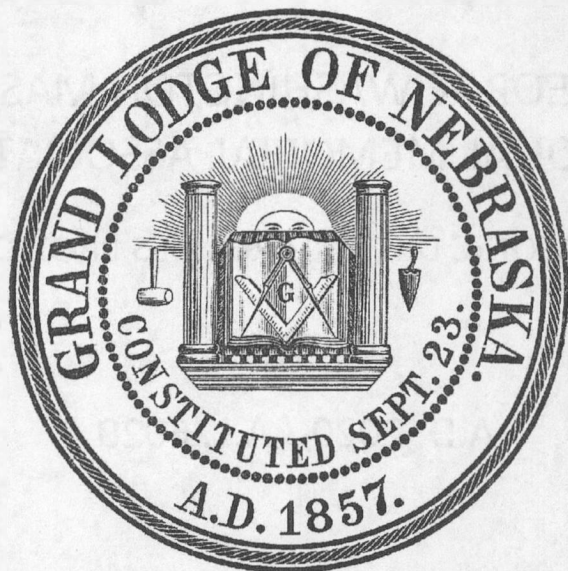


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Thomas L. Hauder

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2013-2014**

Masonic History of the 147th Grand Master

Thomas L. Hauder

Thomas L. Hauder was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on June 8, 1995, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on June 22, 1995 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 29, 1995 in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, NE. After passing through the chairs, he was elected and served as Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in 2000. In 2006, Thomas was a charter member and the first Master of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, the first new Lodge in Nebraska in many years. He served as Master of Tabula Rasa for 2 years.

On November 16, 1995, Thomas received the 32 degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at the Valley in Lincoln, NE. Subsequently, Thomas went on to serve as Master of Kadosh in 2004. Thomas is a life member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Lincoln.

Thomas joined Florence Chapter 61 RAM on September 26, 2009, Omaha Council #1 of Cryptic Masons on October 20, 2012 and Mount Calvary Commandery Knights Templar on October 20, 2012.

In February of 2011, Thomas joined Tangier Shrine in Omaha, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Thomas was initiated into National Sojourners, Omaha Chapter #19 on February 27, 2013.

Thomas was a member of the Grand Lodge Education committee from 2004 through 2013 and is the Webmaster and admin for the Nebraska Masonic education web site and online forum. He also has served on the Internet and Technology committee and the Masonic Heritage Committee.

Masonic education and research is one of Thomas's favorite subjects and he is a member of the Masonic Society, Phililathes, Scottish Rite Research Society and is also a founding member of the Saints John Lodge No. 331 Lodge of Education.

Thomas was appointed Grand Junior Steward by M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan in 2007, appointed Grand Orator by M.:W.:B.: Reg Kuhn in 2008, appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.:W.:B.: Russ Reno in 2009, appointed Grand Senior Deacon by M.:W.:B.: John T. Parsons in 2010, elected Grand Junior Warden, serving under M.:W.:B.: Bruce A. Baker and elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master-elect, serving under M.:W.:B.: Rex A. Moats. Thomas was installed as the 147th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, at the Younes Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska on February 2, 2013.

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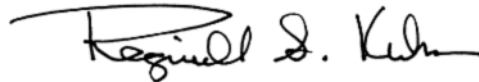
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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 7-8, 2014, 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, 2014.



Reginald S. Kuhn
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful Thomas L. Hauder
Grand Master

First Day – Public Opening
Friday, February 7, 2014

Preceding the formal opening of the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska held public opening ceremonies at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska, at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014.

Most Worshipful Rex J. Moats, Past Grand Master, presided.

A request was made by Past Grand Master Moats that all in attendance silence their cell phones unless anyone wanted to make a \$20 donation to Change for the Troops.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas L. Hauder and his Lady Ann. Past Grand Master Moats led grand honors for Most Worshipful Thomas L. Hauder, Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Hauder presided from the lectern and introduced the Grand Chaplain for the invocation.



Very Worshipful Donald E. Rife, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.

“Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the giver of all good gifts and graces, thou hast promised that when two or three are gathered in thy name, thou will be in the midst of them. Be with us and pour down your blessings on his Public Opening of the 157th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska Direct us in all our doings with thy most gracious favor and further us with thy continuous health, that in all our works we may be glorified by thou holy name and by thy mercy obtain everlasting life. Amen.”



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

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.



M.:W.: Hauder welcomed everyone to the 157th Annual Communication and thanked them for attending.



M.:W.: Hauder 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, and Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star to be seated in preparation to bring greetings.



Grand Senior Deacon Joe McBride introduced the representatives:

For the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Grand Worthy Advisor – Shelby Lynne Walsh
Supreme Deputy in Nebraska – Betty Garwood

For Nebraska Job’s Daughters

Grand Bethel Honored Queen – Rachel Duckett
Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter – Alyssa Vance
Grand Guardian – Debbie Parks
Associate Grand Guardian – Bruce Anderson
Vice Grand Guardian – Deanne Grant
Associate Vice Grand Guardian – Robert Foreman
Grand Marshal – Elizabeth Grazier
Grand Treasurer – Bruce Bugbee

For Nebraska DeMolay

State Master Councilor – Adam Medley
State Senior Councilor – Maximilian Carter
State Junior Councilor – David Strang
DeMolay State Sweetheart – Ariel Moats
Executive Officer – Michael Stuhr

For Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Worthy Grand Matron – Beverly Donham and her husband Mike
Worthy Grand Patron – James Dusch
Associate Grand Matron – Sharlene Coulter and her husband Herbert
Grand Secretary & Past Worthy Grand Matron – Jan Thoman
Grand Sentinel – Gary Brhel
Grand Treasurer – Pam Brhel
Grand Ruth – Peggy Hitchcock and her husband Mike
Grand Esther – Jean Smith and her companion Marlin J. Krull
Grand Conductress – Brenda McGuire and her husband Walter
Associate Grand Conductress – Cheryl Beckius and her husband Bernard
Grand Warder – Anita Sohm and her husband Chuck
Past Grand Patron – Alvin Benemerito
Past Grand Matron – Jerrie Wilcox



Grand Master Hauder made mention that Gary and Pam Brhel were recently married and spending their honeymoon at the Annual Communication. He congratulated them and thanked them for their dedication to Masonry.



M.:W.: Hauder called on Shelby Lynne Walsh, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



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



M.:W.: Hauder invited State Master Councilor Adam Medley to the podium to bring greetings and present 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 Adam Medley, State Master Councilor Maximilian Carter and State Junior Councilor David Strang presented the awards for DeMolay Mason of the Year and Sponsoring Body of the Year.

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 the Year.

“The 2013 recipient is always looking for ways to assist their chapter. Not only do they furnish a meeting place and complete all required reports in a timely manner, they help facilitate the Chapter’s fundraisers. This is not to say that they hand out money, however, they provide a number of sweat labor opportunities for their DeMolays to earn the funds to underwrite their Chapter growth. In

return, the Chapter donates countless hours of Masonic service where they work side by side with their Masonic sponsors. For several years, Chapter members have staffed every performance of the local Shrine circus, as well as working other Masonic events. In 2013, they allowed their Chapter to participate heavily in the sponsoring body’s fireworks stands, which allowed the Chapter to earn funds to underwrite their programs. This sponsoring body has underwritten transportation for Chapter members to attend every state event for several years. The example that is set by this sponsoring body is paying off for Freemasonry in Nebraska. Nearly every DeMolay of this Chapter has petitioned a lodge upon becoming 18 years old. Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Tangier Shrine of Omaha, Nebraska.”

Each year at Grand Lodge, Nebraska DeMolay has the pleasure of presenting the Mason of the Year Award as selected by the Grand Master. Before presenting to this year’s recipient, the boys thanked Thomas Hauder for allowing the tradition to continue.

“Since he was raised in October of 1983, this man has been an active Mason in his Lodge and other appendant bodies, and particularly active when it comes to our youth groups. He is also a quality ritualist and helps his lodge with degree work by doing most of the difficult parts. He has been active in Job’s Daughters, instrumental in the creation of the DeMolay Chapter in Kearney, and has served on the CHIP Foundation board since 2008. Recently, he took on the job of being the “go-to” guy when the Band Camp and the Shrine Bowl made the transition to Kearney from Lincoln. Due in great part to his help, the transition went smoothly and the event was a success. It is my pleasure to announce the DeMolay Mason of the Year: Ron Nielson of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney.”



M.:W.: Hauder invited Beverly Donham, Worthy Grand Matron, and Jim Dusch, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Grand Master explained that the two membership awards are given for the highest percent of positive net 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 Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance. The trophy in the small lodge division went to Magnolia Lodge No. 220 in Emerson.



M.:W.: Hauder asked Most Worshipful Jeff Sowder, Past Master of Kansas and a member of the Board of Directors of Imperial Shrine, to present checks reimbursing Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and the Hastings York Rite Bodies for legal fees incurred by them in a lawsuit brought against them by Shriners International in a dispute regarding proceeds of the estate of a member.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful and Worthy Brothers, guests all, what a great honor and privilege it

is for me to be here today to represent Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. I also want to bring you greetings from our Imperial Potentate John Cinotto, Chairman of the Board Doug Maxwell, and all the dedicated Shrine Masons from Tangier, Tehama and Sesostris Shrine Temples. Also, a very special greeting I was asked to give you to from Past Imperial Potentate and our Imperial Recorder Jack Jones, who has been a very frequent visitor to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As all of you know and as Most Worshipful Tom has said, over the past several months an issue evolved between Shriners Hospitals for Children and other entities listed as beneficiaries in a trust here in Nebraska. I was first notified of this by email by Most Worshipful Rex Moats, and it just so happened that I was in Tampa at Shrine headquarters at the time. I immediately went and checked into this and shortly thereafter we had a phone conversation between myself and one of our lawyers and our legal staff, Most Worshipful Tom and Most Worshipful Rex to discuss exactly what was going on. Long story short, it took way longer to get this resolved than we ever hoped it would. I think that happens when you have lawyers involved. However, I want each of you to know that we are now past that point and that every member of the Imperial Divan, *every member* of the Imperial Divan was 100% behind solving this issue to the best satisfaction of all of the people involved and that's now been done.

At this time, I'd like to read you a letter that was recently sent to your Most Worshipful Grand Master Tom. It was dated January 29, 2014, and came from our Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir John Cinotto:

'Dear Most Worshipful Grand Master, I hope this letter finds you doing well. I know it's been a busy year for you, especially now as you prepare for your Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Over the past several months, the issue involving the Potter estate and the distribution of funds to several entities listed in the trust, including Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings York Rite bodies and Shriners Hospitals for Children has taken place.

The trustee for the estate distributed funds from the estate that Shriners Hospitals for Children felt was done incorrectly. As a result, an action was filed against the trustee to correct this action. The action filed by Shriners Hospitals for Children was to seek reimbursement solely from the trustee. However, we now realize that this could have been interpreted as negatively implicating certain Masonic tenets that could have adversely affected Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings York Rite bodies.

Shriners International deeply regrets these actions and has taken all appropriate actions to rectify the situation, including the restitution of funds to both Mid-West Lodge No. 317 and Hastings York Rite bodies for their legal costs. Protocols have also been instituted to keep this type of situation from ever getting to this point with any member of our Masonic family in the future.

Shriners International covets and enjoys wonderful Masonic relations with our Grand Lodges and all of our Masonic brothers, and it was never the intention or desire to put these relations in jeopardy. By our actions listed above, we hope that our status as a caring member of the Nebraska Masonic family is reaffirmed and that we can all work for the betterment of our Masonic fraternity together.

*Signed,
Imperial Sir John Cinotto
Imperial Potentate'*

So with that, it's been my honor and privilege, much later than it should have been, to present to Hastings York Rite bodies a check for well over \$7,000 for your legal fees that you incurred, and Mid-West Lodge No. 317 a check for over \$10,000 for the legal fees that you incurred and I hope that you will accept our apologies for the actions we took to make this all happen.

One last message I'd like to leave with you, I would hope that no one in this state would harbor any ill will against the Shrine Masons of Nebraska and especially the three temples that I mentioned. They were never involved in this, had no knowledge of it, and certainly were very supportive of the actions that Shriners International took in the end to rectify this. So I hope that as we move forward we all do this together and that we realize that membership is something that we all need to work on together as a Masonic family. I'm not going to be able to stay tomorrow for what's going on. I have a very important event in my own lodge back in Kansas. Most Worshipful Tom, congratulations to you on a great year and best wishes to Right Worshipful Joe as you move forward. Thank you very much for allowing me to be here today to make this presentation."

Grand Master Hauder thanked Most Worshipful Jeff Sowder for attending the session on behalf of Shriners International to make the presentation, and working through the situation with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He further thanked all those involved with the issue for their assistance in arriving at a successful end result.

CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS AWARDS

Grand Master Hauder asked Worshipful Brother AJ Johnson, Chairman of the Change for the Troops Committee, to approach the East to help with the presentation of awards. Most Worshipful Hauder indicated that the Change for the Troops Program was started in 2010 by M.:W.: John Parsons. He went on to say that the awards would be given in two categories for 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 five lodges in each category would receive certificates for their participation in and contribution to the program. M.:W.: Hauder read the top three winners in each category and asked that a representative from each lodge come forward to receive the awards. He then read the remaining two winners in each category, and asked that a representative pick up the certificate after the close of the Public Opening.

Top Total Contributions

1. Geneva Lodge No. 79
2. Papillion Lodge No. 39
3. Plainview Lodge No. 204
4. Geo. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
5. Franklin Lodge No. 264

Top Total Per Capita Contributions

1. Plainview Lodge No. 204
2. Geneva Lodge No. 79
3. Franklin Lodge No. 264
4. Sts John Lodge of Education No. 331
5. Papillion Lodge No. 39

Grand Master Hauder thanked all participating lodges and appendant bodies for their contributions to the program.



M.:W.: Hauder 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 in 2013.



M.:W.: Hauder then asked Donald Rife, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

Donald E. Rife, Grand Chaplain

Each year we take time to pay tribute to our brothers who have laid down their tools and have gone to be with the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Most Worshipful Tom, Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished guests, brothers and sisters all, it is my honor to present this tribute for our 348 departed brothers.

A PowerPoint presentation listing the names and lodges of the 348 brethren who departed in 2013 to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, was observed while the Grand Chaplain recited the Masonic Memorial Service.

In this faith, my brothers and sisters, we leave our brothers in the hands of that One, who doeth all things well, whose glories and holiness, fearful in praises doing wonders. Let us Pray:

“Supreme Architect of the Universe, we come to you in this hour remembering our departed brothers. We thank you for their lives and for the memories of their labors among us. Please watch over their families and loved ones and give them comfort in their time of need. And now, oh Lord, watch over each of us and when our work is done, then in thy tender mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, in peace at the last. Amen.”

