, Hickman No. 256 |
| William Cummins, Lancaster No. 54 | A.J. Johnson, George Lininger No. 268 |
| Wesley Stevens, St. Paul No. 82 | Ralph Riemann, Cotner No. 297 |

The following Secretaries have received the award for five consecutive years:

- Denny Smith, Fremont Lodge No. 15
- Ralph Riemann, Cotner Lodge No. 297

Congratulations to Glenn R. Mulholland of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, who was chosen as “Secretary of the Year 2009” by the Grand Lodge office staff.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information.

Membership longevity awards presented in 2010

50-year.....	231
60-year.....	193
70-year.....	11

2010 Membership Activity

Number of Lodges	145	Demits	31
Entered Apprentices.....	325	Deceased	392
Fellow Crafts.....	325	Suspensions	407
Master Masons.....	342	Withdrew	1
Affiliations	28	Termination of Duals.....	21
Duals	35	Other	52
Reinstatements	128	Total Loss.....	904
<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>51</u>		
Total Gain	585		

Membership 12/31/2010.....12,719

Thanks again to Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge office for the great job they continue to do for all of us and thanks again to all of you for the honor and pleasure 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 2010 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

M.: W.: Parsons asked Phil Lorenzen, a member of The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees, to come forward to bring the report from the Home.

Phil made the following remarks:

“On behalf of Jim Erixon, the President of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, I bring you his personal greetings, the greetings of the Board of Directors and they’re not with as much excitement as the greetings you’d get from Mary and Mary and Jo, and I hope you had a chance to visit the display. The report is written in the booklet. I’ll refer you to that for details. I’ll just touch on a couple of items this morning if I could real quickly.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for all that you do for The Nebraska Masonic Home. It’s a marvelous facility. If you haven’t visited, I ask you to come and visit. It’s always open. My father died at that Home. It was the best care I had ever witnessed. He had been in other facilities and let me tell you from my heart that it is a fantastic facility and deserves your consideration and support.

The membership census is up a bit. We have a total of 90 residents right now, 22 men, 68 women. We have liberalized the admission requirements a bit. Now, on a pay basis, we will take Masons from other jurisdictions that are in good standing in other jurisdictions. We still take Masons, we take their widows and daughters and other qualifying female relatives. Of the total residents we have, 46 are regular way, 44 are pay basis. We’ve seen a shift that last few years that people are deferring their interest into The Home. When they come into The Home, it’s a situation where their asset basis is depleting and we’re finding that more are coming in on what we call a regular way and a regular way is an individual giving up their asset base, assigning their social security benefits and then we provide the balance of the care. And, again, we have 46 regular way, where we pay their way and 44 pay basis residents. We also have 8 couples that reside. The cost of that regular way basis takes from the endowment fund \$150,000 a month to make that happen. We’re operating basically by depleting our asset base. The market has been unkind to us. It’s coming back a bit. We are in the launching midst of a campaign to build a major addition. Five years ago, it was required that we be licensed under a change in the state law. That has cost us several million dollars to go through that process. The care is no better, but the documentation of the care is outstanding. We just went through a review by the State Department of Health Care and Licensure. We passed that in flying colors, but we were mandated from them that we need to launch our construction of improvement and so forth to take proper care of the residents with adequate space and so forth. So, that’s where we are. You will be contacted. You know that there’s a campaign that’s kind of in the silent phase. Advancing beyond that, there will be an opportunity for giving.

The Grand Lodge gives very little to The Home. As you indicated, we’re currently paying \$2.00 per member for The Home. That only pays a token amount of one resident’s care during the year. So you’ll hear more, but avail yourselves a knowledge of The Home, be proud of what it is, what it stands for and the care that is provided. It is an absolute assurance, it seems to me, we do

an actuarial study each year, that we will continue to provide care for those folks now in our custody and care on a regular way basis by your continued support and contribution, it potentially affords an opportunity for you should you need such a facility in the future.”

The printed report is as follows:

As we look back on the Year 2010 it is with pride that I report to you that all the employees continue to work very hard as a team to maintain The Nebraska Masonic Home's excellent reputation. Every department provides excellent services to our Masons and their eligible female relatives on a daily basis.

As we started 2010, our census was 81 in January. As we ended the year, our census for December was 90. We were all pleased to see the census increase through the year. Our census today is comprised of 22 men and 68 women. As a result of our wide range of services, we continue to attract couples because they are confident the needs of each spouse can be met in the same facility. At this time we have 8 couples. Our residents consist of 46 Regular-way residents and 44 Pay-basis residents.

An incredible amount of discussions and planning has taken place throughout the year. Quarterly board meetings were held as well as a board retreat on June 30. The Board is to be commended on the decision made at the October 2010 Board meeting to move forward with the major building project and the total renovation of the 1924 Wing. With this decision being made, the Capital Campaign Fund Raising process also needed to move forward. I commend the Board of Trustees, The Board of Directors, and the Capital Campaign Committee members for their determination, hard work, and conviction that this project is a necessity for the future success of The Masonic Home. This project will ensure that we continue to provide excellent services to current and future residents.

Since the eligibility requirements were enhanced October 2006, it is a pleasure to report we have had eight (8) admissions as a result of those admission criteria changes. This number alone is reason enough to feel confident that the right decision was made when this change was implemented four (4) years ago.

The months of June and July are special because of Narcissus Kensington and Home Chapter No. 189. Those are the traditional months that each group comes to our facility with all the food for indoor picnics in our main dining room. In July when Home Chapter visits, we are pleased to welcome Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star officers and their companions. We truly appreciate this ongoing interest and support. It is always a special treat to take Grand Chapter Officers on a tour and show them what a beautiful facility they are supporting. The residents enjoy these annual visits because of the many friendships they have made among our guests through the years.

The annual Boon Memorial Food Truck tradition continues to be one of our greatly-appreciated annual events. A special thank you goes to Richard Schlaman, project coordinator of the Food Truck, from Ashlar Lodge No. 33 for another very successful year as a result of his hard work. Our residents and Board of Trustees extend a very special thank you to the lodges and chapters for your annual commitment of giving to this worthwhile and long-standing project.

Thank you to the Tangier Shrine Chanters for officially opening our Christmas Season on December 7th with their beautiful musical program in our chapel.

We are pleased to welcome back many lodges and chapters to The Masonic Home as they have chosen The Home as a place to hold one of their regular monthly meetings. I'm

sure the delicious meal we serve these groups is a definite drawing card also. Our residents and employees enjoy it when I take these groups on a tour. Every time someone sees The Home for the first time, I am always confident they will spread compliments about The Home to others.

To the Masters and Wardens Club of the Greater Omaha-Metro area I extend a special thank you from the residents, employees, and Board of Trustees. Our residents' Christmas party on December 23rd is a success because of you. The beautiful poinsettias you get each resident and the special individually-selected gifts you purchase for our regular-way residents is so generous. We truly appreciate the time and special attention that Dan Wellendorf devotes to this project as chairperson. We greatly appreciate the contributions that are made to this project by Masons throughout the area.

Thank you to all Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Shriners, Youth Groups and all individuals who show our residents regularly how much they mean to them by personal visits, special gifts, and monetary support. You are greatly appreciated.

To Grand Master John Parsons and his Grand Lodge Officers I extend a very special thank you for your ongoing support for the betterment of The Masonic Home. We also want to thank the Grand Lodge staff for their continued administrative support and being so available when we call.

To Worthy Grand Matron Jerrie Wilcox and Worthy Grand Patron Dennis Smith and the Grand Chapter Family I extend a very special thank you for another year of support and loyalty to The Nebraska Masonic Home and to the residents we are dedicated to caring for.

The Masonic Home greatly depends on both Grand Families, and we definitely look forward to another year of working closely with all of you.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the administrative staff, department supervisors and all the employees for the dedication they demonstrate and the high quality of work they provide on a 24-hour basis to ensure that our residents know they are our top priority. I appreciate all of you very much. Our employees are to be credited for another successful year and for maintaining The Home's ongoing excellent reputation.

A sincere thank you goes to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation Director Jo Peters and Debi Cummings, Administrative Assistant for their commitment to The Masonic Home and our residents.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is so fortunate to have such a dedicated and loyal 15 member Board of Trustees. Your expertise and guidance over the last 12 months are immeasurable. The residents and employees are very fortunate to have a Board of Trustees that obviously puts them first in all the decisions they make. Thank you, gentlemen, for always performing your responsibilities in a professional manner. Your commitment to The Masonic Home is deeply appreciated by everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director
The Nebraska Masonic Home

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

M.:W.:B.: Parsons asked if Ron Giesselmann was in attendance to present the report from the Children's Home.

Brother Giesselmann made the following remarks before referencing the printed report:

"Thank you Most Worshipful Master, I'm pleased to report that we've had a very successful year, and one of the things that we've been most successful at, our extracurricular activity for all of the kids, of which we have 28 now, we usually average between 30 and 32, but last year they had a record-setting number of 4-H awards and that number was 868, so we're very happy with that. The first quarter of this year and fourth quarter of last year in school, we had all of the kids pass their classes in school, so we're very pleased with that. Our campaigns have gone up. We have an outdoor basketball court now thanks to Vesta Chapter out of Omaha. We had a snowball fight there shortly before we left. And the Grand Lodge game room is up and running. We've had three snow days so far this year, and were able to use the game room for that. We also have a wellness center that we're using, and a rec room that's new this year. So thanks to the support from the Masons and Eastern Star of Nebraska, we can do these things for the children that need our care. So thank you very much."

The printed report from the President of the Board is as follows:

I am pleased to report that overall activities and operations at the Home are returning to a more normal pace, and Ron and his crew of dedicated staff did a great job of having to cut back and change activities to conserve expenses. The Home portfolio is regaining value at a steady pace and we owe, and have expressed to Brother James N. DeMoss and the team at Morgan Stanley, a very large Thank You for guiding our investments through the past two and half years keeping us in steady income for operations even though at a lower amount than normal.

We are in the process of changing our accounting program from a modified cash basis financial program to an asset keeper-depreciation program. Each year at our annual meeting after our accountant goes over the annual audit of statement of assets and fund balances, he comments that we use an accounting method other than the accepted norm for non-profit corporations. This year we asked why and he then explained that using the asset keeper - depreciation program, an all inclusive form of accounting, placing all values into one record system, we would then be eligible for possible grants and estate bequests and gifts, that we are not eligible for now, should they be offered. To do that required us to take a complete inventory of all personal properties and equipment valued at \$2000.00 dollars or more to be included with the value on all real estate, farms, and buildings we already maintain in other forms of records. Ron and Todd have either placed a numbered ID sticker or used the serial number where available of everything they tabulate, so as to help us account for things when replacement is required or reported missing. It's been a long process, but Gloria is converting all of this to one accounting program so we meet all requirements. This system will also make insurance claims much easier to process.

Todd has added four part-time house parents needed to meet new state requirements, and allowing us to increase our census to 32, one child per room, because he has determined that there are less places to place children, and more children to place.

Maria Dorn, our new Farm Director and 4-H leader, is with us full-time, having worked this winter as a part-time house parent as well as looking after normally reduced farm 4-H duties, and has been adding calves so that all children have at least one to show, and she is now looking for and will purchase five feeder calves so she can start a new 4-H project. Those feeder calves will be utilized the following year as show animals, which will help that program as well.

I am always happy to speak for the proud and hard working members of our Board who perform their duties on your behalf, 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 are enriched 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.: Parsons asked Kent Broyhill to come forward to present the report from the CHIP Committee.

Any Freemason who has ever worked a CHIP event has firsthand knowledge of how important CHIP is to the fraternity. The program has been a homerun since its founding in 2004. It has provided every lodge the opportunity to be relevant in their communities.

At the time of this writing, NECHIP has ID'd 29,816 kids, and there are more numbers to add from a recent event in Laurel. We are currently in a slow time of year for CHIP. Our 30,000th child is projected to happen in Imperial, NE when events pick up again in March.

Since the program's inception we have completed 225 CHIP events in Nebraska. This year we held 33 events over a 43-day period. Events such as the State Fair extend over multiple days. In 2010 alone, 4367 kids went through the program. Most events will ID between 100 and 200 kids.

We are now in a cycle of having to update or replace computers and backdrops. This is a scheduled process that keeps us current on technology. We have dispensed with printing the data and presenting an ID card to the parent. This was done as a security and cost cutting measure. Parents are now given just the CD containing all the info. The CHIP program does not retain any information on any client other than the permission slips. This past year we began scanning the slips and saving them in a data base. We then shred the original paper slip. This was also done as a security and space saving measure.

A couple years ago we began storing equipment at various locations throughout the state. This inventory check point / repacking / distribution method has worked well and has saved considerable transportation costs.

NECHIP board meetings are held on the first Friday of the month. We meet quarterly at the children's home in Fremont or via teleconference. Anyone wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome.

Those members who desire to make a gift to the NECHIP program may do so by contacting the Grand Lodge office. Nebraska CHIP is a 501(c)3 foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent B. Broyhill, President

M.:W.:B.: Parsons 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.



Grand Master Parsons asked M.:W.: Kristjan Goodmanson to come forward and bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.



W.:B.: David N. Silver, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was invited to bring greetings.



M.:W.: Parsons made an announcement that the Grand Lodge Office would be closing at 10:30 am, and encouraged the brethren to go to the office location before that time to make any necessary purchases.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

W.:B.: Zwart made reference to the printed report on page 27 of the Annual Communication Program and added that since the report was printed, the Committee received additional information about the Grand Lodge of Cyprus. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus has requested recognition and meets the requirement of recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Section 1-306 – Standards of Recognition. The Fraternal Relations Committee recommends full recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cyprus.

The printed report is as follows:

This year we have received no new requests for recognition by foreign Grand Lodges. 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.

United Grand Lodges of Serbia, 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
Byron L. Hust, 198
Jack D. Nichols, 265
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, and that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska grant full recognition to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus. 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

W.:B.: Roger Dill approached the podium wearing his Masonic All-Star Marching band logo sweatshirt. He commented how nice the sweatshirts are when the snow flies in Nebraska, and that the brethren could get their own band sweatshirt by going to the Grand Lodge website and order a variety of apparel online. Each item ordered helps to support the Masonic All-Star Band.

Roger mentioned that the band in 2010 brought together 255 students on Tuesday evening on June 15 and in 72 hours, by Friday evening, the band had learned enough music to put on a concert, were able to march down the street in formation, sounded and looked good, performed the pre-game National Anthem and the half-time performance for the Shrine Bowl. He noted that the students are amazing, and he hoped that when the brethren go back to the lodges, they decide to support a student and talk to the band directors and schools in their area. He added that the students could come back to the lodge following camp and give a presentation on their experience at band camp. If lodges don't have students in their area that can use the scholarship, Roger suggested that the scholarships be sent to the Grand Lodge to be used by other students in the state who wanted to attend and needed a scholarship. Brother Dill said that the band camp is always in great need of adult chaperones for day and night, for as many days as the adults are able, and room and board is provided. He thanked the brethren, the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Officers for the support given to the students and the camp. Brother Dill then referenced the printed report:

Once again the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp was a huge success. We had the largest band ever. The band was composed of 255 students from 98 different high schools. The students are nominated by their band directors and are some of the finest young musicians from throughout the state. The band is made up of students who have completed their freshman, sophomore and junior year in high school. One of our goals is to have the students take back what they have learned and become leaders in their local band.

Special thanks go to the committee members, Grand Lodge staff, the band directors, JBA's, SBA's and chaperones who make this camp one of the best run camps in the state. This was the 16th year of the Masonic All-Star Marching Band and we are looking forward to many, many more.

The week was one of intense practice, fun evenings and no sleep. This year we practiced in Cook Pavilion instead of Memorial Stadium. The time saved in travel allowed the band to have more practice time and it showed in their final outstanding performance. We were also helped by the large number of returning students. It seems that once a student has attended our camp, they want to come back. One student even remarked it would take a court restraining order to keep her from coming back. We must be doing something right!

The students' way is paid for by \$250 scholarships provided by Masonic Lodges throughout the state, Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine, Scottish Rite and York Rite organizations, individual members and other donors. This year, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbows again donated the water bottles. This is a great way to introduce these fine organizations to the students, as their logos are on the bottles.

Our Masonic Band clothing line is on the Grand Lodge web site and is available to everyone. This helps defray other expenses. There are also many pictures of this year's activities on the site.

Thank you to Dave Watts for the use of his trailers 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. The different colored bands, donated by Dennis and Nan Rix, were a nice touch as well for organizational purposes.

A special "Thank You" goes to Michelle Fulmer who puts this camp together. The rest of us just follow her outstanding leadership.

The Band Camp does as much as any other program in promoting Masonry and Masonic values not only to the students but also to the parents, friends and relatives of the students. We receive many compliments on how well the students perform and how much they enjoy the camp.

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

W.:B.: Roger Dill moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Masonic All-Star Band Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass presented the report of the balloting on Grand Lodge Officers, stating that for Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-Elect there

were total of 242 ballots cast, there were 3 blank votes and 2 that were voided. Bruce Baker received 215 of 242 votes. For Grand Senior Warden, there were 234 ballots cast, there were 5 blank votes and 1 that was voided. Rex Moats received 157 of 234 votes. For Grand Junior Warden there were a total of 272 ballots cast and there were 4 blank votes. Tom Hauder received 136 votes. For Grand Secretary there were a total of 240 ballots cast and there were 3 blank votes. Bruce Watkins received 210 of 240 votes. 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.: Bruce A. Baker
Grand Senior Warden.....R.: W.: Rex J. Moats
Grand Junior Warden.....R.: W.: Thomas Hauder
Grand Secretary.....R.: W.: Bruce A. Watkins

With the report of the vote for Grand Junior Warden being half of the votes cast and the next highest number of votes for a candidate being only 53, the Jurisprudence Committee and Parliamentarian ruled that the election would stand.

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

Note of Clarification: Following Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge Office staff recounted the ballots for each office, and determined that the total number of ballots cast in the election for Grand Junior Warden was misreported. The total number of ballots actually cast for the office was 242, not 272, as reported at Annual Communication. Tom Hauder did, in fact, receive a majority of the votes cast for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

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. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for putting your time and effort into making Masonry better in Nebraska. 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.

For the year 2010 we had 53 of the 145 lodges in Nebraska, currently certified. The lodges are as follows:

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	City	Years Certified
Nebraska	1	Omaha	2
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	53
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	52
Omadi	5	S. Sioux City	61

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	City	Years Certified
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	87
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	56
Covert	11	Omaha	41
Fremont	15	Fremont	80
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	76
Washington	21	Blair	22
Blue River	30	Milford	53
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	57
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	59
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	77
Crete	37	Crete	77
Papillion	39	Papillion	4
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	65
Hastings	50	Hastings	87
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	89
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	86
Keystone	62	Phillips	55
Osceola	65	Osceola	8
Hooper	72	Hooper	86
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	60
Albion	78	Albion	20
Geneva	79	Geneva	35
Utica	96	Utica	82
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	80
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	60
North Bend	119	North Bend	52
Superior	121	Superior	5
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	57
McCook	135	McCook	65
Jachin	146	Holdrege	53
Custer	148	Broken Bow	67
Justice	180	Benkelman	60
Alliance	183	Alliance	66
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	77
Landmark	222	Herman	58
North Star	227	Lincoln	78
Comet	229	Ceresco	58
Zion	234	Hyannis	8
Hickman	256	Lincoln	23
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	55
Robert Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	72
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	2
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	8
John J Mercer	290	Omaha	79
Cotner	297	Lincoln	70
Liberty	300	Lincoln	62
Mizpah	302	Omaha	61

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	City	Years Certified
Victory	310	Valley	61
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	87
Mid-West	317	Hastings	63
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	Initial
Shiloh	327	Omaha	46
Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	3

We have 96 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	Brian K. Sandall	21
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 Vallabhbbhai	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
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 worshipful brother Ben Fussell who was a Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, has laid down his working tools and been called from labor to rest. What a great man and a great loss to Masonry.

Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming Past Grand Master & Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus continues to serve the fraternity as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District #31, and Worshipful Brother 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.

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
James E. Cornish	Ralph E McNulty	Eugene C Sibley
Kenneth G Fleming	Harold C Mueksch	

The annual custodian school was held this year in Hastings on September 11, 2010. We continue to have a fair turnout at the school but need to stress that all DGCs should plan to attend. I will inform you all, this year it will be in Hastings again on September 10, 2011. Please put it on your calendar NOW!!!

I am going to extend to all interested Brethren, an invitation to attend the annual custodian school. I firmly believe that the more interested brethren involved, the better the school will be. Please come and take part in school with us.

I would like to take a moment to thank Most Worshipful Brother John Parsons and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support and contributions this year. Also thank you to Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen, Worshipful Brother Roger A. Deininger, and Worshipful Brother 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. A special thank you must go to M.:W.:B.: Don Rasmussen, W.:B.: Arthur Dye, and W.:B.: Glen Jorgenson for all their assistance with the school. 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.: Philip Lorenzen, Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work, R.:W.:B.: E. David Watts Deputy Grand Master, W.:B.: Wayne Beatty District #21, W.:B.: Richard Cooper District #30, W.:B.: Philip Darby District #25, W.:B.: Roger Deininger District #17, W.:B.: Arthur Dye District #18, W.:B.: Leslie Evert District #29, W.:B.: Ronald Grass District #5, W.:B.: Steven Green District #10, W.:B.: Randall Hart District #15, W.:B.: Glenn Mulholland District #33, W.:B.: Jack Nichols District #28, W.:B.: Brian Sandall District #4, W.:B.: John Sierks District #8, W.:B.: Roy Smith District

#1, W.:B.: Frank Veverka District #34, W.:B.: Lloyd Vrtiska District #7, R.:W.:B.: Bruce Watkins District #36, W.:B.: Albert Wise District #37, W.:B.: Charles Monter apprentice custodian, W.:B.: Ron Nielsen, Bro. John Miller, Bro. Steen Kendle.

The following Deputy Grand Custodians were absent: W.:B.: Ashley H. Story District #13 (3 years), W.:B.: Arthur J. Ferguson District #26 (4 years), W.:B.: Bill Lichtenberger District #27 (1 year), M.:W.:B.: Kenneth Fleming District #31 (1 year), W.:B.: Delmar Jones District #24 (1 year), W.:B.: Edward Nolte District #9 (1 year), W.:B.: Dean Papenhagen District #38 (1 year), W.:B.: Halsey Phillips District #3 (1 year), W.:B.: Carl Plants District #18 (1 year), W.:B.: Roger Shillington District #32 (2 years), W.:B.: James Taylor District #35 (1 year), W.:B.: Suman Vallabhkhair District #11 (1 year); as per Sec. 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 or more must show cause to the Grand Master. I ask that those of you with absences of three or more years please contact the Grand Master as soon as possible.

There are still some questions regarding Lodge certification, I did include this last year and feel it is worth repeating. The following rules were adopted in 1989 to standardize the requirements for Lodge certification:

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 look forward to working with the Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Custodians and 2011 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. The motion was approved and the report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

The Deputy Grand Custodians present were organized and brought to the East for individual introduction by Grand Custodian Scott Krieger, and recognition by the Grand Master.

Grand Custodian Scott Krieger made 50-year proficiency presentations to M.:W.: Charlie Amidon and W.:B.: Richard Mauch. The brothers each received a 50-year certification pin for their accomplishments.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.:B.: Parsons read a list of reports of committees not verbally received and 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
- Public Relations
- Lodge Leadership
- Membership
- Grievances
- Awards
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Nebraska Masonic Heritage
- 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, Denny Brydl, Don Gasparetti, Eduardo Casas, Larry Jacobsen, Ron Stites, Mike Webb, Jeremy Meyers, 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 more.

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 hosted two times a year, is a tool used to demonstrate how any member or Lodge can deliver Masonic Education to their members.

The Nebraska Masonic Education portal at www.nebraskamasoniceducation.com 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 web site is the online discussion forum where Brothers can exchange ideas and opinions on Masonic Education.

This year, as in the past, the Masonic Education Committee begins the year with the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Breakfast. A very 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.

The Masonic Education Symposiums are held in March and October. The committee is actively searching for someone to host the symposium in the Western part of Nebraska. These are professional programs, which will 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 Lodge. In addition, a game of Masonic Jeopardy is presented. The committee members enjoy this, as much as the attending Brethren.

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. The conference gives the committee the opportunity to hear the successes and experiments of several surrounding states in Masonic Education. Member states are Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois, in addition to Nebraska. In 2010, the conference was held in Missouri. In 2011 it will be held in Michigan.