Respectfully submitted,
Donald E. Rife, 173, 135
Grand Chaplain

M.:W.: Hauder thanked V.:W.: Rife for his report. He went on to state: “On a personal note, we lost a Mason that was a colorful character this year, and very important to me. One of the first Grand Lodges I ever came to, I met him in a rather unusual manner, he was tooling down the hallway as he often did in his little wheelchair and screaming out his room number and that there was single malt scotch available. Brother Maynard Tatelman, the founder, and I believe Grand Master, of the Single Malt Scotch Club,

passed away this year. But I believe they have reconstituted themselves and are still strong and going, but he was quite the guy.”

GRAND ORATION

Robert W. Moninger, Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished guests, brethren of the Craft and ladies:

“As a Grand Lodge Officer this past year I had my first opportunity to visit a number of out-state lodges for the first time. I found each of these visits highly enjoyable, and I particularly noticed that each time I experienced a sense of closeness with the brethren -- men whom I had mostly never met before. It reinforced in me a conviction I have had, since I became a Mason, that our fraternity has something that makes it stand out from any other organization. I want to spend some time today comparing and contrasting Masonry to other organizations, draw some conclusions, and last, make some suggestions for you to consider.

I am also a member of other charitable organizations, as I suspect many of you in this room are. After all, we are good men, we practice the golden rule, and as Nebraskans we are known for being friendly and generous to our fellow man. That means we are likely to see the positive aspects of social organizations and be inclined to join some of them. I have observed that most fraternal and charitable organizations share some common elements. They include:

Requiring payment of dues to support group activities, sometimes at the local, national, and international levels.

Having causes they support as a group, with an intent to bring some good to the community or to a larger need.

Meeting on a regular basis to conduct business and to share in learning through speaker presentations.

Having activities to create social bonds between the members.

And...recruiting new members, looking for people who would appear to empathize with their cause.

Well, my lodge does all the things I've just listed, and so do my other charitable clubs. So what makes the Masonic lodge different – and in my opinion – elevated from the others?

I would start with the challenge we give to our brothers, beginning with the charge to the Entered Apprentice, to not invite someone to petition for membership unless they have observed in the candidate an elevated character, or a strong moral compass. Masons want to start with a good man, and impart lessons to make him better, not just find someone who has a common interest in a social or societal cause. Not every man who can pay annual dues is qualified to be a Mason.

Secondly, we have an extensive investigative process, that, when properly done, reinforces to the lodge and to the fraternity as a whole that impartial brothers have personally met the candidate, and observed in him the same exceptional level of character as that seen by the signer of the petition.

Third, we initiate the candidate by performing a beautiful and meaningful ritual. I fondly remember my impressions when receiving the degrees of Masonry nearly twenty-five

years ago. The ritual impressed me greatly by being intriguing in its language; memorable in its repetition; uplifting in its encouragement of brotherly love, patriotism, and faith; and awe-inspiring for being presented to me as the sole beneficiary of what was obviously thousands of hours of memory work on the part of the lodge brethren. Oh, and I learned that it was almost identical to that heard by our founding fathers during the American revolution, and to that heard by my grandfather in Pennsylvania in the thirties, and my uncles in Kansas after World War II. How unusual to discover that while I knew these relatives as good men, I now had a deep understanding of what made them so. It was clear to me that I was being initiated into something much weightier than a social club.

I recall thinking that the challenge I was being given – to pursue a life-long journey of personal learning and self perfection – was possibly something more serious than I had intended to commit to. What a mistake that would have been, if I had allowed my doubts to convince me to stop the journey I was then entering upon.

And that brings me to the last special aspect of our brotherhood – our obligation. With our hand placed upon the Holy Book, we pledge before God that we will conduct ourselves in accordance with a number of principles that we desire to have in common with all Masons. These principles start with what would be expected in almost any organization – essentially abiding by the rules of the organization. As Masons, we go up a level – our principles include pledging to keep a handful of symbolic secrets that allow us to travel and identify ourselves to other Masons. Then we move up to the truly personal level, where we commit to respond to a brother's needs – sometimes in extraordinary ways. The obligation is thus a binding contract between us and every Worthy Brother.

Now, may I suggest some lessons that can be learned from this exercise in comparisons? In other words, what should this mean to you and me?

First, a Mason needs to know what is contained in his obligation – what he solemnly pledged to do, with God as his witness. My Brothers, the obligation is what makes us the special organization that we are. The tenets of our obligation are why we stop our journeys to help a stranger with a Masonic badge on his vehicle. They're why we take care of the widows and orphans, and pay special attention to having Masonic homes for our elderly. They're why we help a Brother in need, oftentimes unbeknownst to the rest of the brethren. So I ask a simple question – how can you can feel this commitment to your Brothers if you don't know what is contained in the obligation? And how can you regulate your own conduct as a Mason, if you don't know what principles you obligated yourself to? To me, that doesn't mean you have to be able to recite the obligation in a word-perfect manner, but you should be able to describe in your own words what each part of the obligation requires.

I also submit that we should be doing more in our lodges to ensure that every new Brother gains a true understanding of the obligation. That can be done through mentorship, encouraging his attendance at degrees, or even encouraging him to demonstrate his knowledge of the obligation when proving proficiency. I'd like to think that Worshipful Masters would encourage a new Brother Master Mason to talk through the tenets from memory, in his own words, either in open lodge, or before the Master and the candidate's mentor.

Finally, this means we need to respect the ritual as a serious, enduring means of imparting our tenets. This entails practicing for and conducting degrees with dignity.

Our beautiful lessons, and most importantly, our obligation, cannot be well absorbed when a candidate is distracted by extensive prompting or undignified behavior in the lodge room. As individual Brothers, we should be learning parts of the ritual. If part of a degree team, we should be committed to attending practices to hone our team presentation. As lodges, we should be moving towards having a degree team that is able to perform the ritual with in-lodge resources.

These are the things, brethren, which I ask you to consider – as ways to keep Masonry the organization that stands above all the rest, both in our eyes, and in the eyes of all beholders.

Thank you for your time and attention.”



M.:W.: Hauder again thanked the Heroes of '76, Joseph Warren Camp 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 aimed to preserve and document the proceedings of this Annual Communication. Worshipful Brother Mark Clinton, Grand Musician, was also recognized for sharing his extraordinary musical talents during the session.

Most Worshipful Hauder then asked everyone to remain seated as the Grand Lodge Officers retired. The room would then be cleared in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin promptly at 9:55 a.m. A current dues card would be required for admittance to the Formal Session, and Deputy Grand Custodians were asked to assist at the door.

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One Hundred Fifty-seventh
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 7-8, 2014

Most Worshipful Thomas L. Hauder
Grand Master

First Day – Formal Opening Session
Friday, February 7, 2014

Prior to the Public Opening, a tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 of Lincoln.

The Grand Lodge Officers assumed their stations. Deputy Grand Master Joe D. McBride accepted the gavel from the Master of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332. Deputy Grand Master McBride led grand honors. He then presented the gavel to Grand Master Tom Hauder.

M.:W.: Grand Master Hauder reminded everyone to please turn off cell phones and other electronic means of communication, or to be prepared to make a donation to Change for the Troops should a phone ring aloud in the lodge room. Brethren were reminded they are seated in tyled lodge room and were asked to conduct themselves accordingly, including following proper protocol for leaving and reentering the room.

The Grand Master then requested that the Grand Secretary ascertain if there was a quorum present.

M.:W.: Grand Secretary Reg Kuhn declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

Most Worshipful Hauder reminded everyone to please pick up credentials packets to receive ballots for voting and so that lodges can get proper credit for attendance.

Grand Master Hauder stated that, due to personal reasons, Grand Custodian Bruce Watkins would not be in attendance at Grand Lodge, and appointed Worshipful Brother Arthur S. Dye as Grand Custodian Pro Tem for the Grand Lodge session.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master then declared the 157th 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.: Hauder thanked the members of his home lodge, Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332, for opening.



Grand Master Hauder announced, “As we have done in the past, we are going to re-obligate ourselves as Master Masons. This will help to remind us of what our duties are now and for all time. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, please join me at the altar in due form to be re-obligated in the Master Mason’s Degree. Brethren, I’d like you to fall in as you are able in proper form, with your right hand resting on the shoulder of the brother in front of you and join me in this re-obligation, which will be administered by the head of our Committee on Work, Most Worshipful Brother Phil Lorenzen.”

M.:W.: Lorenzen administered the obligation to M.:W.: Hauder.



M.:W.: Hauder 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.



Grand Master Hauder appointed M.:W.: Dean Skokan as Parliamentarian for the 157th Annual Communication.



R.:W.: Grand Secretary Reginald S. Kuhn brought the report of the Committee on Business and Rules, and then moved for its adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

Reginald S. Kuhn, 134, 19

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 for approval, and the motion was seconded and passed.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

W.:B.: Jack Lorenzen referred the brethren to the Report of the Finance Committee on page 35 in the Annual Communication book and announced that the Finance Committee met in 2013 to conduct its assigned duties as prescribed in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He indicated that the books were independently audited by a certified public accountant and noted that the revenue did exceed the budgeted amount, however, a net deficit still exists, but it was less than budgeted. A draw on the investment account was made, but was not as large as was anticipated. The Finance Committee found satisfactory documentation for expenditures within the books and records of the Grand Lodge Office and was able to conduct its work in a complete and timely manner. Worshipful Brother Lorenzen directed everyone's attention to the proposed budget for 2014 in the Annual Communication book.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.: W.: Hauder raised the lodge and asked the Deputy Grand Master to cover as the Past Grand Masters were brought to the East. Grand Junior Deacon Patrick D. Barger introduced them individually and the Grand Master greeted them on the floor.

Paul R. Eveland.....	1988
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
John T. Parsons.....	2010
Bruce A. Baker.....	2011
Rex J. Moats.....	2012

M.: W.: Hauder returned to the podium and led the grand honors.



M.:W.: Hauder 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.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gene Wehrbein, Chairman

The Youth Committee continues their work in support of our young people and their youth organizations through various activities.

This year the Youth Committee received five scholarship applications and all were from Job’s Daughters. No applications were received from Rainbow or DeMolay. This was very disappointing, as we could only give two \$1,000 scholarships.

Jazmine Jirsak from Bethel #15 in Fremont received the Grand Master’s Scholarship and Amanda Clymer, from Bethel #51 David City received the Job’s Scholarship. We hope in the future that we will receive scholarship applications from all three of our Youth Groups. It is important that we all help to spread the word to our youth that these monies are available to them and encourage them to apply.

The Silent Auction held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Communication was again a success. Over \$2,900 was raised and was divided among the three Nebraska Youth Groups – DeMolay, Job’s and Rainbow. A big THANK YOU for your donations and support of this worthwhile project.

Plans are completed for the 5th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. It will be held in Kearney, Nebraska on September 27 and 28, 2014 at the Holiday Inn. We

have another outstanding program planned and encourage everyone to promote this event to our kids.

Our sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for their continued commitment and support to our Nebraska youth. It is with gratitude that we thank everyone who so faithfully supports our youth organizations, our young people and adult sponsors through your generous monetary donations, your time and your talents.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gene Wehrbein, 6, Chairman
 Tim Birdsall, 210
 Bruce J. Bugbee, 65
 James A. Carlton, 325
 Greg E. Mason, 297
 Dennis L. Smith, 15

Ex-Officio: State Master Councilor, DeMolay
 Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's
 Miss Nebraska Job's Daughters, Job's
 Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow

W.:B.: Wehrbein referenced the location of the report and announced the dates of the 2014 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, and thanked the Grand Lodge for support and hosting the conference. He thanked all donors of the items for the Silent Auction and encouraged everyone to participate. Chairman Wehrbein went on to mention one disappointment in 2013, stating that the Grand Lodge gives four scholarships to members of the youth groups, one for each group and one overall winner. In 2013, there were no scholarship applications received for DeMolay or Rainbow, which meant that two \$1,000 scholarships were not awarded. He encouraged brethren to invite youth group members graduating from high school or those currently attending college to apply for the scholarships. He then moved for the adoption of the report of the Youth Committee as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



Grand Master Hauder invited Grand Senior Warden John Maxell to come forward to present a report on his strategic planning project regarding education programs for the lodges.

“Brethren, under the leadership of our Grand Master this past year, the Grand Lodge advancing officers set out long-term strategic planning to help grow and improve the lodges. I was asked to improve education and put together programs that would help Masons and the lodges re-energize themselves and improve the work that they are doing through different programs. We have put a schedule together and it will be posted after Annual Communication. If you go to the Grand Lodge web site, you will see a more detailed program of what I am hoping to accomplish this year, but I will share with you some of the events we have scheduled. We will have four Rusty Nail degrees across the state of Nebraska put on by the Grand Lodge, and I have contacted certain lodges to do that. Our first one will be in Omaha, Nebraska, followed up with one in Norfolk. The third one will be in Grand Island and the fourth one we are hoping to do in Scottsbluff. Next year, we will be going to Lincoln, Hastings and McCook. When we do these, Brethren, this isn't for the lodge. We want those lodges who are hosting those to get ahold of all of the Master Masons in that area of the state

and invite them, especially the gentlemen who are not showing up for lodge. The program will last about an hour and a half. We will do the ritual, the Rusty Nail, and after we're finished, we'll have a banquet. At the same time we're doing that, we will have a program for the ladies which our Grand Junior Warden has agreed to do and he'll explain to the ladies what gentlemen do in the lodges that night.

We will also have some other workshops. We're going to do a Membership Workshop. We've scheduled a couple and we have two more that will be coming. There will be one in Omaha at Shi-Oma on April 19th and then we'll follow up with one in Lincoln on the 26th of July at the Grand Lodge Office. We'll then have two more in central and western Nebraska. Last year, we kicked off, with the help of the Leadership Committee, we did a Wardens and Deacons School. I have to tell you, I was kind of surprised, the first one out of the gate we had 32 Masters and Warden there. We learned a lot and they learned a lot, and they showed some things that we need to help them with, and one of the biggest issues that we're working on is how to have your lodge lines be stable so you aren't losing guys and programs to energize your officers so they stay in line. And believe me, we worked very hard, but if anyone has any ideas that they'd like to share with us, please see me afterwards.

And then the last one, the most important one is we are stealing an idea from the state of Kansas so when the Grand Master of Kansas gets here, clap really loud for him, because we are going to do a Leadership Conference. It will be in Hastings and the dates will be the 12th & 13th of September. Friday night we will have a banquet and a keynote speaker, and then the next day we're going to split it up and Scottish Rite has agreed to help us with this. In the morning, your Grand Lodge will do some breakout sessions and Scottish Rite will do some breakouts with membership in the afternoon. Look for more details in the Nebraska Masons as they come."

INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICERS OF VISITING JURISDICTIONS

The visiting brethren were escorted to the front by Grand Marshal Bob Moninger and introduced by Grand Junior Deacon Patrick Barger.

- Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska M.: W.: Glenn W. Dee, Grand Master
W.: B.: Russell W. Hobson, Grand Lecturer Emeritus
- Grand Lodge of Iowa M.: W.: Eric A. Rozeboom, Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Kansas M.: W.: Rick Reichert., Grand Master
M.: W.: Jeffrey L. Sowder, Past Grand Master
and Imperial First Ceremonial Master of Shriners International
- Grand Lodge of Montana W.: Jeff Harada, Junior Grand Deacon
- Grand Lodge of Nevada W.: Allan "Skip" Pounds, Grand Representative
and Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania R.: W.: Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of South Dakota M.: W.: Charles H. Gilson, Grand Master
R.: W.: Douglas C. McFarland, Deputy Grand Master
M.: W.: Donald A. Gray, Senior Grand Warden

Grand Lodge of Virginia.....R.: W.: G. William Thomas, Past District Deputy
and Grand Lodge Officer

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

Grand Lodge of Wyoming R.: W.: William D. Townsend, III, Grand Master
R.: W.: Richard Lewis, Deputy Grand Master
M.: W.: Ronald E. Triggs, Past Grand Master

M.: W.: Hauder greeted each individually and gave grand honors.



M.: W.: Hauder asked Rick Reichert, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to bring greetings on behalf of the out of state dignitaries.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Tom Hauder, Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, my Brethren one and all, good morning. I bring you greetings from over 20,000 members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas. Your Grand Master invited me several weeks ago to respond on behalf of all dignitaries visiting from other jurisdictions. As of the Grand Master’s banquet last evening, those jurisdictions included Iowa, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington, Montana, Pennsylvania (where I grew up) and Nebraska Prince Hall, and of course, Kansas. I admit though I did not canvas these dignitaries and get their input, so these remarks are a best guess of what they are thinking and will likely come out sounding more like sunflowers and wheat shocks.

It has been with great anticipation that I am finally able to attend your Annual Communication. Your Grand Master and I have crossed paths several times over the past few years and each has been a very enjoyable encounter. So making the trip to Kearney was something I wanted to do. I wanted to be among you, Brethren, to tell you how much I have appreciated the close relationships between Nebraska and Kansas Masons. You have had an excellent Grand Master who has fostered a great affinity between you and your sister jurisdiction to the south. I occasionally get asked why I spend time at other states’ annual communications instead of putting that time journeying more in Kansas. I tell them that the greatest joys I have in the Craft are traveling and learning more about the universality of Masonry, sharing solutions to common problems and picking up the best practices for use at home. Most of all, I get to greatly increase our circle of friends and Brothers, many of whom I am sure I will continue to have a close relationship and Masonic ties with long after my term in the Grand East has concluded.

The lessons garnered from these visits make me very enthusiastic and optimistic about the future of our beloved fraternity. In Kansas, we have turned what we learned into a strategic plan and we have been aggressively executing on that strategic plan since 2010. Last March, I announced our refocus plan that should carry us very easily through the end of the decade. And our mission is really quite simple: To encourage and support Freemasonry by assisting our constituent lodges achieve success and prosperity as assets to their membership and communities and make them successful however they define that success. To do that, we are focusing on three strategic long-term goals which I hope are shared across all of these jurisdictions: excellence in the esoteric work,

excellence in Masonic education, and excellence in communications. These lanes advance our back to basic fundamentals that significantly raise the quality of degree work done right for each new brother, teach us who we are through continued learning and growth, and raise the level of excitement our brothers have for their fraternity by reaching them and our communities through whatever means best suits their busy lifestyles. Our brothers are fired up for Masonry, ready to invigorate their lodges, and take on the vital leadership activities we desperately need accomplished. About to approach our doors is a whole generation of men, the millenials, who like the silent generation they emulate, the greatest generation, will be looking for what we have and will join us in large numbers. But we need to be prepared for them. They will have an insatiable thirst for Masonic knowledge, a desire to conduct impressive degree work and a wish to openly share their enthusiasm of the Craft both inside and outside the lodge.

And what is a lodge? When properly functioning, it's as close as you can get to heaven on earth. Where else can a group of diverse men assemble, leave their differences outside the door, be in concord and harmony, and then work together to be of service to themselves and their community? I am very proud of our fraternity and blessed to have been chosen to serve as Grand Master of Kansas. Thank you for the invitation to attend your Annual Communication. I greatly appreciate all of the hospitality that has been extended to me, and on behalf of all of the dignitaries who are here, to them also. Most of all I appreciate the brotherly love and affection you have shown to me and each other. On behalf of the visiting dignitaries, I wish to congratulate Most Worshipful Tom Hauder on an excellent year as Grand Master and extend to him and our Nebraska hosts the best wishes for a successful Annual Communication. Thank you, and may God Bless this, our present convention."

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

The visiting brethren were escorted to the front and introduced by Grand Junior Deacon Patrick Barger.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

- Charles V. Sederstrom Sovereign Grand Inspector General
- Curt Edic.....General Secretary, Valley of Omaha
- Micah EvansOrient Development Director, Valley of Omaha
- Bruce Wood..... General Secretary, Valley of Lincoln

Grand York Rite of Nebraska

- Robert L. Williams Grand Governor in Nebraska,
York Rite Sovereign College of North America
- Theodore J. JohnsonGrand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
- Donald E. Rife Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons;
Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
- Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson... Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons;
Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
- Jonathan PazGrand Master of the Second Veil, Grand Chapter,
Royal Arch Masons
- Jeffrey Coleman.....Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons

Ronald Grass Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
 Steven Barchus Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council,
 Cryptic Masons
 Carl Plants Captain of the Guard, Grand Council, Cryptic Mason
 David Shaw Grand Steward, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
 Edward Nolte Grand Sentinel, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons;
 Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar
 James Clark Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar
 Gary Bunnell Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery Knights Templar
 Lawrence J. Zwart Grand Treasurer
 Bruce T. Anderson Grand Secretary/Recorder

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

Daryl Finley Potentate, Tangier
 Gary Unger Chief Rabban, Tangier
 Charles Marchand Assistant Rabban, Tangier
 James Hirl High Priest and Prophet, Tangier
 David Norton Oriental Guide, Tangier
 Charles W. Haskell Potentate, Tehama
 Ron Nielsen Assistant Rabban, Tehama
 Stephen O'Brien Past Potentate, Tehama
 Keith Houfek Potentate, Sesostris
 Keith Plummer Assistant Rabban, Sesostris
 Bill Cummins Recorder, Sesostris
 Richard Eggerling First Ceremonial Master, Sesostris
 Jack Lorenzen Past Potentate, Sesostris
 Mike Buchardt Past Potentate, Sesostris

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Iowa

David Krogh Past Potentate, Abu Bekr

National Sojourners, Inc.

Carl Diamond National Officer of the Day, Heroes of '76
 Ronald D. Stites Regional Representative for Nebraska and Iowa
 Charles Folsom Past National President/Past National Commander, Heroes of '76

M.:W.:B.: Hauder thanked everyone for their attendance at the session, and asked the brethren to welcome the leaders of the appendant bodies and thank them for their hard work throughout the year.

Grand Master Hauder then asked Theodore J. Johnson, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, to bring greetings on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies.

“Most Worshipful Brother, Tom, we’d like to thank you for allowing us to attend your grand session, and for all of the support that the Grand Lodge has given all of the appendant bodies in Nebraska over the year, and we wish that you have a continued success in your grand session. Congratulations on a good year.”

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Michael E. Jones, President

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren all, the report for the Nebraska Masonic Foundation is found on page 53. If you will refer to that, I will submit this report for the Foundation.

The printed report is as follows:

A. Financial Position

We should carefully examine our investment strategy and develop plans for the current and future financial health of the Foundation. With conversion of real estate holdings to cash, our ability to generate income becomes more critical. Our two logical revenue streams will be investment income and contributions. The investment income strategy can certainly be revisited. However I sense an urgency to raise “new” money. However, in pursuing a fund raising campaign we become competitors with numerous other Masonic Family interests, not to mention non-Masonic charities. Nevertheless, it is time we pay serious attention to the topic.

B. Real Estate

We were successful in selling the property at 10th Street, but not on the most favorable terms. During the sales process it was revealed that asbestos was present in the building. This discovery came at the tail end of negotiations and needless to say, impacted our negotiating position significantly. Together with having a solo interest, impending vacancy issues, and neighborhood decline prompted us to accept the offer as negotiated. We certainly did not have favorable terms when the monetary consideration is reviewed. The other pressing factors contributed to a less than stellar transaction.

We have now moved from being a landlord, with a constant rental income stream, to a tenant with a constant rental expense. We negotiated away from a triple-net lease to a flat rate lease. This was absolutely necessary as we examine our ability to meet the obligation due to our limited income potential. It will be critical that the Grand Lodge hold the line on the rental agreement so we do not erode the assets of the Foundation.

C. Museum

I suggest we formally create a Heritage Committee within the by-laws of the Foundation. We need to continue to advance the research, utilization, and progress of the museum. I have a concern as to its size as we look to the future in anticipation of receiving more collections from within and without the Fraternity. This area would seem to be our primary focus going forward. Lengthy consideration, review, and assessment needs to be contemplated.

D. Summary

At this juncture, I see three areas where we need to devote energy:

1. Financial health
2. Museum use and visibility
3. Museum expansion

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, President

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

“Most Worshipful Sir, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren all: I have the pleasure of serving on the Committee on Nebraska Work with my associates Jerry Verbeek and Roger Deininger. The report is printed in your booklet. I would just like to comment on one item. Taking off on the comments of the Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother Jim, this morning, there are some comments in the report relative to that, the obligation, as your Grand Orator indicated, is extremely important. The Committee on work this year, under the direction and guidance of the Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Master, have added some changes, we’ve updated the standard proficiency manuals for all three degrees. We include a focus in that as to the obligation and encourage that all lodges learn more about the obligation. As part of this report, that includes an approval of that step with the upgrades.”

The printed report is as follows:

The charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work includes support of the Grand Master and current Grand Lodge Officers, including direct assistance to the Grand Custodian in his efforts of oversight to see that the ritual is precise, well presented, and that it does not fall victim to wholesale change to fit the whims of self-appointed champions of a new cause. Thus, change in the ritual ought to be slow, methodical and carefully amended only as absolutely necessary and then only after very cautious review. In short, the ceremony of installation of the Master and officers of a subordinate lodge provides guidance and suggests parameters under which the Worshipful Master and his officers are to conduct the proceedings of the Lodge. A Worshipful Master’s assent and acceptance to the ancient charges and regulations does not end with the end of his tenure as Master, but constitutes an ongoing obligation.

That is the view of your somewhat opinionated Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work and appears to represent the view of the Committee. Given that caveat, it is clear in visiting and witnessing ritual in many of Nebraska’s subordinate lodges that the ritual in too great a number of lodges would seem to benefit from encouragement from the Grand Lodge as to stepping up to a new level of proficiency. With that in mind, legislation proposed by the Grand Master would reinforce understanding in all of us of the content of the degrees by specifically adding a requirement to commit to memory the obligation in each degree.

An uninformed Mason lacking knowledge as to who we are and what Freemasonry really is about, is likely a Mason in name only and not in his heart. The uninformed Mason is more inclined to take the obligations as simply words and not the contract that each degree constitutes. If we are Masons in name only rather than by a commitment to the contract we each swore to when made a Masons in the presence of the God we professed faith and trust in; to the lodge; and to each and every brother Mason then are we really obligated in our hearts? Only when we each understand that we must strive to a higher standard and put others ahead of ourselves do we have a true understanding of who we are and what we must demand as to our individual personal conduct. Newly appointed officers and elected officers will directly benefit from a better knowledge of and recall of the content of each obligation. Further, that study will match each new Mason with a mentor who will be ready to encourage and to discuss his understanding and love for the fraternity of Freemasonry.

The Committee on Nebraska Work, in concert with the Grand Master and his Officers, have created and approved updates to the Proficiency Manual for each Degree. The final determination of proficiency is that of the Worshipful Master in each

subordinate lodge, bearing in mind that if the lodge disagrees with the Master's declaration it requires a vote of the Lodge. Approval of this report ratifies and confirms the action of the Committee on Nebraska Work.

It has been said previously and bears constant repeating that the first impressions to our candidates are important. Worshipful Bruce Watkins is an outstanding ritualist. He is appropriately probably unreasonably demanding of himself and he is demanding of our great contingent of dedicated Deputy Custodians. Bruce and the Deputy Grand Custodians serve as a strong example of what each of us can accomplish in the Masonic Ritual. They spend countless hours aiding all of us in our proficiency and delivery of the work. Some of you have unusual ability to memorize and deliver – but not all of us share the same skills – that is ok, we must not be judgmental of anyone but our personal selves. Encouragement is the key to improved ritual – not criticism and put downs – the best teaching method is by example, not undue pressure.

True we are a volunteer organization. But we get out of the ritual only what we put into it. Too often your Committee finds it too easy for some of us to make excuses. Many of you are too self-critical. Take it a step at a time and you will be amazed at what you can each accomplish. And you will be amazed at three findings: first, the self-satisfaction and confidence you gain; second, the realization that once planted in your memory the ritual tends to lock into your mind forever; and third, when you reach that confidence level, you stop thinking about what comes next, and instead really communicate the lessons of ritual to the candidate. Each of us can hone our skills a bit more. It starts with practice, practice, practice, which builds confidence, followed by improved proficiency. First impressions are important; the message of the ritual and its language is beautiful. But that message and its carefully crafted expression is lost if we leave a mediocre impression on the candidate. We do not have multiple chances to impress.

Ritual is a key component of that which separates us from other organizations. Masonic Ritual remains important. It is the bonding agent for many of us, with the lessons contained therein 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 secondly to 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.

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. Your 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.

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 printed report, including the changes made in the standard proficiency manuals of the Committee on Nebraska Work. With no discussion, the motion was seconded and carried.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.:B.: Hauder 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 met on Thursday, February 30 in its annual meeting with four members present. A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Resolution, Constitutional Amendment and all of the Grand Master Recommendations are in proper form and may be voted on at this annual communication. The final report will be presented on Saturday.

M.:W.: Smith asked that the actions of the Jurisprudence Committee be approved subject to the report to be given on Saturday. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

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



M.:W.:B.: Hauder announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Ed Nolte as Chairman.

VOTING ON GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS 1 & 2

M.:W.:B.: Hauder asked R.:W.: Joe D. McBride to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master’s Recommendations. R.:W.:B.: McBride gave the general instructions, announcing to the delegates that all balloting would be done by written ballot.

Recommendation No. 1

Amend **Section 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Section 2-207 - CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall meet with the Lodge Leadership Committee at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the

Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

After cancellation, upon request by the continuing lodge and approval by the Grand Master, the surrendered charter or charters may be loaned to the requesting lodge for continued historical purposes and display. The Secretary of the continuing lodge shall give written receipt therefor. Any such cancelled charters shall be returned to the Grand Secretary on demand.

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Hauder moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was seconded. There was no discussion. R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. Recommendation No. 1 passed with the required two-thirds vote.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** 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. 2-402 – PROFICIENCY – All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. Such examination shall consist of:

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.

2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.

3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of *reciting the obligation of each degree from memory, and of* answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

E.A. Degree – Starting with the words, “Give me a sign” and ending with giving of the “word.”

F.C. Degree – Starting with the words, “Have you any signs ...” and continuing to the end of the lecture.

M.M. Degree – Starting with the words, “Have you any signs...” and continuing to the end of the lecture.