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 Sts. John Lodge of Education in addition to members of the Education Committee.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Sts John Lodge) continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2010 Grand Lodge. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two functions a year. There are 2 meetings per year. The meetings include papers being presented by members and of course, no Masonic gathering would be complete without a meal. Any member of the committee will be happy to give Masons more information and instruction on how to join.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman, 331, 287, 314 & 332
Eduardo Casas, 317
W. Larry Jacobsen, 331 & 327
Jeremy Myers, 112
Robert D. Whipple, 281
Dale W. Anderson, 158 & 331, Ad-hoc
Thomas L. Hauder, 332 & 331, Ad-hoc
Ronald D. Stites, 268 & 331, Ad-hoc
Michael J. Webb, 46, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Edward D. Nolte, Chairman

The Nebraska's George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee has two primary purposes—to educate Nebraska Masons on the history of the George Washington Masonic Memorial and to facilitate Memorial support among Nebraska Masons.

I first became involved with the George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee (GWMMC) in January of 2002, when then Chairman, M.:W.:B.: Warren D. “Duke” Lichty, asked me to deliver Nebraska historical and Masonic artifacts to the Memorial, which features a display case highlighting the history of a State each month in the order in which that State joined the Union. We removed Nevada's (1866) artifacts, and replaced them with Nebraska's (1867) artifacts. As it turned out that year, Colorado, which followed Nebraska and became the 38th State in 1876, did not have a display, so Nebraska's display headlined for two months as the honored State.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial and Shuter's Hill on which it is located stand at the top of the King Street in Old Town Alexandria, VA. Shuter's Hill has a long and interesting history beginning before European settlers arrived, through the early years of our Nation, through the Civil War, and more recently as a revered Masonic site.

History of Shuter's Hill Before the George Washington Masonic Memorial

Native American hunters, who pre-date known tribal affiliations, were the first to use Shuter's Hill. In 1781, merchant John Mills built an elegant frame mansion and two small outbuildings for a laundry and gardener's house on the property. He operated the plantation and in the 1790s, he sold the plantation to Ludwell Lee, a lawyer, politician and planter, who grew rye that George Washington used for his whiskey distillery at Mount Vernon. In 1799, Benjamin Dulany, a wealthy planter, purchased the property as a summer home. The wooden mansion burned in 1842 and was replaced by a large brick house in the 1850s. At the beginning of the Civil War, Fort Ellsworth was built on Shuter's Hill as part of the Union Army's Defenses of Washington, and the Dulany mansion was occupied by the military. The brick mansion burned in 1905.

History of the Memorial and Its Namesake

The two Lodges most closely associated with George Washington were Fredericksburg Lodge, VA, his Mother Lodge, and Alexandria-Washington Lodge in Alexandria, VA, where he was elected Charter Master under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. W.:B.: George Washington was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752, passed to Fellowcraft on March 3, 1753 and raised to Master Mason on August 4, 1753.

The Lodge at Alexandria, VA was first warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of PA on February 3, 1783 as Lodge No. 39. W.:B.: Washington attended a St. John the Baptist Celebration there in June of 1784 and was later made an Honorary Member of the Lodge. On April 22, 1788, the Lodge received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of VA as Alexandria Lodge No. 22. The Lodge asked Washington to be its Charter Master, and he agreed. Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789 while holding the office of Master of Alexandria Lodge. After his death on December 14, 1799, the Lodge was renamed Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.

In 1909, Brother Charles Callahan purchased several lots on Shuter's Hill, which he gave to the Lodge for the site of a fireproof Lodge Hall. M.:W.:B.: Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master of VA, invited every U.S. Grand Master to assemble in Alexandria-

Washington Lodge on February 22, 1910 to form an Association to plan and build a suitable Memorial to W.:B.: George Washington, the Mason, and with 26 Grand Lodges represented, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was formed. On February 22, 2010, this Association celebrated its centennial anniversary at that magnificent building.

Ten years later the concept of constructing a colossal building—a Memorial "lighthouse" to Washington—was approved by the U.S. Grand Lodges. The site was selected because it followed the ancient tradition for the location of temples on hilltops or mountains, and it was land with which General Washington was familiar – the very spot once proposed by Thomas Jefferson as the ideal site for the nation's Capitol.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 5, 1922. Despite the great expense, the Memorial Association was determined not to borrow money. Construction only proceeded as money was collected for each stage of the project. On November 1, 1923, the Memorial's cornerstone was dedicated in a Masonic ceremony. President Calvin Coolidge; former President, Chief Justice, and Brother William H. Taft; and numerous other dignitaries performed the ceremony before a crowd of thousands of Freemasons. For 10+ years, Freemasons steadily and faithfully contributed to the construction of the Memorial. On May 12, 1932, the bicentennial year of George Washington's birth, the dedication of the Memorial took place with President Herbert Hoover participating.

After World War II, work on the Memorial's interior began in earnest. By 1970, the George Washington Masonic Memorial was completed. In 1999, the large square and compasses were added to the front lawn, a visible sign of the Masonic nature of the Memorial. A repository of many artifacts and the history of American Freemasons, the Memorial remains a lasting monument to George Washington, the Man, the Mason, and Father of our Country.

Support for the George Washington Masonic Memorial: You may not realize it, but every Nebraska Mason contributes to the construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Every year the Grand Lodge of Nebraska contributes \$0.50 of the per capita fees for every Nebraska Mason. This year's official contribution was \$6,696.00. In addition, some members and Lodges contribute to the George Washington Masonic Memorial privately, but no records are kept by the Grand Lodge for these contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nolte, 39, Chairman
Gayle Angus, 297 & 95
Charles Folsom, 15 & 119
Richard Hill, 317
Kyle 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 email. The results of the actions taken by this committee follow:

- **Mileage Reimbursement Amount** – The rate for eligible members of the Grand Lodge traveling in an official capacity is currently set at .30 per mile. The mileage reimbursement rate was raised to 0.40 cents per mile effective for the 2011 Masonic year.
- **Grand Lodge Fixed Assets** - The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge. Purchases in 2010 included two desktop computers, an Epson Scanner, UPS backup, Heartstart AED (purchased by band committee with Jerry Rittenburg memorial money), Hasler mailing system (leased new machine), and a Dell laptop computer. As a result of obtaining new equipment, numerous pieces were phased out in 2010, including the original server from 2002; four desktop computers; the old leased Hasler mailing system (surrendered w/new lease), two inkjet printers; and the old UPS backup. The four desktop computers were given away to lodges in a random drawing. The remaining items will be disposed of through commercial avenues. If the items are unable to be sold, a notice may be listed in the Nebraska Mason offering the items at no cost. If no one comes forward, the items may be given to a charity or otherwise properly disposed.
- **Committee Budget** - The 2011 budget request for the Office Committee was set at \$75.
- **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: \$2579.16 per month health, \$99.36 per month dental, \$280.00 per year for \$25,000 life insurance. The committee approved the disbursement for life insurance on an annual instead of a monthly basis to avoid a monthly administration fee of \$15.00. The Grand Lodge Office Committee also decided to stay with the same insurance companies for 2011 – Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health, MetLife for dental and United States Life for life insurance.
- **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 \$1275 per month for 2011. This is a decrease of \$55 per month over the 2010 fee.
- **Grand Lodge Office Employees** – Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and communicated to the employees.
- **Other** – The Grand Lodge Office Committee notes that lecture slides for the various degrees of masonry are available on PowerPoint from the Grand Lodge.

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 Vallabhbai, 314
 Ex-officio: Bruce A. Watkins, 300

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Curtis Edic, Chairman

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee set as a goal for 2010 to create more awareness of Masonry in Nebraska. A contract was signed with NETV to provide advertising weekly for daytime children’s programs to reach younger parents with a Masonic message. This project is supported by the Grand Lodge, the Nebraska Orient of Scottish Rite and the three Shrine Centers in Nebraska.

A promotional piece the size of a double business card will be produced in 2011 so a person can carry important information about Masonry that can be handed to a potential candidate. There will also be a place for the Mason to leave his name, phone and email so the candidate can contact him.

Again this year CHIP events were held throughout the state with great success. Grand Lodge also held a CHIP event at the Nebraska State Fair identifying several hundred children. It is hoped that the Masonic booth next year will be in a more conspicuous place so more children can be identified. Public donations make this project successful and we thank the CHIP committee members for their work at the events plus the solicitation of donations that make the events successful.

Other items left for the 2011 agenda include the promotional video or PowerPoint presentation for members and developing a Nebraska license plate with the Masonic logo that can be purchased through the state.

The Grand Lodge Office staff helped the Committee with news releases to Nebraska Lodges to be used to publicize installation of officers, awarding of scholarships, naming students to participate in the Masonic All Star Band Camp and presentations of year pin awards and Jordan Medals. These communications were done in a timely matter. The Committee truly appreciates the work of the Staff throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Edic, Chairman, 268 & 1
Gregory D. Beebe, 119
Brett R. Bennett, 6
William A. Garner, 112
Bill Lichtenberger, 207 & 148
Ex-officio: Worthy Grand Matron, OES

REPORT OF THE LODGE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dan J. Davis, Chairman

Our committee met several times this year in Fremont, Plattsmouth and in teleconferences. We reviewed and refined the Lodge Leadership Program and the leadership presentation via email.

We delivered the new leadership training course to several Junior and Senior Wardens from the Omaha area. As chairman of this committee, I was very pleased with the committee’s dedication and willingness to accept the task asked of them and their ability to complete it in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan J. Davis, 11, Chairman
Christopher M. Carter, 268
Danny J. Nonneman, 317
Joe L Work II, 6
Josh Foster, 6

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*Steven R. Barchus, Chairman*

Brethren, as we end another Masonic year I regret to inform you that our numbers again have slipped. With all of the information available it appears to have fallen by 2.46%. I suspect that this number is actually higher since we have 16 lodges that do not, will not, or cannot report their activities to the Grand Lodge. We have 53 lodges that showed no activity for the year and accounted for a total loss of 86 members from our ranks.

On the brighter side, we have 20 lodges this year that showed positive growth. These lodges accounted for a gain in our membership of 90. Of these, only 6 of these lodges were from Omaha and Lincoln. The others are spread across the state. Masonic activities are up in the state, and currently there is interest being sparked by books and films that put Freemasonry in a positive light.

We had 2 lodges that consolidated this year, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 and Composite Lodge No. 81. I suspect that in the next couple of years we will be seeing several more consolidations and some Lodges closing due to inactivity.

The net loss for the year was 321. We had 394 die, and 407 suspended for non-payment of dues. We cannot do anything about the deaths. The suspensions, on the other hand, are an area on which we all need to work. These 407 people need to be contacted if possible. We need to know why they are not paying and what we can do to get them back. I suspect many of these people have moved, died, or have not been notified of the dues owed to the lodge. All 407 of these suspended members need to be contacted and reinstated if possible. That, in itself, would bring our numbers into positive numbers.

Membership numbers in Nebraska do not have to be on the decline. Area recruiting dinners are being organized and we will be needing people to help. These lodges can be saved, and the other Masonic organizations in these areas can be rejuvenated at the same time. Masonic unity, Masonic companionship, Masonic fun, and Masonic activity are the answer.

If Lodges are out there that could bring in members, and are not because they feel they cannot do the work, contact the Grand Lodge, York Rite College, or your local Grand Lodge Deputy Grand Custodian. People can be brought in, you can bring them to other lodges, or they can be taken to area Festivals. The work can get done. It might be the spark that your lodge needs. Take a chance on a new member. Sign a petition, and get your lodge back on track.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven R. Barchus, 302, Chairman
Patrick D. Barger, 54, 332, 5 & 268
Gregory P. Hadcock, 112
Paul D. Rutherford, 327
Arthur R. Stricker, 265 & 2

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 2010 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 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Michael J. Webb, Chairman

The Awards Committee considered several nominations for awards in 2010 and approved the awarding of twelve (12) Masonic Individual Achievement Awards and two (2) Masonic Recognition Award for Non-Masons in this Masonic year. The committee congratulates the recipients and would like to encourage more submissions by all lodges in 2011.

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

The Gold Pan award had six (6) submissions, up from two (2) in 2009. The Rock Maul award had twenty-two (22) submissions, up from fifteen (15) in 2009. There were sixteen (16) submissions for the Nebraska Pillar and Grand Master's Leadership awards, compared to six (6) from 2009.

There was one (1) submission for the CHIP Award who was a member of the Masonic family and two (2) submissions who were not members of the Masonic family in 2010.

There were seven (7) submissions for the "More Light" Grand Lodge Masonic Education Award. This is the first year for this award.

The Committee strongly urges all lodges to compete for all the awards as a means of developing an interest in your lodges and communities.

The Committee would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master John Parsons and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support. We especially want to thank Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin R. Lindly, 148 & 331, Chairman
Michael D. Lagueux, 54 & 332
Maynard L. Smith, 102
Tyler J. Weers, 297
Robert Moninger, 256 & 200

REPORT OF THE MASONIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Ben F. Hughes, Chairman

The Nebraska Masonic Heritage Committee was created in 2009 by M.:W.:B.: Russ Reno to serve a two-fold function: (1) To take charge and perpetual care of the Lininger Collection and determine its eventual fate for the good of Nebraska Masonry; (2) Encourage subordinate lodges throughout the state to “Discover, Preserve and Display” important artifacts from their lodge.

Members of this committee, and many Grand Lodge officers, have viewed the Lininger Collection at its current “home” at the University of Nebraska. Many of the weapons from the collection were on display at Morrill Hall for one year, and full credit of ownership was given to the Grand Lodge.

The eventual fate of the collection is unknown at this time, but it is the intent of this committee to ensure that the collection remains intact for future generations of Nebraska Masons. The possibility exists that the collection may be displayed at the Masonic Center (AASR) once plans move forward to move the Grand Lodge office to the Scottish Rite.

The 2010 Annual Communication witnessed the first results of the Committees efforts with Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Western Star Lodge No. 2 and Capitol Lodge No. 3 all displaying artifacts discovered in their Lodge halls. These particular Lodges were selected by the Committee because they were the three initial Lodges that went on to form the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The brothers who participated also discovered the immense pride and satisfaction that accompanied this project. Our thanks go out to them for their fine work.

Plans go forward to feature Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Omadi Lodge No. 5 and Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 at the 2011 Annual Communication. W.:B.: Carter visited Omadi No. 5 this summer with W.:B.: Michael Parkinson, Past Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3. They discussed with the brethren the purpose of this project and encouraged their participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben F. Hughes, 38, 54, 96 & 332, Chairman
Christopher M. Carter, 268
Douglas L. Lewis, 268
Carl J. Diamond, 326
Benjiman H. Harvey, 119

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Bryan L. Stave, Chairman

The internet and computer technology committee met in March, and conferred with the Grand Lodge office manager throughout the year to meet the principle needs for the glne.org website. The Relief Store and Band Store have been added to assist in funding Masonic relief and Masonic All-Star Marching Band, respectively.

It has been requested by some brethren to have additional books online, but after review of the Grand Master, the books will continue to be available in print form only. The principle reasons are quality control and content control.

Lecture slides have recently been produced and are currently available on CD and in a PowerPoint format from the website. An upcoming change to a different website host

company will allow a better end-user experience, with further improvements in the website in the works.

The archiving of the Grand Lodge membership records to a digital storage format is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan L. Stave, 75, Chairman
Alan M. Anderson, 327
Keith D. Brocksmith, 227
Micah I. Evans, 281
Thomas J. Vaughter, 75
Thomas L. Hauder, 332 & 331
Dennis E. Rix, 15, Grand Lodge Liaison

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.: Dwight Smith, Chairman

M.:W.: Dwight Smith took the podium and made the following comments:

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers and brethren, of course as you know from the session this year, the Jurisprudence Committee has had a lot of meetings, a lot to do and we have a lengthy report. I am going to summarize parts of it, but some of it I will need to read, so I would ask that you bear with me on that and, if there are any questions on anything, please leave those to the end so we can do this in an organized manner.”

Most Worshipful Smith then summarized and read parts of the following printed report:

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 3, 2011 by M.:W.: Brother Dwight Smith with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Steven F. Mattoon, Les Seiler, Dean Skokan and Reginald S. Kuhn. Also present were all the Grand Lodge Officers, as well as Past Grand Masters V. Kaye Ramsey, Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Don E. Rasmussen, Charles W. Amidon, Michael E. Jones, Philip Lorenzen, Ivan A. Vrtiska, and James F. Brown, Jr.

The following were elected to serve as officers of the Jurisprudence Committee for the ensuing year: M.:W.:B.: Dwight E. Smith, Chairman and M.:W.:B.: Reg Kuhn, Secretary.

The Minutes and Report from 2010 were approved with amendments, with the amended report reading as follows:

The Jurisprudence Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 4, 2010 by M.:W.: Brother Dwight Smith with the following additional members present: Most Worshipful Brothers Les Seiler, Dean Skokan and Reginald S. Kuhn. Also present were Russell G. Reno, Grand Master; John T. Parsons, Deputy Grand Warden; 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 Grand Master; Phillip Edwards, Grand Tyler;

Grand Lodge Officers, 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 Committee on Jurisprudence 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 as follows:

The following permissions and dispensations of the Grand Master were found to be improper and were not approved:

1. The action on March 24, 2009 granting Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield permission 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.
2. The action on November 5, 2009 ruling that a motion passed at the regular communication held June 3, 2009 at 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 By-Laws and ordering it expunged from the minutes of the meeting; and further ruling that the Master of the Lodge has the authority to determine the status of the member in question and ordering that, once determined, that such decision be communicated with the Grand Lodge Office.
3. The action of December 14, 2009, pursuant to Section 2-612 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, ordering that all Lodge Secretaries disregard any communications from the Nebraska Masonic Home, its foundation, or any employee thereof until further notice. This order applied to solicitations of Lodge Secretaries to identify any brothers who might make a donation to a capital campaign for The Home, and further ordering that no such communications shall be read in lodge.

The other decisions, permissions and dispensations were reviewed and found to be proper. The Committee further reviewed the permissions and dispensations granted by the Grand Master from the time of his report to the beginning of this Grand Lodge session. The Committee on Jurisprudence found all permissions

and dispensations to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry of Nebraska, except as noted above.

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

Resumption of 2011 Report:

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 Committee on Jurisprudence shall meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met by telephone conference on December 7, 2010, and submitted to the Grand Master an agenda and report.

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

With regard to the Resolutions submitted by the membership, we found that Resolution No. 1 is in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to the Constitutional Amendments, we found that Amendments 1 and 2 are in proper form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to the permissions and dispensations, the Committee found as follows:

a. On November 29, 2010, the Grand Master granted a dispensation to Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to hold a Special Meeting on December 16, 2010 for the purpose of conducting business to include paying of bills, reading the minutes, and receiving and balloting on petitions, which was found to be improper and not approved, citing Section 2-503 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

b. On January 11, 2011, the Grand Master granted a dispensation to permit Springfield Lodge No. 112 to ballot on a petition that had not laid over for 28 days, which was found to be improper and not approved citing Section 2-905 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

The committee reviewed the other permissions and dispensations and found them to be proper. The Committee further reviewed the other permissions and dispensations granted by the Grand Master from the time of his report to the beginning of this Grand Lodge

session. The Committee on Jurisprudence found all permissions and dispensations to be in proper form and within the laws of Masonry of Nebraska except as noted above.

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

On January 10, 2011, the Jurisprudence Committee received an inquiry in writing requesting advice as to whether Section 2-313 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws applies to Grand Lodge Officers, and the meaning of Article X, Section 2 (d) and Article XI of the Grand Lodge Constitution. The Committee met on January 13, 2011 and issued the following response to the Grand Master:

“In response to your inquiry of January 10, 2011, the Jurisprudence Committee met to consider the issues raised in your letter. After careful consideration, we are of the unanimous opinion that Section 2-313 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws does not directly apply to Grand Lodge Officers.

However, we have also considered constitutional provisions relating to Judicial Powers of the Grand Lodge and would offer the following observations which apply to the situation set forth in your inquiry.

Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that the Grand Lodge has original (trial) jurisdiction over disciplinary matters involving members of the Grand Lodge. If Masonic Charges were filed by a member of the Grand Lodge during the Annual Communication against the Deputy Grand Master, you, as Grand Master may appoint a trial commission, and direct that the commission conduct a trial within a reasonable time (30 days) unless extended by agreement of all the parties. Appeals, if any, would be directed to the Committee on Grievances which would similarly be directed to conduct the required hearing within a reasonable time and report to a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge. We believe that Article X, Section 2(d) gives the Grand Master, during the Grand Lodge Session, the authority to appoint the Commission and establish the timetables for operation. The cited sections, would, in our unanimous opinion, delay the Grand Master’s installation for a limited period of time. Installation of the junior officers would take place as scheduled, after election. It is also our unanimous opinion that you will remain as Grand Master until this process is completed.”

Discussion was had regarding the issues raised by the Grand Master’s inquiry and the Jurisprudence Committee’s response.

M.:W.:B.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM and Grand Custodian, presented a letter to the Committee. The letter raised several arguments directed to the Jurisprudence Committee’s response to the Grand Master’s inquiry. It asserts that Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution for the Grand Lodge refers to the powers and authority over subordinate lodges, and the Grand Master’s authority to preside over or discipline is only provided for when the Grand Lodge is not in session. It also refers to Section 3-302 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws and asserts that filing of Masonic Charges applies to a subordinate lodge. The assertions were discussed and responded to by the Jurisprudence Committee.

As a result of the approval of **Recommendation No. 2**, the Grand Lodge Bylaws **Section 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS** will be amended and will read as follows:

Sec. 1-404 – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Commencing January 1, 2012, the per capita tax shall be divided as follows:

To the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$ 1.00
To the George Washington Masonic National Memorial	1.00
To the Nebraska Masonic Home	2.50
To the Masonic Education Newsletter	.50
To the General Fund –	
commencing January 2011	20.00
commencing January 2012	22.00
commencing January 2013	23.00
commencing January 2014	24.00
commencing January 2015	25.00
commencing January 2016	26.00

The Initiation Fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

As a result of the approval of **Recommendation No. 2**, 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 –

3rd 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 Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). In addition, each Lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2011. The per capita tax shall increase at a rate of \$3.00 for the first year commencing on the first day of January, 2012, and one dollar per year for the next four years. The said per capita tax shall accrue as follows: 2011 - \$24.00, 2012 - \$27.00, 2013 - \$28.00, 2014 - \$29.00, 2015 - \$30.00, 2016 – 31.00. The Grand Lodge shall distribute the per capita tax as provided in Section 1-404 of this code. 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.

As a result of the approval of both **Constitutional Amendment No. 1 and Constitutional Amendment No. 2**, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska **ARTICLE II - MEMBERS and ARTICLE V – OFFICERS** will be amended and will read as follows:

**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, Grand Tyler, and, if appointed, Grand Musician, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or the proxy, 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.

**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.

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

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

At this time I would like to thank the other members of the Committee. On behalf the committee, I thank Michelle and Carol in the Grand Lodge Office for all their help.

Respectfully submitted,
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.



M.:W.: Parsons announced that the Deputy Grand Master has previously arranged to hold the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska, February 2-4, 2012.



M.:W.: Parsons asked Grand Senior Warden Bruce A. Baker to confirm that the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska would be held in Kearney, Nebraska, January 31, February 1 & 2, 2013.



Grand Junior Warden Rex J. Moats moved for approval to hold the 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, February 6-8, 2014. The motion was seconded and carried.



M.:W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Past Grand Master and Grand Custodian, approached the microphone to make a motion that the Grand Master-elect, the newly elected Deputy Grand Master and the newly elected Grand Senior Warden be appointed as representatives to the Conference of Grand Masters and afforded the rights and privileges as if they were all installed properly. It was called for a second. The motion was seconded. After no discussion, the motion was voted upon by a show of hands. The Grand Master viewed the show of hands to be too close to call and asked for another vote. The second vote by a show of hands was also too close to call. The Grand Master instructed only those with credentials to participate in the vote. Grand Master Parsons then asked Grand Custodian Krieger to restate the motion. A member of the audience then asked for the motion to be restated one more time. Grand Master Parsons opened the ballot a third time and asked all brethren with credentials to hold up the green ballots in their packets and the raised ballots were counted for each yes and no vote. The motion carried 81 to 80.



M.:W.: Parsons made an announcement regarding the formation of trial commissions, indicating that the personnel to be tentatively associated with the trial commission for Deputy Grand Master E. David Watts are M.:W.: John McHenry as the President, M.:W.: Phil Lorenzen, and M.:W.: V. Kaye Ramsey. On the trial commission for R.:W.: Rex J. Moats, the tentative members of the trial commission are M.:W.: Ken Beebe and M.:W.: Russell Reno. On the trial commission for R.:W.: Thomas L. Hauder, the tentative members of the trial commission are M.:W.: Mike Jones and M.:W.: Ivan Vrtiska. No prosecutors have been named yet and these people have not all been contacted, so there may be some substitutions.

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.