No other Proficiency Examination shall be ~~recognized~~ *required* in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question; “The candidate

has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

When a candidate for advancement fails to pass a satisfactory examination, the Master may direct him to become proficient and again present himself for examination.

Examination of all those hereinafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown. When a Master Mason has complied with the provisions of this section, a diploma shall be issued by the subordinate lodge of which he is a member, on the form prescribed by Grand Lodge.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in this section before he may receive his diploma as prescribed above.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Hauder moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was seconded. After a brief discussion, R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. Recommendation No. 1 failed to receive the required two-thirds vote.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

M.:W.:B.: Tom invited Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director, to present the report from the Children's Home.

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

"Greetings Most Worshipful. I'd like to report that at the Children's Home we have 32 children living on campus at this time, and that fills up all of our bedrooms. That's a very good thing that we're able to help more kids around the state and the surrounding states. We had five children graduate from high school. Four went on to college and one gained employment. One earned an Academic All Conference Award in football. We had 1,007 4-H awards, 350 people showed up to Achievement Day, and 875 attended the Chili Feed. We moved our Chapel from the Administrative Building to the Education Center, which makes it more accessible to the children. We placed a sign on the front of the Administration Building thanks in part to Worthy Grand Matron Bev Donham and her project that she has fulfilled. We had an Eagle Scout come on

the campus and build an 8x16 foot shed for his Eagle Scout Award, so that was a very big deal for the donkeys that we have on campus. They are now able to have some shelter.

Unfortunately, long-time board member Marjorie Anderson retired from the Board. She will be greatly missed. She was our treasurer. Judy Wehrbein was elected to the Board, and Mary Lou Erickson fulfilled the empty treasurer's position, and Past Grand Patron, Board member and former resident Charles House was awarded the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Tom Hauder. Thank you for a wonderful year at the Children's Home. Thank you for your donations and your support.

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

As always it is my pleasure to report that operations at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont are running very smoothly thanks to the great work performed by Ron, Todd, Gloria, Marie, Maria, and all other staff members. With 33 children on campus, with ages ranging from 12 to 18, it's a real challenge, but they handle it well. Todd accomplished the new high census by using a room normally saved for a temp employee yet retaining each child having their own room. Our mission statement states "that we provide quality care for children in an environment of love, security, and acceptance where they can grow and develop into well adjusted individuals." Academic achievement continues to improve with the new tutoring method, and having fun times in the recreation area of the lower level of the education facility, giving us many activity options. We hope the results please you. There seems to be an increase in the number of alumnus returning to the Home for a visit, and telling us how things are going for them and of their accomplishments. We are proud of them and enjoy having them with us.

We have always been security conscious about our growing campus on the circle and have installed cameras with wireless connection to the office where we can record and review. In the near future we hope to have fiber optic cable extending our system to the 4-H farm buildings with the option to install a wireless system there extending our system to 30th Street, our northern border, so as to include Home Storage buildings and newly utilized Lab building for 4-H industrial science programs. We are very fortunate to have Ron Giesselmann, an active reserve police officer, on campus who, should the need arise, can call for help and be ready for action very quickly. He keeps current by working on night or weekend duty when he knows Todd will be available on campus during those hours. The Fremont police department also regularly patrols the streets on three sides of the grounds, another plus and much appreciated.

If things go as planned we will add another 4-H lab in the vacant space in the Executive Office Building for a new 4-H Robotics Science program. It will not interfere with the Executive office area.

I speak for the interested proud and hard working members of the Board whom, in your behalf, performed their duties during this year of many challenges. We make an effort to operate within our budget, the funds of which are provided by your timely and most welcome donations, gifts and bequests. The lives of the children of our wonderful Home have been greatly enhanced by your continued 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

Most Worshipful Hauder thanked Ron for his report and for his hard work at the home. He expressed to the Brethren that the funds provided to the Children's Home are being put to excellent use, and reminded them how fortunate the Masons of Nebraska are to have such a fine home that is able to help so many children in their time of need.

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. There were 25 qualified recipients in 2013, with several points ties. Grand Master Hauder read the names and asked them to come forward to receive their pin.

- 10 - David E. Meinzer, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 10 - Johnny J. Martin, Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln
- 10 - Steven E. Grueber, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- 10 - Fred H. Bienka, IV, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 9 - Gary S. Unger, Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield
- 9 - David C. Norton, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 9 - Glenn R. Mulholland, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte
- 9 - Wade R. Kendle, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
- 8 - Michael R. Juhas, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 7 - Jay H. Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- 7 - Roland C. Schroeder, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 7 - Robert R. Saum, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva
- 7 - Scott G. Robertson, Springfield Lodge No. 119, Springfield
- 7 - Roger A. Mlady, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha
- 7 - David M. Long, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
- 7 - David J. Gibbs, Jr., Miloma Lodge No. 328, Omaha
- 7 - Randal J. Behounek, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
- 7 - Byron L. Baker, Jr., Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
- 6 - Jerry L. Pigsley, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 5 - David L. Rose, Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha
- 5 - Stephen D. O'Brien, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
- 4 - Randall C. Busse, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha
- 3 - Steven A. Hanneman, Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln

In addition to the pin, first and second place will also receive a plaque.

- 2 - Christopher S. Nigro, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha
- 1 - Charles J. Odorizzi, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha

Brother Odorizzi also received a pocket badge and his picture will be placed on the plaque that is displayed at the Grand Lodge Office.



Grand Master Hauder invited Grand Junior Warden Dennis Rix to come forward to present a report on his strategic planning project regarding communications throughout Masonry in the state.

"I've been tasked with improving communications throughout Masonry and part of that is improving the Grand Lodge web site, which your Most Worshipful Master has been absolutely instrumental in bringing about. We've had meetings

and researched and so forth. For those who don't know what the Grand Lodge web site is, it's www.GLNE.org, and from there you can navigate to all of the different pages for reports and so forth. The web site has been rather static and we're improving that. It will have a new look. Quinn Knudsen has begun to improve that under Michelle's watchful eye. It still does not address the main and basic need for communication. Communication is somebody saying something that somebody else wants to hear, and that involves us. That's each and every one of us.

The need has never changed for articles for the Nebraska Mason, and I suppose, like most things there's the 80/20 rule – 20% of the people do 80% of the writing, and I know that there are an awful lot of guys out there that have a lot more to say. There are events that are going on in your towns, in your lodges that goes unreported that shouldn't. And the only way that becomes available is if you turn it in. We have the Omaha area calendar. That is terrific. That is only as good as the people who turn in the information so it can be published. I would suggest that if your lodge has something going on, whether you think it's noteworthy or not, somebody will be interested incoming to it. The Grand Lodge Officers would dearly love to come visit and they cannot do it if they don't know it's going on. So send it to the Grand Lodge office and Michelle will make sure that it gets onto the calendar.

Enough of that, we have one other thing going on that I think is monumental, at least I'm enjoying it. That is, we are going to hold a Ritual Contest for the Entered Apprentice Degree to be held in two locations – September 20 in North Platte and October 4 in Lincoln. The contest will be judged by the Grand Custodian and two other judges so the judging will remain impartial and the same. There will be three categories: floor work, the ritual or the spoken word, and the third is a little more subjective, and that is presentation, how well do you say the words. It will consist of from the declaration until the finish of the presentation of the tools. There will be no lectures and you will not have to open and close. So, with that, I hope that we have great participation. It's a wonderful way to spark competition. Competition is always good. It makes everybody perk up. One of the rules is that instead of pulling people from a lot of lodges, I understand that there are some lodges that won't have enough people to fill the positions, small lodges and so forth. You can pull in another lodge, however, if a lodge is pulled in, so you have two lodges come together, then the second lodge can only go to the first lodge, if that makes any sense. Of course, with any contest, there has to be a prize, and the winning team will put on an actual Entered Apprentice Degree at the 2015 Annual Communication. So make it polished and get it done.”



Grand Master Hauder explained a new initiative to offer the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in an electronic version. The Constitution and Bylaws can be ordered on the Grand Lodge web site in a printed or an electronic version. In purchasing the electronic version, members will have to approve a license agreement stating that the file will not be given to any other member. After purchase an email with the file will be provided to the member and their member record in the database will be marked that they have purchased the copy so that updates can be sent each year. The printed version of the Constitution and Bylaws will be phased out over the next few years due to the cost of printing and mailing updates.



Most Worshipful Hauder invited Grand Junior Deacon Patrick Barger to come forward to present a report on his strategic planning project regarding individual proficiency throughout Masonry in the state.

“Gentlemen, I’m very excited to announce that on behalf of the Grand Master and all of the officers of the Grand Lodge that we are about to launch something that has never been done in the state of Nebraska ever before. Can I get a show of hands on how many people in this room are individually certified proficient? Is there anybody that doesn’t know what that means? Be honest. I didn’t know until a while ago. What that means is there is a certification that comes out of the Grand Custodian’s office that will certify that you know every word of the esoteric, or secret, ritual that we do, all three degrees. Now, to be a Deputy Grand Custodian, you have to be certified to do that.

Now, back in the day, there used to be a whole lot of people, you could look around your lodge and see a whole bunch of people, fully certified in all three degrees. These are generally the guys that are coming in doing the third section, the EA lecture, the third section Master Mason lecture and all of the big heavy lifters. Well as years have gone by, we’ve lost quite a bit of that. So in today’s environment, the new Masons, and when I say new Mason, I don’t mean young. I mean a brand new Mason who’s come in off of the street, could be 75 years old, they’re 21st century men. So it really doesn’t matter how old you are, it depends on if you’re a 21st century man. So what we’ve done to address 21st century men in this fraternity is to develop a one-year long facilitated course to start someone from almost scratch and by the end of the year get them fully proficient in all three degrees.

I’m going to be speaking today at 1:30 in one of the breakout rooms, it’s in your schedule, and will tell you the details of that. But we’re very excited to start this off and hopefully, we already have at least ten people that are interested in doing this. The prerequisite to start the course, which will begin on February 23rd, is you have to know the full questions and answers in the EA degree. Now that’s just a very small portion of being entirely certified. With that foundation, you’re able to launch into the process that we’ve developed to go all the way through. And by next Annual Communication, we hope to have about 50 guys up here that are going to receive their individual certificates from the Grand Custodian and the Grand Master. So, today at 1:30, I’ll be giving that presentation and I’d like to see you all there.”

VOTING ON GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS 3 & 4

M.:W.:B.: Hauder asked R.:W.: Joe D. McBride to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master’s Recommendations.

Recommendation No. 3

Amend the fifth paragraph of **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** by adding certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows; and adding a new **Section 2-402(a) – ADDITIONAL PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-402 – PROFICIENCY –

Fifth paragraph:

No other Proficiency Examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction, *except that a subordinate lodge may petition the Committee on Work to permit additional proficiency pursuant to 2-402(a)*. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote, the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question: "The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

2-402(a) - ADDITIONAL PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS – *A subordinate lodge may petition the Committee on Work to allow additional proficiency requirements of candidates in that lodge, provided:*

1. *The petition must contain the specific additional proficiency requirements proposed.*
2. *The petition must set out a plan to mentor candidates on the additional proficiency, by a member of the lodge who has previously completed the requirements of Section 2-402, and contain the agreement of at least three members of the lodge who have previously completed the requirements of Section 2-402 to mentor candidates.*
3. *A proposed petition to allow additional proficiency requirements must be presented to the lodge at a regular meeting and laid over for one month before voting. The proposed petition must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the lodge to be submitted to the Committee on Work.*
4. *These requirements for additional proficiency will apply to all candidates in the lodge.*

A denial of a petition by the Committee on Work may be appealed by the Lodge to the Grand Master. The decision of the Grand Master shall be final.

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Hauder moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 was seconded. After discussion, R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. Recommendation No. 3 passed with the required two-thirds vote.

Recommendation No. 4

Amend the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by adding a new **Section 2-808 – PUBLIC RECORDS VERIFICATION**; amend **Section 3-911 – PAYMENT AFTER THREE YEARS** and **Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken:

Sec. 2-808 –PUBLIC RECORDS VERIFICATION – *A public records verification, consisting of a review of any available public records, will be obtained for all petitioners seeking to receive the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as those petitioners submitting an application for reinstatement or for affiliation from a parent lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction. The public records verification will be obtained by the Grand Lodge office, and the results thereof will be furnished only to the Grand Master and the Worshipful Master of the subordinate lodge receiving the petition. The Worshipful Master is required to forward the report to the Investigating Committee. The records verification shall be completed within ten business days of receipt of the request for verification by the Grand Lodge office. Neither the Investigating Committee nor the subordinate lodge may act on a pending petition until the records verification is received by the subordinate lodge. The records verification is intended to assist the Investigating Committee and should not be regarded as determinative of any petition. Neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge office will retain copies of any records so obtained.*

The form of the Petition to receive the degrees of Masonry and the Petition for Reinstatement shall advise petitioners that a public records verification will be conducted, and that their signature on the petition will constitute consent to such records verification. The Petitioner shall pay a nonrefundable records verification fee in the amount of \$25 which the lodge will pass on to the Grand Lodge to pay for the cost of the verification. The Grand Lodge shall pay any additional expense of the records verification.

Sec. 3-911 – PAYMENT AFTER THREE YEARS – *If the dues for which a brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid or remitted within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except upon favorable secret written ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master. Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by the dues for the year for which suspended and the dues for the current year, and the fee associated with the public records verification referenced in Section 2-808. It shall be the duty of the lodge in which such applicant shall have been suspended, to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection with such application and submit the same to the Grand Master with such application, so that as far as possible he may arrive at a full understanding whether such applicant will probably become a charge on the Fraternity.*

Sec. 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP –

Second Paragraph:

The petition for affiliation as a plural member in a subordinate lodge must state the name, age, and residence of the applicant, and the name and number and location of the parent lodge of which said petitioner is a member; petition must be signed by the petitioner and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the lodge to which the petition is addressed, and shall be governed by the same procedure relating to regular petitions for affiliation. A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a parent lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction authorized by law shall be subject to the public records verification and fees associated therewith referenced in Section 2-808.

If Recommendation No. 4 passes, the following Sections must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the petition process.

Amend **Section 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER** 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. 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER – A rejected petitioner for initiation, advancement or admission, must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the petitioner shall be reported as rejected. Notice of such rejection shall be communicated to the petitioner by the Secretary and *the initiation fee* ~~any fees~~ accompanying such petition shall be returned to the petitioner with such communication. *The public records verification fee shall not be refunded.*

Amend **Section 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION – One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition which must follow the same course as an original petition, *with an exception to the public records verification outlined in Section 2-808.* In no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once.