Resolution No. 1

Resolution to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

ARTICLE IX
POWERS AND AUTHORITY

Section 4. Its judicial powers are of two kinds:

ORIGINAL – Including the decision of all controversy between any of the subordinate lodges, or between one of them and a member or members of another, or between members of different subordinate lodges and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction and the members thereof; except that no charges may be laid against a brother during Grand Lodge Annual Communication, discipline being the unrelinquished right of the subordinate lodge of which the brother is a member; and

APPELLATE – Embracing all matters of controversy or discipline proper for Masonic investigation, which may have arisen in any of the subordinate lodges ~~and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction.~~ (the lined through portion to be deleted.) This also affects Chapter X, Section 3-1002 – Investigating Committee – When a controversy shall arise between subordinate lodges or between a lodge and its Master, or charges be preferred, or an informal complaint be made, the same may be filed ~~with the Grand Lodge if in session, or during recess be lodged~~ with the Grand Master...etc, etc...continue original wording. (Proposal to delete lined through verbiage as it would no longer be applicable.)

Rationale: Grand Lodge session is to be harmonious in order to properly conduct the business promoting growth and productivity of the order. Acrimony among brethren attending Grand Lodge session is deleterious to the well being of the fraternity.

Resolution No. 2

Resolution to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

ARTICLE III
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually, location of said communication will:

- (a) be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master, and
- (b) must be approved by the majority vote of the Grand Lodge

to be amended to include: and

- (c) Roberts Rules of Order will be governing and final authority for the conduct of any and all business during annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Rationale: It is time to come out of the dark ages and adopt a rational means of conducting business. Utilization of Roberts Rules will ensure that any knowledgeable Brother serving as delegate will indeed have an equal voice and equal opportunity to be heard during the conduct of business.

Resolution No. 3

Resolution to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: and A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Part Three
Discipline

Chapter 1. Masonic Offenses –

Section 3-103 Enumerated Masonic Offenses shall consist of, but not be limited to: (a) all acts prohibited by the laws of the Land, and involving moral turpitude except no charges shall be filed against a brother undergoing litigation in civil or criminal courts until the Brother has had every opportunity to establish his innocence and during the pendency of the action, the Lodge should do nothing that would injure his case.

Rationale: A brother unfortunate enough to be involved as defendant in a civil or criminal court activity has enough problems with which he must deal without his brethren compounding or jeopardizing his defense.



V.:W.:B.: Grand Chaplain Dennis E. Rix led the delegation in a closing prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master John T. Parsons closed the 154th 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 Papillion Lodge No. 39 and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.

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of

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Grand Island, Nebraska
February 4-5, 2011

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R.: W.: Rex J. Moats.....	Grand Junior Warden
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V.: W.: Dennis E. Rix	Grand Chaplain
W.: Patrick D. Barger	Grand Orator
W.: Ben F. Hughes.....	Grand Historian
W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM	Grand Custodian
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W.: Ronald D. Stites.....	Grand Tyler

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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, 402-477-90551988
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, 6200 Eureka Dr., Lincoln 68516-3467, 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

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District #27

Bill Lichtenberger, 207, 42634 Callaway Rd, Callaway 68825-2547, 308-836-44922003
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, 308-635-04042008
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, 308-282-02141984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Hay Springs #177, Hay Springs; Arcana #195, Gordon

District #30

Richard H. Cooper, 263, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358-2415, 308-247-22381996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell

District #31

Kenneth G. Fleming, 75, 2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308 254-23872008
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, 308-423-25471976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial

District #33

Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 3020 S. Willow St., North Platte 69101, 308-532-02702005
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, 402-721-95292005
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, 402-493-28542002
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, 402-489-43171999
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, 402-759-38691992
Oliver #38, Seward; Friend #73, Friend; Geneva #79, Geneva; Utica #96, Utica

District #38

Dean Papenhagen, 50, 210 E. 2nd St., Hastings 68901-5217, 402-462-85402003
Hebron #43, Hebron; Nelson #77, Nelson; Superior #121, Superior; Lily #154, Davenport

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- Donald E. Loos, 265 (28) 31 Brentwood Ct., Scottsbluff 69361-1474, 308-632-6761
- Kent D. Priest, 32 (33) 820 Hackberry Rd., North Platte 69101-6811, 308-534-5459
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MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY RECORD

	Initiated		On Rolls Dec. 31, 2010		Passed		On Rolls Dec. 31, 2010		Membership Dec. 31, 2010		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, 2010
1 - Nebraska	6	1	5	1	170	5	0	2	1	0	0	8	1	2	10	0	2	0	15	163					
2 - Western Star	3	2	3	1	149	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	2	0	0	5	148						
3 - Capitol	1	0	1	0	94	2	1	0	3	0	0	6	0	5	4	0	0	9	91						
4 - Nemaha Valley	0	1	0	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	60						
5 - Omadi	1	1	1	2	143	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	3	143						
6 - Plattsmouth	7	1	6	1	289	6	1	0	1	0	0	8	0	8	1	0	0	9	288						
9 - Falls City	1	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	45						
10 - Solomon	0	0	0	0	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	79						
11 - Covert	22	0	24	0	490	25	0	0	4	0	0	29	1	14	21	0	0	36	483						
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	29						
15 - Fremont	3	0	3	1	231	3	0	0	5	0	0	8	3	8	11	0	0	22	217						
19 - Lincoln	0	2	2	1	183	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	8	12	0	1	21	166						
21 - Washington	2	0	2	0	68	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	4	0	1	7	64						
23 - Pawnee	3	1	3	1	135	2	0	0	1	18	0	21	0	11	6	0	0	17	139						
26 - Beatrice	2	0	3	1	163	2	0	0	7	0	0	9	0	2	14	0	1	17	155						
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15						
30 - Blue River	2	1	1	1	37	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	38						
31 - Tekamah	1	0	1	0	124	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	4	121						
32 - Platte Valley	1	0	1	0	215	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	9	3	0	0	12	207						
33 - Ashlar	2	2	3	4	162	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	1	4	6	0	1	12	155						
34 - Acacia	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	60						
35 - Fairbury	1	1	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	49						
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	30						
37 - Crete	1	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	56						
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	4	44						
39 - Papillion	7	1	7	1	219	7	0	1	2	0	0	10	2	5	7	0	0	14	215						
41 - Northern Light	2	2	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	30						
43 - Hebron	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	43						
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	10						
46 - Rob Morris	10	2	11	1	206	13	1	0	1	0	0	15	0	5	3	0	1	9	212						
50 - Hastings	6	0	6	0	163	6	1	0	2	0	0	9	3	5	12	0	0	20	152						
51 - Fidelity	3	0	3	2	45	3	0	0	0	33	0	36	1	6	0	0	0	7	74						
52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30						
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25						
54 - Lancaster	22	7	27	2	323	35	2	6	9	0	0	52	0	7	1	0	0	8	367						
55 - Mosaic	2	0	2	1	116	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	7	110						
56 - York	1	0	1	0	89	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	90						
57 - Mt Moriah	1	0	1	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	44						
59 - Wahoo	1	0	1	0	61	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	59						
61 - Thistle	3	0	3	0	141	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	5	3	0	0	9	138						
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	3	38						
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	1	65	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	5	61						
65 - Osceola	1	3	0	0	84	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	85						
68 - Aurora	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	32						
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	49						
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	44						
75 - Frank Welch	3	0	3	0	117	5	1	0	2	0	0	8	1	7	4	0	0	12	113						
77 - Nelson	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	5	44						
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40						

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79 - Geneva	2	0	2	0	126	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	125
81 - Composite	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	33	36	0
82 - St Paul	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38
83 - Corinthian	3	1	3	0	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29
89 - Cedar River	2	0	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
91 - Oakland	0	0	1	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	41
94 - Bennett	2	2	1	1	35	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	36
95 - Garfield	5	5	2	1	49	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	47
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	26
97 - Euclid	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	58
102 - Waterloo	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	98
103 - Ord	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	20
104 - Wymore	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
106 - Porter	1	0	3	0	56	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	55
110 - Pomegranate	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	78
112 - Springfield	21	2	20	1	293	20	2	1	7	0	0	30	0	2	28	0	0	0	30	293
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	33
119 - North Bend	1	0	1	0	85	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	88
120 - Wayne	1	1	0	0	93	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	92
121 - Superior	1	0	1	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	40
126 - Stromsburg	0	1	0	0	71	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	16
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	33
135 - McCook	3	3	3	1	148	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	7	3	0	0	0	10	143
136 - Long Pine	2	2	0	1	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	33
146 - Jachin	2	1	2	0	120	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	120
148 - Custer	0	1	0	0	107	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	106
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	23
158 - Samaritan	0	0	1	0	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	80
159 - Ogalalla	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	67
162 - Trestle Board	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	18	21	0
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	27
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	27
177 - Hay Springs	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	35
180 - Justice	1	1	1	0	29	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	30
183 - Alliance	8	0	9	0	132	9	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	3	6	0	0	0	9	133
184 - Bee Hive	5	1	6	0	172	6	0	0	2	0	0	8	2	10	11	0	0	0	23	157
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	41
194 - Highland	2	1	1	1	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	39
195 - Arcana	2	1	3	3	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	51
198 - Purity	0	0	1	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	36
200 - Blazing Star	1	0	2	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
201 - Scotts Bluff	2	0	2	0	79	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	77
204 - Plainview	1	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	44
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	46
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	22
209 - Canopy	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
210 - East Lincoln	6	2	5	0	249	6	0	1	2	0	0	9	0	6	11	0	0	0	17	241

	Initiated		On Rolls Dec. 31, 2010		Passed		On Rolls Dec. 31, 2010		Membership Dec. 31, 2010		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, 2010
211 - Cement	1	0	1	0	53	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	5	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	7	51	
220 - Magnolia	2	0	2	0	33	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	5	30	
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	68	
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	
224 - Silver Cord	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	
227 - North Star	4	4	0	0	131	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	130	
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	
229 - Comet	0	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	63	
234 - Zion	2	0	2	0	41	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	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	0	20	
239 - Friendship	1	0	1	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	21	
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	27	
250 - G Washington	3	0	3	0	53	3	0	0	1	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	6	51	
251 - Wausa	0	0	2	0	84	2	1	0	3	0	6	0	2	4	0	0	6	2	4	0	0	0	6	84	
256 - Hickman	12	2	12	0	204	12	0	0	12	0	24	0	4	17	0	0	24	4	17	0	0	0	21	207	
263 - Mitchell	0	1	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	93	
264 - Franklin	7	0	7	0	52	7	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	
265 - R W Furnas	1	0	1	0	101	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	2	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	9	93	
268 - G W Lininger	13	2	14	1	219	12	0	3	4	0	19	1	6	14	0	0	19	1	6	14	0	0	21	217	
274 - Olive Branch	6	3	4	1	63	3	0	0	2	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	3	65	
279 - Wallace	1	1	1	0	40	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	
281 - Florence	4	3	2	2	112	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	5	109	
284 - Seneca	1	1	0	0	24	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	77	
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	31	
287 - Union	2	0	2	0	35	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	
288 - Omaha	2	2	3	1	86	4	0	0	1	0	5	1	1	12	0	2	5	1	1	12	0	2	16	75	
290 - John J Mercer	11	1	12	2	430	11	0	1	5	0	18	1	26	17	0	0	18	1	26	17	0	0	44	404	
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	38	
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	
294 - James Eatmon	1	0	3	0	62	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	6	0	1	4	0	1	6	0	1	0	8	58
297 - Cotner	9	2	8	3	205	8	1	1	1	0	11	2	8	5	0	1	11	2	8	5	0	1	16	200	
300 - Liberty	15	0	15	1	260	13	1	0	4	0	18	0	8	38	0	0	18	0	8	38	0	0	46	232	
302 - Mizpah	13	0	13	0	271	13	0	3	15	0	31	0	4	13	0	0	31	0	4	13	0	0	17	285	
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	29	
310 - Victory	5	2	4	0	57	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	
314 - Craftsmen	2	0	2	1	200	2	0	2	2	0	6	1	7	0	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	0	8	198	
317 - Mid-West	4	2	3	3	215	3	0	0	2	0	5	0	6	14	0	0	5	0	6	14	0	0	20	200	
320 - College View	1	2	1	0	62	3	0	0	3	0	6	0	2	6	0	0	6	0	2	6	0	0	8	60	
323 - Lebanon	2	0	2	2	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	2	0	4	2	1	2	0	9	101	
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	16	
325 - Bellevue	7	1	6	2	223	5	0	1	0	0	6	1	5	1	0	1	6	1	5	1	0	1	8	221	
326 - Centennial	4	2	3	0	122	3	0	0	3	0	6	1	12	2	0	0	6	1	12	2	0	0	15	113	
327 - Shiloh	7	1	6	0	156	6	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	0	0	0	6	1	3	0	0	0	4	158	
328 - Miloma	4	0	4	0	153	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	155	
332 - Tabula Rasa	0	1	2	1	16	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	
TOTALS	342	338	13038	353	29	40	130	51	1	604	32	413	406	1	22	52	926	12716							

**Historical Records
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**Grand Island, Nebraska
February 4-5, 2011**

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.....	
143rd.....	2009.....	Russell G. Reno.....	183, 297, 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, 31910
- Samuel S. Whiting, 54.....1910
- Walter W. Wells, 192.....1910
- Ensign J. Rix, 55.....1910
- James D. Phillips, 93.....1910
- Frederick L. Wolff, 135.....1910
- Ernest H. James, 11910
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- Harold A. Tilton, 2911962
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- Arthur S. Dye, 3171964
- W. Upton Dawson, 1351964
- Donald R. Davis, 1641964
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- Alfred V. Peltzer, 1481975
- Roger L. Shillington, 1801976
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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
Large	2011	Lancaster Lodge	No. 54	Lincoln
Small	2011	Franklin Lodge	No. 264	Franklin

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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
1996	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1997	Beatrice Lodge	No. 26	Beatrice
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	Olive Branch Lodge	No. 274	Walthill
2008	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
2009	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2010	Robert W. Furnas Lodge	No. 265	Scottsbluff
2011	Plattsmouth Lodge	No. 6	Plattsmouth

**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
2010	Wesley H. Turtscher	Papillion No. 39	Papillion
2010	Delbert D. Weber	George W. Lininger No. 268	Omaha

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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
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
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
Highland	No 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21,1889	June 20,1890
Arcana	No 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17,1889	June 20,1890

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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	Thedford.....	Thomas.....	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16,1913	June 9,1914
Oshkosh	No 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24,1914	June 8,1915
John J. Mercer	No 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21,1914	June 8,1915
Diamond	No 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23,1914	June 8,1915
Monument	No 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18,1914	June 8,1915
Kimball	No 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10,1915	June 7,1916
Cotner	No 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15,1917	June 5,1918
Liberty	No 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10,1918	June 5,1918
Mizpah	No 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12,1918	June 4,1919
Newman Grove	No 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14,1920	June 9,1920
Victory	No 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27,1920	June 8,1921
Craftsmen	No 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22,1922	June 5,1923

EXISTING LODGES

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

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
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

CONSOLIDATED LODGE	CONSOLIDATED WITH	DATE
Joppa No. 76, Bloomington	Franklin No. 264, Franklin	October 18, 1934
Parallel No. 152, Liberty	Barneston No. 165, Barneston	January 2, 1940
Tyre No. 85, Blue Springs	Wymore No. 104, Wymore	July 7, 1941
Bradshaw No. 255, Bradshaw	Hampton No. 245, Hampton	May 21, 1942
Level No. 196, Stockville	Cambridge No. 150, Cambridge	June 4, 1942
Riverside No. 269, Belgrade	Cedar River No. 89, Fullerton	June 5, 1942
Juniata No. 42, Juniata,	Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw	July 15, 1942
Palmer No. 315, Palmer	St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul	October 6, 1942
Elk Creek No. 90, Elk	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	November 11, 1944
Riverton No. 63, Riverton	Franklin No. 264, Franklin	May 16, 1945
Hildreth No. 252, Hildreth	Grace No. 226, Wilcox	October 11, 1945
Hubbell No. 92, Hubbell	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	February 8, 1946
Incense No. 182, Iowa	Jewell No. 149, Tobias	April 22, 1947
Bee No. 259, Bee	Oliver No. 38, Seward	June 13, 1947
Tuscan No. 130, Surprise	Composite No. 81, Rising City	February 9, 1963
Delta No. 230, St. Edward	Albion No. 78, Albion	January 1, 1965
Jewel No. 149, Tobias	Geneva No. 79, Geneva	September 9, 1966
Valley No. 157, Wilsonville	Beaver City No. 93, Beaver City	March 8, 1966
Ruskin No. 304, Ruskin	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	September 23, 1966
Morning Star No. 197, Gresham	Stromsburg No. 126, Stromsburg	December 9, 1967
Cornerstone No. 247, Osmond	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129, Blue Hill	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322, Lyman	Oasis No. 271, Morrill	April 10, 1969
Compass & Square No. 212, Sumner	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	April 20, 1969
Hope No. 29, Nemaha	Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville	September 9, 1969
Elm Creek No. 133, Elm Creek	James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton	March 17, 1970
Naphthali No. 206, Diller	Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury	March 23, 1970
Alexandria No. 74, Alexandria	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	September 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156, Ewing	Diamond No. 291, Orchard	December 4, 1970
Grace No. 226, Wilcox	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	May 11, 1971
Wolbach No. 292, Wolbach	St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul	December 23, 1971
Tyrian No. 243, Oak	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	June 9, 1972
Mystic Tie No. 166, Tilden	Trowel No. 71, Neligh	June 12, 1972
Roman Eagle No. 203, Pender	Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft	April 20, 1973
Amethyst No. 190, Stapleton	Cable No. 225, Arnold	April 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179, Beaver Crossing	Utica No. 96, Utica	April 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84, Fairfield	Clay Center No. 139, Clay Center	January 24, 1974
Ramah No. 275, Bertrand	Elwood No. 167, Elwood	February 14, 1974
Sterling No. 70, Sterling	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 20, 1974
Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 15, 1974
Winnebago No. 309, Winnebago	Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill	December 3, 1974
Temple No. 175, Filley	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 26, 1975
Beemer No. 253, Beemer	Wisner No. 114, Wisner	June 17, 1975
Signet No. 193, Leigh	Northern Light No. 41, Stanton	February 20, 1976
Plumblin No. 214, Adams	Beatrice No. 26, Beatrice	October 1, 1976
Cubit No. 237, Douglas	Union No. 287, Palmyra	December 13, 1977
Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft	Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill	December 17, 1978
Litchfield No. 278, Litchfield	Mason City No. 170, Mason City	July 1, 1979

CONSOLIDATED LODGE	CONSOLIDATED WITH	DATE
Hartington No. 155, Hartington	Relief No. 219, Coleridge	August 10, 1979
Creighton No. 100, Creighton	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	May 17, 1980
Star No. 88, Decatur	Pilot No. 240, Lyons	January 22, 1981
Gladstone No. 176, Ansley	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	November 4, 1981
Eminence No. 223, Giltner	Keystone No. 62, Phillips	October 26, 1981
Antelope No. 276, Elgin	Trowel No. 71, Neligh	January 1, 1982
Bladen No. 319, Bladen	Charity No. 53, Red Cloud	May 6, 1982
Oak Leaf No. 312, Lynch	Ornan No. 261, Spencer	April 22, 1983
Crofton No. 273, Crofton	Wausa No. 251, Wausa	April 17, 1984
Harlan No. 116, Alma	Melrose No. 60, Orleans	April 17, 1984
Hardy No. 117, Hardy	Superior No. 121, Superior	April 17, 1984
Merna No. 171, Merna	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	April 17, 1984
Lee P. Gillette No. 272, Dunbar	Western Star No. 2, Nebraska City	January 18, 1985
Occidental No. 215, Cedar Bluffs	Fremont No. 15, Fremont	March 28, 1985
Siloam No. 147, Stuart	Atkinson No. 164, Atkinson	November 20, 1985
Ponca No. 101, Ponca	Alpha No. 316, South Siou	City, June 1986
Boaz No. 185, Danbury	McCook No. 135, McCook	September 16, 1986
Curtis No. 168, Curtis	McCook No. 135, McCook	February 15, 1986
Clay Center No. 139, Clay Center	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	March 5, 1986
Unity No. 163, Greenwood	Pomegranate No. 110, Ashland	December 30, 1986
Gothenburg No. 249, Gothenburg	Platte Valley No. 32, North Platte	January 14, 1987
Granite No. 189, Gibbon	Cement No. 211, Wood River	April 1987
Amity No. 169, Rushville	Hay Springs No. 177, Hay Springs	May 1987
Golden Sheaf No. 202, Randolph	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	December 31, 1987
Faith No. 181, Crawford	Sioux No. 277, Harrison	December 1987
Potter No. 313, Potter	Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney	October 1988
Western No. 140, Western	DeWitt No. 111, DeWitt	December 1988
Zeredetha No. 160, Reynolds	Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury	December 1988
Right Angle No. 303, Omaha	Papillion No. 39, Papillion	December 31, 1988
Trowel No. 71, Neligh	Diamond No. 291, Orchard	January 1990
Alpha No. 316, South Sioux City	Omadi No. 5, South Sioux City	March 1, 1990
Shelton No. 99, Shelton	Cement No. 211, Wood River	April 27, 1990
Nehawka No. 246, Nehawka	Western Star No. 2, Nebraska City	June 20, 1990
Anselmo No. 258, Anselmo	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	August 28, 1990
Globe No. 113, Madison	Mosaic No. 55, Norfolk	August 28, 1990
Harmony No. 321, Dalton	Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney	November 28, 1990
Silver No. 266, Silver	Osceola No. 65, Osceola	April 25, 1991
Cable No. 225, Arnold	Custer No. 148, Broken Bow	May 17, 1991
Grand Island No. 318, Grand Island	Ashlar No. 33, Grand Island	August 9, 1991
Orient No. 13, Rulo/Falls City	Falls City No. 9, Falls City	August 21, 1991
Rawalt No. 138, Oxford	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	October 9, 1991
Beaver City No. 93, Beaver City	Monument No. 293, Arapahoe	January 30, 1992
Meridian No. 188, Cozad	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	February 20, 1992
Hampton No. 245, Hampton	Aurora No. 68, Aurora	February 21, 1992
Crystal No. 191, Scotia	Ord No. 103, Ord	March 10, 1992
Edgar No. 67, Edgar	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	March 10, 1992
Gavel No. 199, Carleton	Lily No. 154, Davenport	March 23, 1992
Cambridge No. 150, Cambridge	Bartley No. 228, Bartley	April 20, 1992
Mt. Zion No. 161, Shelby	Composite No. 81, Rising City	November 11, 1992
Endeavor No. 262, Indianola	Bartley No. 228, Bartley	December 3, 1992