Amend **Section 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS – As an alternative to Section 2-903, any three (3) Master Masons, members of the subordinate lodge seeking to exercise the procedures of the Section 2-913, may propose a candidate for initiation by presenting a Recommendation of a Candidate for the Degrees of Masonry signed by all three of said proposers, whose signatures shall be attested by the secretary of the lodge, which form of recommendation shall be in the form provided by the Grand Secretary and which form of recommendation must have attached thereto the regular petition form then in use in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska and available from the Grand Lodge Office, provided however, that the petition shall be in draft form and shall not be signed by the proposed candidate and may otherwise be incomplete. The three proposers shall constitute the investigating committee and the Master shall make declaration of their appointment. At the stated meeting of the subordinate lodge next following the proposal of the candidate, the petition will be balloted on, with a favorable vote being subject to subsequent completion of the petition by the proposed candidate, *including the public records verification outlined in Section 2-808, along with* satisfactory answers to the questions posed on the petition including, but not limited to a belief in a Supreme Being, and questions as to health, financial responsibility, not having been rejected in another lodge within the time period set out in the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, and the completed petition must be signed by the candidate and applicable fees paid prior to his presenting himself for initiation. After election, the Master shall direct one or more of the three proposers to inform the proposed candidate that he has been proposed, has been elected, and is invited to present himself for initiation upon completion of and signing of the form of petition. *The petition must be signed and a public records verification referenced in Section 2-808 completed.* The petition must be completed, signed and returned to the secretary of the lodge within 60 days of the election of the candidate and such return date shall be certified by the lodge secretary. In the event such petition is not completed and returned within such 60 day period, such draft petition shall be null and void and such finding shall be declared by the Master and

an entry as to such action recorded in the records of the lodge. In the event of an unfavorable vote, as the candidate did not make the initial application, he will have no knowledge of such rejection and accordingly such proposed candidate would not be subject to a three year hold as being the material of the lodge as set out in Section 2-906; he would not be notified in any form whatsoever of the proposal of a draft petition nor the rejection as provided by Section 2-907; and, he would not be subject to any time limit as set out in Section 2-908 for submission of a petition under his own initiative, but no proposal under the provisions of this Section 2-913 by any three members of the subject subordinate lodge may be made until the expiration of not less than six (6) months from the time of the initial unfavorable ballot.

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Hauder moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 43. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 4 was seconded. There was no discussion. R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. Recommendation No. 4 failed to receive the required two-thirds vote.



The Grand Master reviewed the content of the workshops to be held at 1:30 pm. The first half would focus on the upcoming Individual Proficiency class and the second half would feature William Thomas, a member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, focusing on the journey of Masonry from Virginia to Nebraska. M.:W.: Hauder reminded the Brethren that the Grand Lodge is in year number two of its build up to the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and tracing back where the work came from.

Grand Master Hauder made several other announcements, including the times and locations of the meetings for the 2014 Masters and Wardens and various committees, information regarding the Membership banquet, and reminded Brethren that tickets are required to attend the meals. Information about the silent auction, vendors and displays by the appendant bodies and the Homes was provided. Most Worshipful Hauder said “We also have the privilege of hosting the Nebraska Remember Our Fallen traveling memorial during our session. Please take a moment to view this display and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that these men and women have made for our great country. The display is open to the public, so if you wish to invite anyone that you know, Mason or non-Mason, please have them come in and share that with them.” He went on to provide information about a special Masonic quilt that was being raffled at the session. The quilt was designed, sewn and quilted by Ruth Lindly, mother of Grand Senior Steward Kevin Lindly. The proceeds of the raffle would go to the Masonic Relief Fund.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

M.:W.: Tom 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:

“Most Worshipful Sir, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren all. I am pleased to report on behalf of Most Worshipful John McHenry, who is the President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and bring you greetings of The Home, bring you greetings of the Board of Directors. Before I start, I would like to take a just moment and ask all of those that sit on the Board of Directors to please stand

and be recognized. Let's applaud them for their efforts. It's a marvelous honor to sit on the board. There's a lot of heavy lifting that goes on in that process, and these Brothers do an outstanding job of guidance. Difficult decisions are made from time to time. We're just delighted that we completed the new addition, seven and a half million dollars for the wing, and we took the liberty to name it in honor of Mary Stapp, who has been with The Home for 40 years. Mary has indicated a desire to retire in the couple of years. We'll deal with that. She's not leaving yet, so don't run her out the door, but we're going through that process. But she has a 40-year history with The Home and she, if you will, is The Home. Your encouragement in terms of creation of the new wing is phenomenal.

That culminated with a laying of the cornerstone by Most Worshipful Brother Tom and the Grand Lodge Officers on August 11 and we thank you very much for that. It would have been nice if we could have somehow package some of that heat on that date in August 11, we nearly melted out there in the sunshine. We suffered through it, but it was a marvelous day and we're so proud of that facility. If you haven't had a chance to go down and visit, do so.

We've not changed in terms of delivery of service. The care for the residents of The Home is absolutely remarkable and outstanding. We have gone through some difficult times with state legislation requiring that we license The Home. That adds a layer of cost and expense. It adds some personnel. It added a vast amount of computer technology. We also contribute, although we're not Medicare qualified, the state laws were amended to require that anybody that maintains a home has to pay into a fund to the state and then you get a stipend back from the state if you qualify for Medicare. We're required that we spent \$80,000 last year in that assessment. We're working to correct that and fight that change and we expect that we'll be successful in that process.

The average census for the calendar 2013 was 88 residents. Our residents are comprised of 24 men and 64 women. The requirements to be in The Home are unchanged, although we have expanded that somewhat and we will allow Masons from other jurisdictions to reside at The Home on a basis of a self-pay only. We have a few more regular way patients, which our regular way is we provide for their care. Our endowment fund was growing nicely. I haven't looked at it in the last three or four weeks with some decline in the market, but we made good recovery in that from 2008 and 2009.

I would like to thank all of the lodges, the entire Masonic family organization in their support of The Home. I, on behalf of the staff, on behalf of all of the workers of The Home, on behalf of the residents of The Home, and on behalf of all of the members of the Board of Directors, thank each and every one of you for your support. Mary Stapp and Mary Vrbka are out in the hallway, as Grand Master has indicated. Be sure and greet them, thank them for all of the work that they do, and you may want to give some consideration to meeting Jo Peters if you don't know her, who is our Executive Director of the Foundation. The push continues to be there for bequests, gifts and donations. It's because of you and your contributions in the past that have maintained The Home and the quality that it is for over a hundred years, and we need to continue that process. Expenses continually go up but it is an outstanding facility and so forth, we're delighted with it.

The last issue we're tackling right now is that we have some issues with the electric system. We need backup generators for different phases of the building. We had a meeting with the asset committee, which I chair, this past week, and we're looking at probably another half a million dollars for improvements in the electric system. We find that some of our compliance with life safety code issues is marginal. Looking to the future, we need to make some modifications to the system. So the need for help and support doesn't go away. If you can find it in your hearts to go ahead and make a contribution, you get the mailing on a regular basis from The Home. We have a new web site that you should visit for information, and we're trying to reach out as best we can, and we would encourage you, if you could find it in your hearts to do so, to make changes in your will to go ahead and make provision for continuation of the fine work that's done. Again, on behalf of everyone associated with The Masonic Home, and each of you as the members of the Board of Directors, we thank the Grand Lodge for your great support and thank you Most Worshipful and your officers for the support. We appreciate you attending the meetings in the past. I do very much appreciate it, we all do. Thank you very much.

The printed report is as follows:

Looking back on 2013 will always bring thoughts of so much pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment for every employee and Board of Trustee member here at The Nebraska Masonic Home. It was the anticipation of knowing our two and half year building/renovation project would finally be complete that had everyone breathing a sign of relief. Residents, family members, employees, administrative and supervisory staff and the Board of Trustees definitely were counting the days for this very extensive project to be finished. It goes without saying, that the satisfaction of the project being finished was earned by everyone who took part in all the planning, decision making, frequent meetings, and constant problem solving. The degree of communication and cooperation necessary to make this project a success was phenomenal.

All of the administrative staff, supervisory staff, and employees impressed me again throughout the entire year. Everyone's patience and adaptability to each challenging situation for the last two and half years finally paid off with the completion of this project. Watching everyone enjoy the newly- built wing and renovated areas continues to prove this project was definitely necessary and has improved The Nebraska Masonic Home in so many ways.

A day we will all remember as one of the most deserved and anticipated days to celebrate for everyone in 2013 was the Cornerstone Ceremony and Open House on August 11. The day was remarkable and enjoyed by residents and family members, employees, Board of Trustees, Grand Family members and companions, the community, and many other dignitaries. As if the day wasn't exciting enough because of all it represented to everyone, John McHenry, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that the new addition was being dedicated in my honor. The very moment when I heard that the new wing would now be the Mary C. Stapp Wing will be one of the proudest moments in my life. My very sincere thank you to the Board of Trustees for this incredible honor.

The Masonic Home has had an average census of 88 residents during 2013. Offering every level of care from 29 independent and assisted living apartments, a 19-private room Assisted Living Center, and a 58-bed, 24-hour Nursing Care Center as well as a 14-bed private room Alzheimer's/Dementia Special Care Unit. Providing every level of care

makes our facility very attractive to Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and grandmothers. The excellent care all employees in every department provide to make sure our residents enjoy a life of superior personal and medical care is everyone's 24-hour-a-day primary goal. The reputation of The Nebraska Masonic Home continues to be superior in the healthcare industry.

We have such deep appreciation for the faithful annual visits from many Masonic Lodges, Shrine groups and Eastern Star Chapters, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls as well as numerous individuals who have made The Masonic Home a place they truly enjoy visiting. Our residents and employees very much appreciate your visits, and our staff is so proud to take you on a tour, prepare a meal for you, and help you enjoy a special activity with our residents. For those Masonic groups that have made The Home their place to hold a monthly meeting and share a meal with our residents, remember how much we appreciate your continued interest in your beautiful Masonic Home.

The annual picnic dinner in June hosted by Narcissus Kensington and in July hosted by Home Chapter No. 189 OES are two traditions our residents and staff look forward to because of the delicious picnic dinner they provide and the fun and fellowship that takes place. Your commitment to these visits and meals is appreciated.

We are so honored to have the Grand Chapter of Nebraska OES Officers and their companions attend the Home Chapter Picnic in July. It is with pride that we take our guests on a facility tour. Needless to say, they are always impressed.

The annual Boon Memorial Food Truck tradition continues to be one of our annual events that is greatly appreciated. A special thank you is extended to Richard Schlaman from Ashlar Lodge No. 33 who is the project coordinator for the Food Truck project. Our residents, employees, and Board extend a very special thank you for another successful year as a result of Mr. Schlaman's hard work. To all the lodges, the chapter and the Shrine Unit as well as individuals from those organizations that donated, thank you for your annual generosity to this worthwhile and long-standing project.

Thank you to the Tangier Shrine Chanters for officially opening our Christmas season on December 3 with their beautiful musical program for all of our residents to enjoy.

To the Masters and Wardens Club of the Greater Omaha Metro area I extend a huge thank you from the residents, employees, and Board of Trustees. Your generosity continues to make our residents' Christmas party on December 23 a success. The individual gifts we are allowed to purchase for our regular-way residents because of your donation is so generous. We truly appreciate the time Dan Wellendorf devotes to this project as Chairman. We greatly appreciate the contributions that are made to this project by metro-area Masters and Wardens.

On behalf of all our residents, employees, and Board of Trustees, I want to thank Grand Master Thomas Hauder; the Grand Lodge officers, and the Grand Lodge Office staff for your continued support and commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home. This special thank you is also extended to Worthy Grand Matron Bev Donham and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Dusch and the Eastern Star Grand Family. Both Grand families have been very supportive personally and monetarily. Your involvement, support, and regular visits truly contribute to the success of The Masonic Home.

To all the employees, management staff, and administrative staff—there are no words to express to you how much I appreciate your continued loyalty and commitment to

providing loving and dignified care to our residents. Every one of you is truly appreciated. The Masonic Home is fortunate that each of you chose The Masonic Home as your employer.

The Nebraska Masonic Home would not be what it is today without the dedicated and excellent 15 member Board of Trustees. Each one of you brings your individual knowledge, skills, dedication, and loyalty to the Board. That is why all the decisions you make are only for the betterment of The Home. You are all fine gentlemen and your guidance and decision-making responsibilities are so instrumental in the ongoing success of The Masonic Home. On behalf of the residents and employees I extend to each of you a special thank you for performing your responsibilities in such a professional and caring manner. It is an honor to work with each of you.

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

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOUNDATION

Stephen Kennedy, President

M.: W.: B.: Hauder asked John Maxell, Grand Senior Warden and member of the Board of Directors of the CHIP Foundation, to come forward to present the report from the CHIP Committee in the absence of Stephen Kennedy, President.

Worshipful Brother Maxell referenced the printed report and reminded the Brethren that Nebraska Freemasons will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the CHIP program in 2014. He thanked everyone who has ever had anything to do with that. He announced that over 35,000 children have gone through the program and in a state that has a population of 1.5 million, that's a great percentage. W.: B.: Maxell noted that there will be a special kick off at the Nebraska State Fair event to recognize the 10th anniversary.

The printed report is as follows:

Great News! We are celebrating our 10th year as Nebraska Child Identification Program. We could not have succeeded in this important venture without the aid and support of all of the Nebraska Masons. A big thank you goes out to all. I really wish to also thank those that have participated in an event, and most especially to those that have coordinated an event. A lot of work goes into a successful CHIP event and we have many tireless volunteers that have participated these last 10 years. We will recognize this first decade during the Nebraska State Fair this year.

We had 32 events this year, 311 events since the beginning in 2004, and once again had a booth at the State fair. We utilized 2,508 kits at these events and have now provided 37,583 kits to families in Nebraska. We have continued to have a spot at the Nebraska State Fair and are adapting to the new location in Grand Island. This year they moved us into the 4-H building, which gave us more exposure to families and a cooler environment. We will continue to need all the great volunteers that have assisted with the State Fair, as this is a labor intensive few days each year. It continues to be a great place to get the word out on what we can provide.

We have once again been asked to host the national Masonic CHIP convention. This will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Omaha the first weekend of April.

We also have started a new fund raising program for NECHIP called Linked24. It is a computer/smart phone APP that allows parents to monitor messages, pictures, and locations of their children through their phones. It has an emergency function that allows video and sound to be recorded and uploaded to a secure site in the event the phone is shaken, dropped or by the user pushing the APP button. The service then sends a message immediately to the account holder (parent). This is a service that enables parents to be more proactive in protecting their children from harmful texting, sexting and assaults. Go to the NECHIP website to learn more.

We will continue to upgrade older laptops and older peripheral equipment as needed and as funds allow. The cost of each kit has risen, but our support staff is diligent in finding cost effective sources for our supplies.

This year, the board adopted one major change in the event process. We have included a process in the volunteer listing on the application form that asks for each name to be checked through the National Sex Offender Registry, www.nsopw.gov . This is a free site and takes just a short time to type in names. This is not a background check or a criminal history check! We are simply requiring that those lodges organizing an event have someone responsible to search for each volunteer's name on the registry. We must be proactive in insuring that we do not have individuals participating in these events that have assaulted children. Many of our events have non-Masons along with Masons helping, and we do not always know these people and their past well. We cannot risk the good name we have developed through these events to be destroyed by one person. If we are up front with this new requirement, we can protect ourselves, protect our reputations, and to be welcomed at community events.