CONSOLIDATED LODGE	CONSOLIDATED WITH	DATE
Fraternity No. 235, Winside	Wayne No. 120, Wayne	April 28, 1993
John S. Bowen No. 23, Kennard	Washington No. 21, Blair	May 4, 1993
Minatare No. 295, Minatare	Scotts Bluff No. 201, Gering	January 24, 1994
Pilot No. 240, Lyons	Tekamah No. 31, Tekamah	June 6, 1994
Bayard No. 301, Bayard	Camp Clarke No. 285, Bridgeport	September 12, 1994
Upright No. 137, Burchard	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	September 6, 1995
Golden Rod No. 306, Lodgepole	Golden Fleece No. 205, Chappell	December 6, 1995
Bassett No. 254, Bassett	Silver Cord No. 224, Ainsworth	December 29, 1995
Chester No. 298, Chester	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	February 24, 1997
Ornan No. 261, Spencer	Garfield No. 95, O'Neill	February 27, 1997
Stella No. 105, Stella	Humboldt No. 40, Humboldt	April 7, 1997
Melrose No. 60, Orleans	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	July 21, 1997
St. Johns No. 25, Omaha	John J. Mercer No. 290, Omaha	March 6, 1998
Fairmont No. 48, Fairmont	Geneva No. 79, Geneva	May 14, 1998
Ionic No. 87, Niobrara	Bloomfield No. 218, Bloomfield	November 11, 1998
Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	December 23, 1998
Sutherland No. 299, Sutherland	Platte Valley No. 32, North Platte	February 15, 1999
Gilead No. 233, Butte	Atkinson No. 164, Atkinson	March 17, 1999
Mt. Nebo No. 125, Genoa	Cedar River No. 89, Fullerton	April 7, 1999
Auburn No. 124, Auburn	Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville	June 23, 1999
Sioux No. 277, Harrison	Mitchell No. 263, Mitchell	December 2, 1999
James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	June 26, 2001
Perkins No. 308, Grant	Ogallala No. 159, Ogallala	December 19, 2001
Republican No. 98, Republican City	Franklin No. 264, Franklin	December 31, 2001
Mason City No. 170, Mason City	Porter No. 106, Loup City	July 16, 2004
Relief No. 219, Coleridge	Wausa No. 251, Wausa	October 29, 2004
Oasis No. 271, Morrill	Mitchell No. 263, Mitchell	December 1, 2004
Crescent No. 143, Primrose	Albion No. 78, Albion	September 27, 2005
Table Rock No. 108, Table Rock	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	June 26, 2006
Culbertson No. 174, Culbertson	McCook No. 135, McCook	January 19, 2007
Palisade No. 216, Palisade	McCook No. 135, McCook	January 19, 2007
Lotus No. 289, Ravenna	Porter No. 106, Loup City	October 10, 2007
Polk No. 311, Polk	Solar No. 134, Clarks	December 14, 2007
Humboldt No. 40, Humboldt	Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City	December 27, 2007
Evening Star No. 49, Sutton	Geneva No. 79, Geneva	August 8, 2008
Bloomfield No. 218, Bloomfield	Wausa No. 251, Wausa	October 17, 2008
DeWitt No. 111, DeWitt	Blue Valley No. 64, Wilber	March 13, 2009
Composite No. 81, Rising	Fidelity No. 51, David City	February 26, 2010
Trestle Board No. 162, Brock	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
Macy No. 22 – Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 – Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).....	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 – Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 – Salem.....	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 – Columbus.....	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 – Firth.....	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 – Ulysses.....	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 – Waco.....	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 – Doniphan.....	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 – Steele City.....	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 – Arapahoe.....	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 – Brainard.....	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 – Dorchester.....	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 – Odell.....	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 – Indianola.....	June 8, 1904
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	Kirk P Carlson	Wilton A Hobbs	John R Fairlie	Jason E Knupp
Western Star #2	Ronald J Mahoney	Donald E Sullivan*	John J Duling*	David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Frederick J Ulrich*	Randall C Busse	Fred Yates	Terry M Theis
Nemaha Valley #4	James Rendleman	Michael Andrew*	Kevin Wheeler*	Clay W Kennedy*
Omadi #5	Wayne Benson	Kenneth E Mogler	Daniel B Krause*	Chris T Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	L Cecil Smith	Roy N Walton Jr	Dwight D Rose*	Jay H Speck
Falls City #9				
Solomon #10	Reginald Boyer*			Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Nizar K Wehbi	Eric I Jacobsen*	Anthony L Rosterman*	Donald L Gockley
Peru #14	Kenneth L Goering*	Carl Stevenson*		Ted R Groves
Fremont #15	Richard Curley	Mike Push*	Richard A Owston*	Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	Kenneth W Koop Jr	Scott C Keller	Richard O Wyatt*	Charles A Burk*
Washington #21	Jeffrey L Sholtz*			
Pawnee #23	Ted R Groves	Larry L Bradbury*	Charles Hatfield*	Gary H Bedea*
Beatrice #26	Clayton E Wells	Glen W Brinkman*	Stephen J Stedman	Jason M Mackichan
Jordan #27	Jay D Hansen			
Blue River #30	Dennis Reichenberg*	Melvin R Giles	Dwaine Fosler*	
Tekamah #31	Samuel L Harmer*			Karl R Adamson*
Platte Valley #32	Walter W Johnson	James E Connor	Michael D Beall	Glenn R Mulholland
Ashlar #33	Joshua L Richardson	Justin T Richardson		
Acacia #34	David K Roberts			Dennis D Coufal
Fairbury #35		Thomas Curry*		James Mahaffey
Lone Tree #36	John Jefferson			
Crete #37		James A Clark		
Oliver #38			Ben F Hughes*	
Papillion #39	Jeffrey M Coleman*	Jonathan L Paz	Melvin N Morton	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41	Robert E Schellpeper	Donald Schmidt*	Gary D Benson	Rory Ashker
Hebron #43	Douglas Modlin	Lyle McLaughlin		Edward Bliss
Harvard #44		Warren Christensen		
Rob Morris #46		Alex F Straatmann	John H Miller, Jr*	Nick V Longly
Hastings #50	Monte W Malouf II	William C Carson	Benjamin A Richards	W Glen Jorgenson
Fidelity #51	Rex M Rehmer*	Douglas J Schmid*	Frank H Hansen*	R Allen Covault*
Hiram #52	James A Wiseman		Sydney R Clausen*	Kenny Reed*
Charity #53	Hayes J McDole*			
Lancaster #54	Mark K Clinton	Tyler G White	Ben F Hughes	Russell G Reno
Mosaic #55		David L Sieler		
York #56	Steve Hunzeker	Kevin Leapley		
Mt. Moriah #57				Thomas R Frech
Wahoo #59				
Thistle #61			Robert L Reed*	Philip E Darby
Keystone #62	Tarl W Carpenter	Charles Monter		
Blue Valley #64	Stephen L Ourecky	Kenneth Smisek		
Osceola #65			Kerry L Voigt*	Mervin E Ransom Jr
Aurora #68	Kenneth G Killion			

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Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Hooper #72	Andrew Hunteman			
Friend #73				Marvin H. Kraus
Frank Welch #75	Kenneth G Fleming	Robert H England*	Mark L Carley	C Scott McDaniel*
Nelson #77	Michael M Dunn	Michael J Drexel*	Spencer R Nelsen*	Roger D Watson
Albion #78	Merlin L Weber Jr			John S Williams
Geneva #79	Alan L Pospisil	Daniel G Aspegren	Kevin R Bonin	Max H Miller
St. Paul #82				Wesley E Stevens
Corinthian #83	Terry L Henschke	Alvin G Sundell*	Bradley A Jones*	Robert A Jones
Cedar River #89	Gary L Loseke*			
Oakland #91	N Emory Wickstrom*	Norman E Case*	Don A Johnson*	Peter B Kruse*
Bennett #94	Daniel Longley*	Richard D Harris	Roger W Miner	
Garfield #95		William E Jennings		
Utica #96	Kevin O Scheele		Steve Rhodes*	Ben F Hughes
Euclid #97	Kevin R Kelly	Scott M Miller		Matthew L Mogensen*
Waterloo #102	Maynard L Smith	Rodney E Jobman*		Larry M Smith
Ord #103				
Wymore #104				B Dean Marples
Porter #106				
Pomegranate #110				
Springfield #112	Steven D Hurlbutt	Bryan K Deming*	Gary S Unger	Donald P Ellenberger
Wisner #114	William Breikreutz			Clint W Frerichs*
North Bend #119				David G Otte*
Wayne #120	Kenneth R Liska*	Frank G Teach Jr*		Gail Axen
Superior #121	Jason P Jensen	Patrick C Dunn		A Gary Keeling*
Stromsburg #126	Marlon R Buzek	John F Dale		Timm O Waller*
Guide Rock #128		John R Ely		Rodney P Ely*
Scribner #132				
Solar #134	Philip E Foulk			
McCook #135	Greg Fyn	Greg A Wolford*		Steve G Lyne
Long Pine #136	Barry L Frerichs	Terry Foxworthy		Gary R Wolfe*
Jachin #146	Daniel C Brown	Doak P Doolittle	Gordon L Brown	Bruce G Raddatz
Custer #148	Clifford P Moore	Chet E Wales	George A Bundy	Kevin R Lindly
Lily #154	Tregan P Albers			Richard D Mosier*
Samaritan #158		Verlin C Retzlaff*		
Ogalalla #159	Richard H Roberts*	Bernard A Beckius*		Richard L Lindauer*
Atkinson #164			Charles Shane*	James A Widtfeldt
Barneston #165				
Elwood #167				Geoffrey K Bogle
Robert Burns #173			Donald E Rife	
Hay Springs #177				Vernon L Platt
Justice #180	Thomas M Jones*		R Scott Hogeland*	
Alliance #183	Christopher J Baas	Gary Goodell		Eugene Gatti
Bee Hive #184	Derick L Loberg			
Minnekadusa #192	Jerry Kerr*	Phillip D Paxton		Stephen L Isom

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Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Highland #194	Steven J Rowell		Daryl A Doolittle*	Fred E DeVries*
Arcana #195	Ronald D Jensen	Dean L Strong*		
Purity #198	Keith A Wood	John D Osler*	Tom W Elder*	Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200				Howard R Fairbairn
Scotts Bluff #201	Edwin L Mayo*	Richard W Taaedter Sr		
Plainview #204	Stephen R Smith			
Golden Fleece #205	Douglas A Criswell*			Dwight E Smith
Parian #207		William Harshbarger*		
Canopy #209				Raymond K Althouse
East Lincoln #210	Jeffrey S Wunder			W Scott Dodge*
Cement #211	John Prettyman		Steven D Spilinek*	Dewey R Heminger*
Magnolia #220				
Wood Lake #221				
Landmark #222				Randall L Hart
Silver Cord #224	Joe D McBride			Evan C Evans*
North Star #227	Keith D Brocksmith	David R Peck*	Walter W Powell*	Steve B Wetzel*
Bartley #228	Leon Wright	Brad Holtze*	C Thayne Emrich	Gary A Newcomb*
Comet #229	Gregory L Prososki		Robert J Schmucker*	James F Hunter*
Zion #234				
Golden Rule #236				Richard H Olesen
Friendship #239	Trent A Tyler	Neil D Tyler		James E Cepelcha*
G Armstrong #241				
Laurel #248				
Geo Washington #250		Eric J Bachenberg		Donald C Eisenbarth*
Wausa #251	Douglas D Kristensen	Richard H Lentz*	James W Otteman*	Lowell C Erickson
Hickman #256	Gary L Jarzynka*	James D Eggerling	Douglas W Johnson*	Olin D Boone
Mitchell #263				
Franklin #264	Gary L Keim	Delbert Rogers*		
Robert W Furnas #265	David E Williamson	Frank R Wooden		Ted B Miller III*
G W Lininger #268	Okley H Gibbs, Jr	Douglas L Lewis		Ronald D Stites
Olive Branch #274	James E Horak*			
Wallace #279	Randall E Ogier	Shaun B Baker*	Brian W Banks	Eric J Chrisman*
Florence #281	David L Rose	Paul D Nerz	Merl R Core*	Dale E Wagner*
Seneca #284	Ralph H Eatinger*		James J Jones*	Chauncey J Linn*
Camp Clarke #285	Brent E VanPatten*			
Oshkosh #286				
Union #287			Dennis Brydl	
Omaha #288	Karl Smith*	Joseph P Charbonneau	Steve A Anderson*	Chris M Harrington
John J Mercer #290	Charles J Odorizzi III	Richard M Peterson	Cletus P Dixon	Armando R Benitez*
Diamond #291	Duard O Dempster*		Hoyt D Sirek*	Galan D Gibbs*
Monument #293				
James L. Eatmon #294	Kerry D Haug*	Ralph E Kimzey*		Michael J Schadegg*
Cotner #297	Valmen L Ryckman	Greg E Mason	Donald Gray, Jr	Ralph J Riemann*
Liberty #300	Randy L Cox*	Mark A Eliker	Mark J Turner*	Bruce A Watkins

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Mizpah #302	David A Shaw	William K Stone	Tyler Z Goodman*	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove #305	Danny K Patzel			Tedd A Kaufman
Victory #310	Carroll G Peacock	Christian D Hagemann	Jeffrey B Hayden*	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	James W Rider	Thomas E Greenlee	Bruce L Trautwein	
Mid-West #317	Billy J Dittmer		Jimmy D Brown	Eduardo Casas
College View #320	Jason L Phelps	Jairo H Cabeles		
Lebanon #323	Troy B Medinger			John H Lippert
Cairo #324				Richard L. Heckman
Bellevue #325	Robert D Muse	Donald E Elerbie, Sr	Darryl K Evans*	David C Norton
Centennial #326	Carl G Lewis*	Joel F Shaw*	John D Heck*	Philip O Edwards
Shiloh #327	Larry L Broermann*	James H Kassal*	David L Dawson	Alan M Anderson
Miloma #328	David J Gibbs Jr	Gregory E Bush		
Tabula Rasa #332	Patrick Barger	Mark Clinton	Michael Lagueux	Dennis H Brydl

GRAND JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE FROM	APPOINTED	GRAND JURISDICTION	REPRESENTATIVE TO	APPOINTED
Emile Ouosso	10/27/2005	Africa, Cameroon	Wade R. Kendle, 300	10/31/2005
Marcel Ibinga Magwangu	5/3/1990	Africa, Congo Africa, Gabon Africa, Guinnee Africa, Mali Africa, Mauritius	Don E. Rasmussen, 135, 82	2/10/1989
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 Australia, South Aust.	Russell G. Christensen, 10	3/7/2002
G. T. Brice		Australia, Tasmania		
Leighton Gordon Scott	7/5/1985	Australia, Victoria	Wendell R. Wertz, 135	11/15/1979
Barrington K. Brooks	4/20/2010	Australia, Western Aust.	Charles E. House, 52	1/13/1992
K. H. Worth	1987	Austria	Randolph R. Eatmon, 294	12/31/1989
Hugo Barber	3/22/1951	Belgium	James R. Erixon, 268	2/9/1999
Alfonso Reyes	8/13/1963	Bolivia	Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285	
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	9/19/1936	Brazil, Acre Brazil, Amazonas-Gloman Brazil, Bahia Brazil, Brasilia	Sydney Clausen, 52 Robert D. Whipple, Jr., 281	3/12/2002 3/6/2002
Adolpho Porta	1/4/1988	Brazil, Ceara	Clay W. Kennedy, 4	2/10/1989
Aderlou F. Andrade	1/4/1988	Brazil, Espirito Santo	Armando Benitez, 11, 290	8/23/2005
Ceumar Luiz Sepulcri	8/4/2005	Brazil, Goais	Fernando E. Siores, 55	12/23/1990
Francisco Bezrea Frota	10/25/1973	Brazil, Grand Oriente		
Aldo Buitoni	12/23/2002	Brazil, Maranhao	Kenneth D. Beebe, 119	
Oscar de Paula Assis	8/1/1969	Brazil, Mato Grosso		
Geraldo Carlos de Oliveira	10/9/2002	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul	Norris L. Rusmisell, 46	12/20/1989
Jose Cesario Horta	9/21/1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	James Ross, 82	
Luthgard Nobre	6/26/1974	Brazil, Para	Leslie Smith, 198	12/23/1990
Jose Aguilar E. Silva	10/22/1968	Brazil, Paraiba	Scott Osler, 198	4/18/1994
Adalberto Sampaio dos Santos	9/17/2010	Brazil, Parana	Steve Pitman, 50	
Tutomo Sato	3/7/1968	Brazil, Pernambuco Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Daniel Spearow, 126 Scott G. Brendel, 146	4/18/1994 3/7/2002
Paulo Roberto Curi	10/17/1989	Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte		
Jose W K Neto	9/10/1992	Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul Brazil, Rondonia Brazil, Roraima	Marvin Colson, 228 Duard O. Dempster, 291 Richard H. Cooper, 263	1/15/1993 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. Ferreira 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 Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador	Kenneth C. Jackson, Jr., 210 Jay H. Speck, 6	11/14/1995 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
Wayne Mac Culloch	1/21/2011	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 Colombia, Bogota	Robert J. Prokop, 64	

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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	Croatia	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
Wolfgang Durst	9/24/1975	France	Paul Befort, 32	5/31/2002
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
		Guatemala	Roger L. Shillington, 180	6/8/1977
		Hawaii	James DeMoss, 325	12/7/1991
Bjarne Bjarnason	1/7/1953	Honduras	Willie C. Kunz, 97	
Vilmos Bacher	3/12/2008	Hungary		
Pall Egilsson	3/23/2009	Iceland	Rick D. Mouchka, 55	4/14/1993
Wiley F. Smith	8/6/1989	Idaho		
Kenneth Smith		Illinois	William C. Conway, 195	12/23/1990
N.K. Mathur	3/20/2007	India		
Jerry Scott James	12/4/1974	Indiana	Ernest G. Lehmkuhler, 32	6/12/1987
Abbas Satrap	3/21/2002	Iran (in exile)	John Darling, Jr., 78	4/4/2002
John E.V. Smith	9/22/2000	Ireland		
Gabriel Albalah	3/15/2010	Israel	Leo Hill, 210	2/10/1989
Antonio Criseo	3/29/2010	Italy	Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	12/23/1990
Yasuhiko Ide		Japan	Robert Driewer, 75	6/3/1994
Conrad Johnson	7/14/1991	Kansas	James F. Brown, Jr, 54	2/4/2001
O. J. Hyde	7/31/1972	Kentucky		
Clifford A. Bradley	8/6/1989	Louisiana	Thomas W. Tye, 46	1/1/1984
Rene Gregorius	8/17/1971	Luxembourg	Thomas W. Tye, II, 46	12/31/1989
Andre Ollbrich	4/26/2006	Madagascar		
Royce G. Wheeler	8/30/76	Maine	Gerald G. McKay, 325	11/12/1996
William H. Sorrell, Jr.	12/31/1997	Maryland	W. Glen Jorgenson, 50, 211	1/8/2001
Charles A. Lukas, Jr.	8/6/1989	Massachusetts	Arthur R. Sharp, 54	12/31/1989
Juan L. Arocha	10/23/1950	Mexico, Benito Juarez		
		Mexico, Nuevo Leon		
		Mexico, Sinoloa		
German Barrera	8/27/1970	Mexico, Tamaulipas	Rex M. Rehmer, 51, 81	2/7/2003
		Mexico, Valle de Mexico	Dean T. Dinklage, 114	
Carlos Marban	10/26/1995	Mexico, York Grand Lodge	Gary Martin, 46	12/31/1989
Tom R. Esply	1985	Michigan	Don L. Jelinek, 54	
Frederick B. Vihovde	8/6/1989	Minnesota	Cullen F. Pilker, 39	4/11/2002
Thomas L. Packer	3/31/2000	Mississippi	Michael Stuhr, 327	12/27/1999
William R. Robbins	7/23/1963	Missouri		
		Montana	Dean Skokan, 15	8/1/2007
A. Th. ten Houten	7/27/1994	Netherlands		
W. Wayne Perkins	10/31/2003	Nevada	D. Sidney Stewart, 135	3/7/2003
Ellis W. Howard	6/14/1962	New Hampshire		
Lawrence H. Kalish	5/2/2008	New Jersey	John M. McHenry, 19	11/6/1985
Larry D. Pritchard	11/19/2010	New York	Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 314	7/1/1974
John W. Emmerson	4/6/2000	New Zealand	Donald R. Swanson, 54	6/14/1973
		Nicaragua	Ivan A. Vrtiska, 327	2000
Ray H. Early, Jr.	3/18/1996	North Carolina	T. John Hinkel, 38, 96	3/6/2003
Calvin E. Rustad	9/7/1955	North Dakota		
Erik Johnsen	4/5/1992	Norway	Michael E. Jones, 51, 173	2/10/1989
E. L. Galbraith	4/23/1969	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. Mizrachi	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
Agapito S. Suan, Jr.	4/5/2010	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		
		Russia	Tren Miller, 106	3/11/2003
		Scotland	Max H. Miller, 79	2/7/2003
George M. Preston	11/10/1992	Slovenia	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
Richard Decker	7/2/2010	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

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2010

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED -			
U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		26,577	26,577
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
FHLB DTD, 3.000%, 09-25-2019	51,372	51,372	51,399
FNMA DTD, 2.000%, 09-30-2025	100,000	100,000	95,831
Total government securities	151,372	151,372	147,230
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MICELLANEOUS BONDS			
Abbott Laboratories Nts., 3.750%, 03-15-2011	50,000	47,042	50,346
Ryder Sys., 5.950%, 05-02-2011	50,000	52,595	50,787
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.100%, 12-15-2012	75,000	74,625	78,323
Mattel Inc., 5.625%, 3-15-2013	50,000	53,400	53,755
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.300%, 12-1-2013	50,000	49,158	55,540
Analog Devices Inc., 5.000%, 07-01-2014	50,000	53,340	53,889
Black & Decker Corp., 4.750%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	53,813
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	51,102
WM Wrigley Jr. Co., 4.650%, 07-15-2015	50,000	49,625	51,856
Southwest Aircls Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	50,000	40,000	52,935
Prudential Finl Inc., 6.100%, 06-15-2017	50,000	49,900	55,245
GTE Corp., 6.840%, 04-15-2018	50,000	54,285	56,681
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	50,000	51,695	58,627
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	675,000	671,763	722,899
TOTAL BONDS	826,372	823,135	870,129

COMMON STOCKS

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
500	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	27,996	38,080
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,533	17,995
500	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	40,055
325	Boeing Co.	14,938	21,210
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	21,952	17,668
1,081	Cemex Certificates	6,835	11,578
600	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	15,014	15,546
1,500	Chicago Bridge & Iron	18,548	49,350
175	Compass Minerals International Inc	14,283	15,622
700	Conagra Foods Inc.	18,354	15,806
432	ConocoPhillips	11,108	29,419
400	Direct TV	13,217	15,972
700	Dominion Resources Inc.	26,521	29,904
650	Forest Laboratories Inc.	18,255	20,787
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	20,884
100	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	6,912	12,009
1,800	Gencorp Inc.	16,923	9,306
2,800	Investors Real Estate Trust	28,560	25,116
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	38,288
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs Inc.	17,039	14,098
350	Laboratory Corp of Amer Com	10,346	30,772
900	Leucadia National Corp.	39,274	26,262
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	32,635
800	Nexen Inc.	22,352	18,320
400	Patriot Coal Corp.	8,356	7,748
600	Peabody Energy Corp.	6,207	38,388
1,900	Pfizer Inc.	47,248	33,269
700	Plum Creek Timber Co.	20,794	26,215
250	SPDR Gold Trust	22,809	34,680
675	St Joe Company	15,503	14,749
625	Texas Pacific Land Trust	19,038	22,800
500	Vodafone Group Plc	11,690	13,220
550	Vulcan Materials Co.	22,334	24,398
300	Walt Disney Co.	6,007	11,253
1,000	Yamana Gold Inc.	11,655	12,800
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		647,903	806,202

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Supplemental Schedule of Restricted Fund Investments
December 31, 2010

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		39,671	39,671
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.250%, 05-15-2016	25,000	28,117	31,518
FHLB DTD, 3.000%, 09-15-2019	50,000	51,372	51,399
FNMA DTD, 2.000%, 09-30-2025	50,000	50,000	47,916
Total government securities	125,000	129,489	130,833
CORPORATE BONDS			
Chevron Phillips Chem Co., 7.000%, 03-15-2011	50,000	50,000	50,563
Cargill Inc., 5.600%, 09-15-2012	25,000	26,333	26,838
General Elec Cap Corp., 5.100%, 12-15-2012	25,000	24,875	26,108
Mattel Inc., 5.625%, 3-15-2013	35,000	37,380	37,629
John Deere Cap Corp., 3.000%, 10-15-2013	50,000	50,000	51,599
Schering-Plough Corp., 5.300%, 12-1-2013	25,000	24,579	27,770
Analog Devices Inc., 5.000%, 07-01-2014	25,000	26,670	26,944
Black & Decker Corp., 4.750%, 11-1-2014	50,000	46,000	53,813
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	51,102
General Elec Cap Corp., 4.000%, 05-15-2015	25,000	24,563	25,309
Southwest Airlys Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	25,000	20,000	26,468
Target Corp., 5.375%, 05-01-2017	50,000	49,112	56,034
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.100%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	57,489
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	25,000	25,848	29,313
Zurich Reins Centre Hldgs., 7.125%, 10-12-2023	50,000	54,510	52,003
Halliburton Co., 6.750%, 02-01-2027	25,000	24,325	28,420
Total corporate bonds	585,000	578,092	627,402
TOTAL BONDS	710,000	707,581	758,235

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
550	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	31,666	41,888
425	Avery Dennison Corp.	25,971	17,995
500	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	40,055
450	Boeing Co.	20,683	29,367
400	BP PLC Spons Adr	22,244	17,668
1,947	Cemex Certificates	12,303	20,852
600	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	15,014	15,546
1,600	Chicago Bridge & Iron	16,824	52,640
200	Compass Minerals International Inc.	16,323	17,854
850	Conagra Foods Inc.	22,287	19,193
396	ConocoPhillips	10,183	26,968
500	Direct TV	16,521	19,965
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	27,768
900	Forest Laboratories Inc.	25,274	28,782
550	Forest Oil Corp.	27,954	20,884
125	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	8,641	15,011
2,000	Gencorp, Inc.	18,853	10,340
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	26,910
800	Kansas City Southern	11,333	38,288
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs Inc.	17,039	14,098
350	Laboratory Corp. of Amer Com	10,346	30,772
1,000	Leucadia National Corp.	39,451	29,180
500	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	11,173	32,635
1,000	Nexen Inc.	27,941	22,900
400	Patriot Coal Corp	8,356	7,748
700	Peabody Energy Corp.	7,241	44,786
2,000	Pfizer Inc.	49,974	35,020
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,823	22,470
250	SPDR Gold Trust	22,809	34,680
1,100	St Joe Company	24,078	24,035
750	Texas Pacific Land Trust	22,474	27,360
500	Vodafone Group Plc	11,690	13,220
650	Vulcan Materials Co.	26,445	28,834
500	Walt Disney Co.	10,012	18,755
1,200	Yamana Gold Inc.	13,986	15,360
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		709,981	889,827

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