NECHIP board meetings are held on the first Friday of the month. We meet at the MESH in Fremont or the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln quarterly and the other months via teleconference. Anyone wishing to attend a board meeting is welcome. Please contact Michelle at Grand Lodge for meeting locations and times.

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,
Stephen Kennedy, President

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

This year we have received no new formal requests for recognition by foreign or domestic 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 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), Gran Logia "Occidental Mexicana" (Mexico), National Regular Grand Lodge of the Principality of Monaco, National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan, Grand Lodge of Moldova, and the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria.

The Committee continues to solicit for recognition from the various Prince Hall Grand Lodges in those jurisdictions where Prince Hall Grand Lodges and Grand Lodges under the canopy of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America have entered into agreements of mutual fraternal recognition. Thanks to the staff at the Grand Lodge Office for help with mailings and research. We are ever grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lawrence J. Zwart, 11, Chairman
 Byron L. Hust, 198
 Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM, 317, 332 & 33
 Edward W. Nolte, 39 & 331
 Cullen F. Pilker, 39
 Ex-Officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, 134 & 19

W. : B. : Larry Zwart referenced the location of the printed report, moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Fraternal Relations Committee. The motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

K. Roger Dill, Chairman

Worshipful Brother Dill made the following remarks before referencing the printed report:

“Most Worshipful, I’d like to just thank everyone for last year. The support we had for the band camp was tremendous. We had scholarships for everyone. The only way we can have these students there is to have the scholarships, so without your help, the band camp would not exist. I’m wearing a little bit of the apparel here that we do have for sale if you go to the web site and look. We do have some shirts, the suspenders don’t come with it.

We’re always looking for people to help. We have tremendous help at Kearney. We went to Kearney this last year, it was the first year. We had some changes. We had to modify some things. The adjustments were made. We had a very, very successful camp. Just recently the Shrine has signed a five-year deal with Kearney that the band camp now will be there for the next five years. Of course, as soon as that was done, Kearney raised their rates. But you’ll see that our scholarships did have to go up because of that. They’ve raised the rates \$5 per child per night and that adds in the next five years, about \$30,000 to our expenses. Now, Michelle did some negotiating and we got this to work in as a gradual thing for us rather than just a big chunk all at once. So the scholarships have gone up to \$275 per child. We’re looking for as many students as we can get. We’ve just had tremendous success with this program and a lot of it is due to the people who chaperone, who help, with all of the lodges and appendant bodies that provide the scholarships, without them we couldn’t exist. If you would like to help, my gosh, we have a lot of fun out there. The students are great, great students. They represent their high schools very well, they represent themselves very well. We have little, if any, discipline problems with these students. They’re there to learn. They’re there to provide a good sound of music, a tremendous half-time show, they look great in the parade. So if we can have the support that we’ve had in the past and add to it, this program will just continue to grow and just be a great thing for the Masons of Nebraska.

The printed report is as follows:

“I like this better,” “I liked it better at UNL.” These are typical of some of the comments that we heard at Band Camp this year. 238 students from 86 high schools helped make our transition from UNL to UNK a successful change. We learned to adjust and be amazed at some of the changes. Having access to the facilities at any time was a big help to our camp this year. When bad weather forced us off the marching field, we headed to the field house and had an indoor practice. When the weather cleared, we had the football field for the whole day. This flexibility allowed the band to continue to improve at all times – a luxury we did not have at UNL. The cafeteria seemed overwhelmed by the size of the band and caused some delays in feeding everyone in a prompt manner. However, all of these changes were handled well by the students and chaperones. Even with the challenges we encountered, the students enjoyed their week and did another outstanding job of marching in the parade and doing a great halftime show.

Students come from all over the state and are recommended by their band directors. We have students who have never marched before and they end up being good marchers and very excited about taking what they have learned back to their own high schools. This is what makes the band camp rewarding for me. The students who attend not only play well, but are well behaved and represent their towns and schools in a very positive manner. Their way is paid for by scholarships provided by Masonic Lodges throughout the state, Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine organizations, individual members and other donors.

This was the 19th year of the camp and, once again, Michelle Fulmer did an outstanding job getting everything organized so it would run smoothly. As soon as she can control the weather, the camp will run without a hitch. It was windy and cold, and we had to leave the field because of lightning for the first time ever. This is when the flexibility by UNK came to our rescue.

Again this year, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbows donated the water bottles. This is a great way to introduce these fine organizations to the students, as their logos and web addresses are on the bottles.

The clothing line for the band students continues to grow and is available to everyone. If you’d like to see an order form, just contact Michelle at the Grand Lodge office. On the Grand Lodge web site, there are many pictures of our students and activities. Take a look at what we do. The Band Camp does as much as any other activity in promoting Masonry and Masonic values to not only the students but also the parents, friends and relatives of the students.

As chairman of this committee, I would like to thank the committee members, the staff of the Grand Lodge, the band directors and the chaperones who make my job very easy. We are always looking for more chaperones. If you would like to take a week, a day or an hour and help with the camp, let us know. We can guarantee a good time.

Respectfully submitted,
K. Roger Dill, 310, Chairman
Joseph A. Chapman, 21
Jennie Danner
Donald G. Havekost, 132 & 72
Dennis E. Rix, 15
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.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

W.:B.: Bruce A. Watkins, Grand Custodian

It has been a privilege and a great honor to have served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska this past year as your Grand Custodian. There have been numerous schools of instruction, cornerstone ceremonies and other events which have been very rewarding to have been able to participate. It has been a pleasant and rewarding experience to work with other Grand Lodge officers, the Deputy Grand Custodians and members of the Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction.

As we near the end of our Masonic year, 58 Lodges have been certified, 32 of which have been certified for more than 60 years. This is a remarkable record and the officers and members of these Lodges are to be congratulated for their efforts. Unfortunately, due to dwindling numbers, there have been a few Lodges who have not been able to continue their certifications and I hope that somehow, they might be able to recertify in the future. The certified Lodges are as follows:

Name	No	City	Years
Nebraska	1	Omaha	Initial
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	56
Omadi	5	S Sioux City	64
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	90
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	59
Covert	11	Omaha	44
Fremont	15	Fremont	83
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	79
Washington	21	Blair	25
Blue River	30	Milford	56
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	60
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	62
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	80
Papillion	39	Papillion	7
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	68
Hastings	50	Hastings	90
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	92
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	89
Keystone	62	Phillips	58
Osceola	65	Osceola	11
Hooper	72	Hooper	89
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	63
Albion	78	Albion	23
Geneva	79	Geneva	38
Utica	96	Utica	85
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	83
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	63
North Bend	119	North Bend	55
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	60
Jachin	146	Holdrege	56

Name	No	City	Years
Custer	148	Broken Bow	70
Justice	180	Benkelman	63
Alliance	183	Alliance	69
Arcana	195	Gordon	2
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	80
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	59
Landmark	222	Herman	61
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	35
North Star	227	Lincoln	81
Comet	229	Ceresco	61
Zion	234	Hyannis	11
Hickman	256	Lincoln	26
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	58
Robert W Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	75
G W Lininger	268	Omaha	Initial
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	5
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	11
John J Mercer	290	Omaha	82
James L Eatmon	294	Kimball	Initial
Cotner	297	Lincoln	73
Liberty	300	Lincoln	65
Mizpah	302	Omaha	64
Victory	310	Valley	64
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	90
Mid-West	317	Hastings	66
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	2
Shiloh	327	Omaha	49
Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	6

Brother Kevin Johnson, Rob Morris Lodge N. 46 in Kearney and Patrick Barger, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln received their initial Master Mason Certification this year. They join a select group of 133 other certified Masons within the State and I commend them all for their hard work and dedication. We have 82 brethren who are eternally certified. Individual certification is another area where our numbers have dropped the past few years and, hopefully, this is another area where we can inspire more members to contribute to the quality of our degree work by becoming proficient in the lectures and conferring of the ritual.

The following brethren have completed their 10th year of proficiency: Daniel L. Scarborough, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Robert M. Hoagland, Rob Morris Lodge No. 45, and Edward W. Nolte, Papillion Lodge No. 39.

The following brother has completed his 25th year of proficiency: Albert L. Chatfield, North Star Lodge No. 227.

The following brethren have completed their 40th year of proficiency: Steven A. Green, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Darwyn V. Delehoy, Shiloh Lodge No. 327.

The following brethren have completed their 50th year and beyond of proficiency:

Name and Lodge	Years Certified
Lawrence R. Bradbury, Pawnee Lodge No. 23	51
Richard L. Mauch, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224	52
Floyd R. Vires, Superior Lodge No. 121	52
Charles W. Amidon, Florence Lodge No. 281	54
Wilbert W. Wittmuss, Papillion Lodge No. 39	55
Donald W. Madsen, Covert Lodge No. 11	55
Leo D. Lee, Ashlar Lodge No. 33	55
Bruce C. Kaman, Mitchell Lodge No. 263	56
Loren L. McNeil, Utica Lodge No. 96	56

Name and Lodge	Years Certified
Jack Lefler, Comet Lodge No. 229	56
Arthur S. Dye, Mid-West Lodge No. 317	58
Richard B. Hobson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54	58
Albert W. Watsek, Pawnee Lodge No. 23	58
Marion J. Adkisson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33	58
Donald R. Swanson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54	59
David E. Anthony, Hay Springs Lodge No. 177	59
Richard L. Ely, Guide Rock Lodge No. 128	61

The following brethren serve the Grand Lodge as Deputy Grand Custodians. These brethren contribute a great deal of time and effort in assisting the Lodges in their efforts to maintain an effective and efficient ritual program. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all they do and I hope that all the brethren will make an effort to extend a word of thanks to them.

District	Name	Lodge
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
8	John C. Sierks	4
9	Edward W. Nolte	39
10	Steven A. Green	54
11	Suman Vallabhbbhai	314
15	Randall L. Hart	222 & 31
17	Roger A. Deininger	317
18	Arthur S. Dye	317
21	Wayne E. Beatty	126
24	Delmar A. Jones	65 & 46

District	Name	Lodge
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	Carl C. Plants	54
37	Albert A. Wise	79

The following are the current Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti. We receive a considerable amount of assistance from these brethren and hope to continue to do so in the future. We appreciate all they have done and continue to do for Masonry.

Glenn W. Binder	Richard W. Linnemeyer	Harold W. Noble
Michael G. Birnstihl	Richard L. Mauch	Vincent L. Rosenberger
James E. Cornish	Ralph E. McNulty	Augustine S. Scolaro
Kenneth G. Fleming	Harold C. Mueksch	Eugene Sibley

The school for the Deputy Grand Custodians was on May 11 and was again held at Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney. Attendance was up this year and the work of the brethren who were there was done extremely well. I would like to thank the brethren of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney for allowing us to use their Lodge and a particular thanks to W.:B.: Ron Nielsen who ended up doing most of the heavy lifting.

With the lack of certified brethren and Deputy Grand Custodians in certain areas of the State, we have a situation of having three districts that currently do not have a DGC. Last year, we had five districts without a DGC but two of those districts have been merged with other districts and some Lodges have been reassigned to other districts to balance out the numbers somewhat. It is going to become very important in the near future that we have more brethren become proficient in the degree work so they can become our Deputies in the future. If you are interested or know someone else who would be interested in becoming certified or a Deputy Grand Custodian, contact your Deputy Grand Custodian or the Grand Lodge office.

It has again been a great pleasure and honor to have served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as Grand Custodian this past year. I would like to especially thank the Deputy Grand Custodians for their dedication, help and assistance throughout the year and to the brethren across the State in the local Lodges for their participation and interest in improving the ritual for the good of our great fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Watkins, 300
Grand Custodian

On behalf of Grand Custodian Bruce Watkins and appointed Grand Custodian Pro Tem Art Dye, Grand Master Hauder 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.

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

M.:W.:B.: Hauder 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.

Solomon Lodge No. 10, Ft. Calhoun
Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair
Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron
Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington
Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola
North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine

Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance
Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265,
Scottsbluff
Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport
Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 8:30 am.

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Friday, February 7, 2014
7:00 p.m.

After dinner, Grand Master Hauder 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:

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

M.:W.:B.: Hauder invited Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Mary Stapp, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and Mike Jones, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, to come forward to receive checks representing the proceeds of the 12th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented a check in the amount of \$3,925.21.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

Grand Master Tom Hauder asked Stephen Kennedy, 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 CHIP Foundation Board for selection.

The recipient of the award in the Masonic Family category was Jason Jensen, a member of Superior Lodge No. 121.

Two awards were given in the Non-Mason category. The recipients were the Nebraska State Fair and Lynette Henne of DC West Public Schools. Jaime Parr was present to receive the award for the Nebraska State Fair. Lynne Henne's award would be presented to her by Victory Lodge No. 310 of Valley at a later date.

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 is now 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.

The Grand Master announced Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln as recipient of the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award and North Bend Lodge No. 119 as winner of the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award.

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.: Hauder presented the award to members of North Bend Lodge No. 119.

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. The one lodge earning the award for this year is a previous winner.

M.: W.: Hauder asked for representatives of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow to come forward to receive the award.

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.

For the lodge year 2013, Michelle Fulmer and Quinn Knudsen presented the award to Dennis L. Smith, Secretary of Fremont Lodge No. 15.



After the presentation of awards, the raffle drawing for the Masonic Quilt was held.



Most Worshipful Tom Hauder then introduced the featured entertainer for the evening, R.P. Smith, Cowboy Poet.

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One Hundred Fifty-seventh
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 7-8, 2014

Most Worshipful Thomas L. Hauder
Grand Master

Morning Session
Saturday, February 8, 2014

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife invoked the blessing of Deity.

R.:W.: Joe McBride, Deputy Grand Master, called the 157th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2014.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.



Grand Master Hauder welcomed the brethren to the morning session. He stated that the silent auction collected \$3,210 and would be split among the three youth groups, which was about \$300 more than the previous year. He thanked everyone for their participation and reminded members to pick up items if they had not already done so.



M.:W.:B.: Hauder announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Ed Nolte as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT

Grand Master Hauder 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, stating the voting delegates must choose only one of the voting options. Delegates may either write in a name on the line provided on each ballot, or use the check box at the top of the ballot to advance the officers. If both methods were filled in, the ballot would be declared spoiled. He directed that the ballots be deposited in the locked ballot box in the back of the room and the ballot would remain open for approximately one hour. After that time, the ballot would be declared closed and the Tellers instructed to count the votes received for each office, to be reported later in the day.

APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION OF AN EXPELLED MEMBER

M.:W.: Hauder stated that the Grand Lodge has received an Application for Restoration by an Expelled Member. He noted that the proper procedures pursuant to Section 3-904 of the Bylaws had been followed to bring this to a vote of the Grand Lodge. He stated that the member's name would be given, but that the bylaws do not allow for disclosure of the reason for expulsion. The Grand Master announced that the name of the expelled member seeking restoration is William H. Campbell, who was a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha. He was expelled on 19 March 1981. He then asked for a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 to come forward to make a motion to vote to allow William H. Campbell to be reinstated to the Craft. David Long, Worshipful Master of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 made a motion for restoration. The motion was seconded. The Grand Master asked the Worshipful Master of Mercer Lodge to give some background on the request for restoration:

“Basically, this gentlemen was voted for restoration in the 80's by our lodge shortly after whatever happened happened. The vote was positive at that time when his peers were still in the lodge. For some reason, it never got to this state at the Grand Lodge at that time, and mostly because we feel that the Brethren knew him at that time knew him and knew the circumstances best, we're trusting in the vote that they had at that time. The Brother lives in Missouri at this time, and has been wanting to be restored so that he can join a lodge in Missouri. We had an interview investigation conducted by the Brethren from a lodge in Missouri. There was a Past Grand Master among the investigators, and his comment was, and I quote, 'I would be proud to have this man in my lodge.' The current members of John J. Mercer, nobody really remembers him, but he's also kept his nose completely clean in the intervening thirty years, so we feel he deserves a second chance.”

With no further discussion, the Grand Master called for the vote by a show of hands. The motion for restoration carried favorably.

VOTING ON GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

M.:W.:B.: Hauder asked Deputy Grand Master Joe McBride to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of Grand Master's Recommendations. R.:W.:B.: McBride gave the general instructions, announcing to the delegates that all balloting would be done by written ballot.

Recommendation No. 5

Amend **Section 2-604 – DUES CARDS – HOW PREPARED** – 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. 2-604 – DUES CARDS - HOW PREPARED – The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found ~~on page 102 of~~ *in* the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for ~~1913~~ *2014*, printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be computer generated in the office of the Grand Lodge and furnished to each subordinate lodge without charge to the lodge.

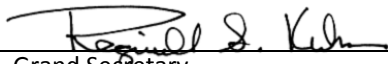

If Recommendation No. 5 passes, the text printed on the dues cards will be updated in the following manner, and this text will be inserted into the Proceedings for 2014:

The text contained in the following form of receipts for dues is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the use of any other form after January 1, 2015, is prohibited; all blank receipts for dues must be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary.

(face text)

It is hereby certified that Brother	No. _____
Whose signature appears below on the back hereof , is a Master Mason	
In _____	Lodge No. _____ A.:F.: & A.:M.:
Located at _____, Nebraska.	
And has paid dues to December 31, 20 _____	
Date _____, 20 _____	
_____ Signature of Brother to Whom Issued	

(back text)

<p>This is to certify, under the facsimile of the <i>signature of the Grand Secretary and Seal of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: & A.:M.: , that:</i></p> <p>The lodge to which this receipt was issued is a lawful lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, working under and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the facsimile of whose seal appears hereon. This form is the only legal receipt for dues that can be issued in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and is not valid unless it bears the signature <i>on the front</i> of the brother to whom it is issued and the seal of the lodge that issued it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  _____ Grand Secretary </p>	
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After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Hauder moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 5. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 5 was seconded. After brief discussion, R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. Recommendation No. 5 passed with the required two-thirds vote.

VOTING ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following proposed Constitutional Amendment was presented at the Annual Communication in February 2013 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 X – THE GRAND MASTER, Sec. 1** of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska by removing paragraph (h), so that such Article, as amended, will read as follows, with the deleted language stricken.

**ARTICLE X.
THE GRAND MASTER**

Sec. 1. The Grand Master, during the interval between the communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all of its executive powers excepting the granting of charters. His powers shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) To suspend any officer of any subordinate lodge from the exercise of the powers or duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge;
- (b) To grant dispensations for the formation of new subordinate lodges, except for military lodges;
- (c) To grant dispensations for the holding of elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular periods;
- (d) To grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon candidates without reference to time;
- (e) To convene any subordinate lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its conformity to Masonic usages;
- (f) To arrest the charter or dispensation of any subordinate lodge, for good reason shown, and suspend the operations thereof until the next Annual Communication;
- (g) To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Lodge Officer, and respecting matters pertaining to the duties of his office; and
- ~~—(h) To appoint representatives to other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit such representatives from them.~~

Most Worshipful Hauder summarized the amendment and then R.:W.:B.: McBride asked a signer of Constitutional Amendment No. 1 to state the position of the signers prior to the ballot. M.:W.: Bruce Baker approached the microphone and stated that the

signers brought the amendment due to the ease of communication in today's day and age and following several other grand jurisdictions that have also ceased the appointment of grand representatives to other grand jurisdictions. He also noted that the Grand Lodge Officers attend the Conference of Grand Masters each year which is attended by most grand jurisdictions in the United States, and several other countries, at which valuable information is gathered and connections are made with those other jurisdictions.

A motion for the adoption of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1 was made and seconded. After a brief discussion, R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. The motion passed with a majority vote.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION NO. 1

The following resolution was presented at the 156th Annual Communication in February 2013:

Resolution No. 1

Amend the third paragraph of **Section 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**, by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third Paragraph:

Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April for each initiation during the preceding calendar year an initiation fee in the sum of 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. *Upon application from a subordinate lodge that has remitted a member's dues pursuant to Section 2-603, the Grand Master may authorize the Grand Lodge to remit the Grand Lodge per capita and special assessments on behalf of said member.*

R.:W.:B.: McBride asked one or more of the signers of Resolution No. 1 to state their position and rationale for the proposal. Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Baker, 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, R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. The motion passed with a two-thirds majority vote.



Grand Master Hauder read a list of and recognized current members in Nebraska who are 100 years of age or older, and encouraged the Brothers present to congratulate the members if they know or see them in lodge around the state.

FirstName	Middle	Last	Lodge	No	Age
Billy	D	Clements	Magnolia	220	108
Dwight	R	Satchell	Alliance	183	107
James	Neil	Tappero	Covert	11	107
Ronald	L	Peters	Scotts Bluff	201	103
Lester	J	Reed	Hastings	50	103
William	N	Sullivan	Plattsmouth	6	103
Albert	L	Smith	Porter	106	101
Andrew	J	Anderson	Geneva	79	101
Gold Jordan Medal Holder (77 years as a Mason):					
Gus	J	Kontras	Lincoln	19	100
Allen	W	Knott	Zion	234	100
Carroll	E	Wilson	Platte Valley	32	100
William	O	Mains	Omaha	288	100
Keith		Markoff	Alliance	183	100

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary

This was a year of change for the Grand Lodge office. This summer the office moved to its new location at 301 North Cotner Boulevard in Lincoln. Our facility at 1240 North 10th Street served the fraternity well, and the Grand Lodge is grateful to the Nebraska Masonic Foundation for providing us a home for almost thirteen years. However, the changing demographics of the neighborhood and resulting concerns about the safety of our employees required us to seek a new location.

If you are in Lincoln, please visit the office which is located near the Gateway Mall Shopping Center. I know you will agree our new location provides a positive work environment for our staff and is a fitting home for our fraternity. With the expanded work and meeting space, the Grand Lodge was able to host several training events this fall and more are in the planning stages for 2014. We continue to work on integrating our museum collection and historical archives into the facility. There is also a small lodge room which is available for use by the Craft.

This past year saw the retirement of our long-time administrative assistant, Carol Schroeder. Carol was part of the Grand Lodge family for over 21 years, and was the person who worked most closely with our lodge secretaries. She still provides service to the Grand Lodge by continuing the task of entering old membership records onto our data base. It has been an ongoing project of the Grand Lodge to have every Nebraska Mason's membership record on our membership system, and Carol's continuing dedication to this project is greatly appreciated.

The Grand Lodge was fortunate to add Quinn Knudsen to our staff. Quinn continues to provide direct support to our lodge secretaries, but has also been working on other projects such as revamping the format of the Nebraska Mason and helping us consider

ways to better use social media. Please take time during Grand Lodge to introduce yourself to Quinn. You may recognize him as an alumni of the Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band, both as a student participant and as a band assistant.

We continue to have the able assistance of Michelle Fulmer in our office. Michelle already wore many hats for the Grand Lodge, but this year she added construction manager to her list of talents. Yet, even in this year of change, the office ran with little interruption in our member services. Michelle is a professional in every sense of the word, and I hope you will express your appreciation to her at Grand Lodge.

I want to thank the lodge secretaries for their service to their respective lodges and your patience and understanding during this year of change. The work of a lodge secretary is often unseen but vital to the health of any lodge. I appreciate the job each of you does for your lodge and I know what it means to our fraternity.

In addition to lodge visitations and Grand Lodge meetings throughout the state, I attended most of the cornerstone ceremonies this year. I also continue to serve on several Grand Lodge committees in my position as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge appreciates the diligence of our secretaries in the timely filing of their reports with the office and for their active participation in Grand Lodge. In recognition of those secretaries who timely filed all their reports, a Certificate of Achievement is presented at the Secretaries Workshop at each Annual Communication. The secretaries who received this award at the 2013 Annual Communication for their work in 2012 were:

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| Jay H Speck, Plattsmouth No. 6 | Bruce Raddatz, Jachin No. 146 |
| Dennis L Smith, Fremont No. 15 | Larry R Hulsebus, Bee Hive No. 184 |
| Charles A. Burk, Lincoln No. 19 | Dick L Hemmingsen, Plainview No. 204 |
| Gary Bedea, Pawnee No. 23 | Lowell C Erickson, Wausa No. 251 |
| Glenn R. Mulholland, Platte Valley No. 32 | Olin D Boone, Hickman No. 256 |
| William D Parrish, Ashlar No. 33 | Ronald D Stites, George W Lininger No. 268 |
| Dennis D Coufal, Acacia No. 34 | John Dimon, John J Mercer No. 290 |
| Steve Carriker, Harvard No. 44 | Ralph Riemann, Cotner No. 297 |
| Charles Foree, Garfield No. 95 | John Lippert, Lebanon No. 323 |
| Morris Anderson, Wayne No. 120 | Dave Norton, Bellevue No. 325 |
| Gary R Wolfe, Long Pine No. 136 | Phil Edwards, Centennial No. 326 |

I regret to inform you that Maynard Tatelman, Secretary of Saints John Lodge of Education No. 331, laid down his working tools in 2013. Maynard served as secretary of Saints John Lodge for twelve and one-half years, and as a past Secretary of Omaha Lodge No. 288 for eight years. I know I am not exaggerating when I say that all of Nebraska Masonry and its appendant bodies will miss Maynard greatly.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information:

Membership longevity awards presented in 2013

50-year 150 60-year 145 70-year 13

2013 Membership Activity (preliminary)

Number of Lodges	138	Demits	31
Entered Apprentices.....	116	Deceased	367
Fellow Crafts	108	Suspensions	382
Master Masons.....	205	Withdrew	4
Affiliations.....	51	Termination of duals.....	18
Duals.....	21	Consolidated.....	69
Reinstatements.....	76	Other.....	0
Consolidated.....	69	Total Loss	871
Other.....	0	Membership 12/31/2013.....	11,446
Total Gain	422		

I continue to be honored by the opportunity to serve our Craft. We are members of the greatest fraternity, and the brotherhood of Nebraska Masons makes that truth evident every day.

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

Grand Secretary Reg Kuhn moved for the adoption of the printed report of the Grand Secretary, along with the adoption of the 2013 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 15 Past Grand Masters, 12 Deputy Grand Custodians and 64 Non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report, there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered:

There are 64 Worshipful Masters in person and 24 by proxy; there are 40 Senior Wardens in person and 35 by proxy; there are 36 Junior Wardens in person and 31 by proxy and there are 56 Secretaries in person and 30 by proxy.

Again this year we are recognizing the Lodges that have all four delegate officers in attendance in person. They are Lodges 1, 15, 39, 46, 54, 112, 148, 184, 256, 268, 281, 290, 317, 328, and 332. They will receive a certificate to display in their lodge. We thank them for their attendance.

There are no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered from the following Lodges: 4, 14, 26, 56, 72, 73, 91, 95, 126, 180, 192, 194, 195, 211, 221, 239, 248, 263, 288, and 293. There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for two years from the following Lodges: 56, 91, 192, 211, 221, and 263; and for three years from Lodge 91.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdiction: Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming as well as

representatives from the Masonic Service Association of North America and Shriners International.

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, Tehama, Tangier, Sesostris and Abu Bekr Shrine Temples, 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 226 at the Grand Master’s Banquet Thursday evening; there were 411 at the Public opening Friday morning; and 312 at the Membership Banquet Friday night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for you Most Worshipful Thomas L. Hauder. I want to personally thank the other brothers on the Committee who spend many hours at the registration table to help make this an enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are Frank Dougherty, Philip Edwards, Mike Hoagland and Karl Rasmussen.

I also extend a huge thank you to Michelle Fulmer and Quinn Knudsen at the Grand Lodge Office who work so hard to make this Grand Lodge Session run smoothly.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar Jones, 65 & 46, Chairman
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Philip O. Edwards, 326
Robert M. Hoagland, 46 & 146
Karl H. Rasmussen, 15

The motion was seconded and carried favorably. M.:W.:B.: Hauder thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee for the work they do at Annual Communication each year. Grand Master Hauder thanked the lodge delegates for taking the time out of their schedules to attend Annual Communication and their commitment to Masonry.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION NO. 2

The following resolution was presented at the 156th Annual Communication in February 2013:

Resolution No. 2

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 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 - \$29.50, 2015 - \$30.50, 2016 - \$31.50. 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~~ 2015, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of ~~\$1.00~~ \$3.00 per member, *said assessment to be distributed as follows: \$1.50 to support the CHild Identification Program, \$.50 to support Nebraska Job's Daughters, \$.50 to support the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska, and \$.50 to support Nebraska DeMolay.* Said assessment shall be due and payable in the same manner as the Grand Lodge per capita tax. The funds from this assessment shall be separate from the Grand Lodge per capita tax and shall be used for no other purpose than provided above.

R.:W.:B.: McBride asked one or more of the signers of Resolution No. 2 to state their position and rationale for the proposal. Worshipful Brother Travis Bader, a signer on Resolution No. 2, gave his rationale for proposing the Resolution. A motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 2 was made and seconded. After discussion, R.:W.:B.: McBride called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. The motion failed to receive the required two-thirds vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CLOSE OF BALLOT

Grand Master Hauder declared the ballot for Election of Officers closed. He presented the key for the ballot box to W.:B.: Ed Nolte and directed the tellers to collect and count the ballots.

FINAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

The 2013 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 (including building income and expenditures), compared to budgeted, for 2013 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	631,660	528,793
Expenses	658,071	602,086
Net Difference	(26,411)	(73,293)

After other activities affecting cash flow, such as prepaid Annual Communication, prepaid expenses, purchases of inventory assets and outstanding accounts receivable, an investment draw of \$45,000 was needed to cover operating expenses for 2013 – \$28,293 less than the investment draw budgeted for 2013. 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 2013; 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
 James R. "Chip" Avant, 39
 Michael A. Buchardt, 52
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Theodore J. Johnson, 26 & 314
 David G. Krogh, 5
 Steven S. Nichols, 102
 Alexander F. Straatmann, 46

Account	2014 Budget
Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	\$267,864.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$8,500.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	\$11,161.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$346.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	\$27,902.50
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,597.50
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	\$16,741.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$355.50
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$5,580.50
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$248.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,400.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	\$4,600.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	\$1,000.00
4640.000 CHIP Assessment	\$17,817.00
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	\$2,167.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	\$19,361.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$386,641.00
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	\$9,180.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$330.00
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$850.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$2,880.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$1,700.00
4625.800 Sale of Vet's Luncheon Tickets	\$255.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$2,100.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	\$1,105.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$420.00

4633.500 AC Registration Fee	\$2,400.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	\$200.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$35,920.00
Program Income	
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	\$71,500.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	\$9,000.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	\$0.00
4465.000 GM Program Income	\$4,000.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$84,500.00
Participatory Income	
4500.000 SR Feasibility Study Reimb Loan Prmt	\$3,941.75
4600.000 Rental Income	\$2,400.00
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$5,000.00
4641.000 CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	\$13,200.00
4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$6,500.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$36,041.75
TOTAL REVENUE	\$543,102.75
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	\$1,500.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	\$7,030.00
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$1,500.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	\$8,515.50
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$1,000.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	\$300.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	\$6,000.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$310.17
5173.400 Dignitaries Breakfast	\$0.00
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	\$2,660.80
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	\$1,663.00
5175.410 Vet's Lunch	\$249.45
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	\$325.50
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	\$831.50
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$2,109.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	\$1,080.95
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	\$421.80
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$3,000.00
5120.400 Proceedings	\$3,500.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$41,997.67
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Installation	\$2,500.00
5220.425 Meals	\$3,500.00

5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	\$300.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$6,300.00
Travel & Related	
5210.000 Auto Allowance	\$1,000.00
5210.100 In-State Travel-Grand Master	\$5,000.00
5210.150 In-State Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$2,000.00
5210.200 In-State Travel-Gr Secretary	\$950.00
5210.250 In-State Travel-Gr Custodian	\$650.00
5210.350 In-State Travel-Other Officers	\$5,000.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	\$600.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	\$1,000.00
5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$400.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	\$200.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$1,500.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$3,000.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$1,500.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$1,000.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$3,000.00
5240.500 Conference of GrMasters/GrSecretaries	\$10,285.00
5240.550 Midwest Conference	\$4,950.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$1,000.00
5240.700 Shrine Membership Seminar	\$1,000.00
5250.300 Per Diem-DGC's	\$400.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	\$1,200.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$45,785.00
Occupancy & Related	
5400.000 Storage Facility	\$1,550.00
5410.000 Utilities	\$11,000.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	\$500.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	\$3,500.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	\$7,815.00
5415.000 Telephone	\$6,000.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	\$8,550.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	\$3,260.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	\$3,000.00
5435.000 Postage	\$5,500.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	\$2,000.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	\$100.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	\$4,000.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	\$1,000.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	\$4,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,000.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	\$3,000.00
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	\$900.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	\$28,400.00

5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$25.00
5481.000 Credit Card Fees	\$500.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$5,000.00
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	\$2,000.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	\$200.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,000.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	\$1,700.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$3,000.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$113,020.00
Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	\$747.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	\$6,421.32
5610.000 Surety Bond	\$2,061.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	\$2,946.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	\$20,934.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	\$3,125.00
5640.000 Building Insurance Coverage	
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	\$5,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$41,734.32
Committees and Programs	
5650.450 Masonic Education	\$350.00
5240.450 Conv & Conf Education	\$1,000.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	\$500.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$100.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	\$5,000.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$100.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	\$80,500.00
5650.750 Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5875.750 Youth Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.800 Membership committee	\$50.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$500.00
5650.960 GW Memorial Committee	\$0.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$275.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	\$4,000.00
5660.000 Digital Proceedings Project	\$0.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	\$500.00
5801.000 GM Program Expense	\$4,000.00
5805.000 GLO Strategic Planning	\$0.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$103,375.00
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	\$1,000.00
5835.000 Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$150.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$10,550.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	\$104,667.33
6560.000 Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	8,190.65
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	\$150.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	\$150.00
6560.000 Payroll Expenses-Other	\$60.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$3,140.02
6681.000 Grand Custodian Contract Amt	\$6,000.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	\$1,000.00
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	\$500.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$126,258.00
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	\$11,507.00
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	\$29,500.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$17,096.50
5650.100 CHIP Expense	\$17,817.00
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$75,920.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$564,940.49
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)	(21,837.74)
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB (1.756% of investment balance on 12/31/2013)	\$21,837.74
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$21,838
ADJ. BALANCE WITH INVEST. INCOME	\$0

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

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.:B.: Thomas L. Hauder made a few remarks about the Address before moving for its approval:

“My Brethren, you’ve all been furnished with a copy of my Address when you registered with Credentials and the lodges have all received a copy of my recommendations 45 days prior to the session. I do have a few comments that I would like to add for the record. It’s only about seven pages long...it’s really

big print though. But seriously, I want to start out by thanking all of the Brethren for allowing me the great honor of serving as your Grand Master for the previous year. The experiences that I have had and the people that I have met have helped me to grow as a man and as a Mason. I'd like to think that I've been productive for the Craft and made a minimal number of mistakes along the way. There's always more to do and I look forward to supporting the Grand Lodge line in their efforts to move the Craft forward.

I would also like to thank all of the Past Grand Masters that I have served with for blazing the trail, for showing me what to do, for putting up with me and for giving me good council. And to all of the officers that I have served with, thank you so much. You have all supported me at all times in my career in the Grand Lodge, and I happen to think that we have a tremendous advancing line coming up. I think the next few years are going to be very productive for Nebraska Masonry, and I thank you guys for working with me and being there and for all of the fun times when we froze or burned alternately at a cornerstone.

There is something I do want to stay though, and that is Masonry is being challenged right now. I don't like to say a problem because problem kind of sounds like you can't solve it. I happen to think what we have going can be solved. But it's only going to be solved if we all work together. This state has enough talent, drive and belief in Masonry to make the kinds of changes that need to be made. We need to pick a spot and start. And those of you that were here yesterday afternoon when the ritual school was announced, it was very satisfying to see a large crowd of brothers rush to the front and say, 'Yes, I want to sign up for that.' That's a good sign.

So we're trying some new things, and that's the important thing. We need to try things, see how they work out, get feedback, correct, try again. Let's not be afraid of trying something new. And we need to work across the whole of Nebraska, overcome our lodge loyalties and work in a concert with our appendant bodies. The beauty of having these appendant bodies, all of them, is that they each bring something unique to the stew that helps us all. And as we help one, we help the other. So it starts with us making a choice to get up and do something. We have to take the responsibility of revitalizing Masonry upon ourselves in our lodges, in our communities, and within ourselves, of course. Don't wait for somebody else to do it. It's up to you, each one of us.

I would like to close with a quote from Frederick Douglas that I really like that I hope is appropriate for the future because, again, I think it's very bright for Nebraska Masonry. Frederick Douglas is quoted as saying: 'If there is no struggle, then there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without the thunder and lightning.' So let's make it thunder and lightning, Brethren. Thank you very much.'

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

PREFACE

This address is presented in compliance with Article X, Section 2 as found in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and is written for the 157th Annual Communication. Additionally, I have submitted my Grand Master's recommendations, which I feel are necessary for the good of Nebraska

Masonry, to the Jurisprudence Committee as required by Sec. 1-307 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws. Included in this report are the official acts of the Grand Master during this past year, along with the previously mentioned recommendations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To my wife Ann, without whom this would not have been possible

There is an old saying that behind every successful man, there is a woman. Nothing could be truer than this statement for me. Ann has supported me during this journey, put up with all the missed events, long-winded speeches and endless introductions. Throughout all of this year and the years coming up the line, Ann has been there to help me get things done, keep it in perspective and keep my eye on the true goal of this job...working for the Craft. Thank you Ann, I love you.

To the Grand Lodge office staff

This job would simply not be possible if there was not a great office staff behind the scenes doing all the things that need to be done. I don't believe that the Craft truly appreciates the hard work and long hours that the office staff puts in to help us run our Craft.

We have a new person this year, Quinn Knudsen. Quinn has jumped into the job with both feet and really gotten up to speed quickly. Thank you, Quinn, for all the hard work and the great sense of humor you bring to the job.

What can I say about Michelle Fulmer? She is the heart and soul of the Grand Lodge office operation and without her no Grand Master could get anything done. She keeps me in line with those things that have to be done, advises on what has happened in the past, what needs to be done and always has great ideas for something to do that will benefit the Craft. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with Michelle throughout my Masonic career and this year in the Grand East. Thank you for all your hard work and for keeping your sense of humor when I needed some extra "guidance".

To Nebraska's Past Grand Masters

Issac Newton is quoted as saying "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." This truly represents the way I feel about those Brothers who have come before me. The wisdom and actions of those Brothers made it possible for me to join this wonderful fraternity and have the opportunities I have had in my Masonic career. They were always there if I had questions or issues I needed help with and never once tried to unduly influence me. They are an incredible group of men to work with.

My Masonic "Father" is Past Grand Master Russ Reno. I'm not sure what he saw in me that made him want to put me in the advancing line. At times, I was certain that he had made a grave mistake! But through it all he supported me with good counsel and helped me to see what he had seen in me. His support has been invaluable. Thank you, MWB Russ for this wonderful experience!

To the Grand Lodge Officers

You are truly one of the finest groups of men I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Each officer is different with his own set of strengths and weaknesses; but each is willing to work together for the betterment of the Craft. It's hard to find that kind of dedication in any group. I have enjoyed our times together on the road, doing cornerstones and other events and will miss those fun times.

You have a great responsibility in your hands...the welfare of the Craft. Treat it like the precious thing it is and always make your actions and decisions align with the great lessons that Masonry teaches.

To the Craft

To my Brethren in the Craft wherever dispersed across this jurisdiction and the world, I offer my humble and heartfelt thanks. You have allowed me to be your Grand Master for this year and have shown me great respect and given me great help. If I were to try to thank all of the Brethren that have helped me in this year I would surely forget someone so I will just say thank you to all of you.

This thing we call Freemasonry is a precious thing given to us by our forefathers. It can be a source of great pride and an aide to living the good life but only if you work at it. We must put in some effort if we ever want to become a true Master Mason. It does not happen overnight and it does not happen without effort. You will find that this is some of the most rewarding work you will ever do as it has the power to transform your life.

I wish each of you a fruitful and rewarding journey through the mysteries of Freemasonry.

YEAR IN REVIEW

To recap this year in a few paragraphs is a nearly impossible job! There have been so many amazing experiences and it seems like the year has gone by in a flash. I cannot express clearly enough how thankful I am for this experience and how much I appreciate my Masonic Brothers. I will try then, to hit the highlights of the year and conclude with a report on the state of the Craft. There were many side projects and some of the best ones were suggested by the Craft.

When I started the year I had three major goals: to get the Grand Lodge building finished, up and running, to institute strategic planning at the Grand Lodge level and to improve functional Masonic Education in our Lodges. Here is how each of these goals has turned out.

The new Grand Lodge building is up and running and should be a point of pride for every Nebraska Mason. We now have room for classes and committee meetings, a small Lodge room, and plenty of space to expand. We have also improved the Nebraska Masonic Foundation museum and library, turning it into a useful and attractive part of the Grand Lodge office. It's been an exciting project, sometimes frustrating but in the end, I hope you are all pleased with the outcome. The old Grand Lodge building served us well for 13 years but was in disrepair and had a variety of issues along with a crumbling foundation. The new building project started in 2012 when I said to MWB Rex Moats that we have been talking about moving for years but no one ever does anything about it. To my surprise, he told me if I felt that way to find a new building and get the other officers on board. Michelle and I worked together to find a suitable building that we could afford and would meet our needs. After discussion with the officer line and GM Moats, we went forward with the purchase and GM Moats tasked me with getting the renovations done. On June 10, 2013, we then set the cornerstone of the new building with a great celebration. I believe that this facility will serve the Masons of Nebraska for many years to come. I'd like to add a special thanks to WB Larry Jacobson who was the chief Architect of the Temple and guided us through the renovation process.

Experience in my professional life and the results of my research into successful organizations and businesses have taught me that if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. No complex organization like ours can effectively move forward and sustain our successes

without a long-term idea of where we are going. One of the things that makes that difficult is that we change CEO's every year. While I believe that each new Grand Master should have their own 1 year pet projects, if we want to continue to exist into the future, we must have a plan that goes beyond 1 year and addresses those challenges that this fraternity has that cannot be solved in 12 months. I proposed to the advancing line that we should work to create a minimum of a 5-year plan that would be executed by the advancing line members and updated as needed. They agreed and in early 2013, we began the process. I hired a planning facilitator to help guide and focus us on this task. The results have been published in the Nebraska Mason and on the Grand Lodge website. I believe that if this process is continued and this plan executed throughout the years, the Craft will greatly benefit.

Masonic Education has always been a focus of mine since I was raised. I'm that person that always wonders why and has to know how things came to be and how to use that knowledge. Early in my career I was assigned to the Grand Lodge Education Committee and there learned much about education and Masonry and had several great years sharing my passion for education with the Craft. For my year as Grand Master, I wanted to make sure that education was at every Lodge meeting and so I had the Education committee produce a short education piece that would be read at each business meeting. This has turned out to be very successful and I received many positive comments on this program. It is my hope that this can be just a first step towards more universal Masonic education. I have also recommended adding the learning of each degree's obligation to the standard proficiency. It is my belief that this is a vital part of Masonic education. The obligations are a morally binding contract between the man, his God and his Brothers. It contains everything you need to know to get started acting and living like a Mason. Too often we rush through the ritual and never return to it; to dive into its deeper mysteries. It is my hope that this recommendation will pass at this session.

In the end, the year went by very fast and like all who have held this job, I feel like I should have done more. Nonetheless, there is a great line of officers behind me to take up the challenges of Masonry and lead us to new heights. I would like to think that I have had some small effect on the course of Masonry in this state and made a minimum of mistakes along the way. History and my Brothers will be the judge.

THE STATE OF THE CRAFT

I struggled with how to approach this portion of my address. Should I catalog all the challenges we are facing, lest some of the Craft think all is well and focus only on the good things that are happening and avoid the other? In the end, I've decided, like Solomon, to split the baby and expose both sides of our Craft so that the Brethren can have a clear picture of where we are.

The state of the Craft is that it is in danger.

Nebraska Masonry currently has 135 Lodges and approximately 11,594 Masons. Fully 40% of new Masons are suspended for non-payment of dues within the first 3.5 years of their membership. We have done a poor job of educating our membership about the meaning and application of Masonry in their lives. Craft Masonry is often seen only as something to get out of the way so that the Brother can go to an appendant body. Many of our Lodges are in poor repair and many are Lodges only on paper...they rarely open and have not done any work in years. Our ritual, which is the instrument through which we transmit our knowledge and lessons, has become trivialized and finding a Lodge or a Mason that can perform the ritual with quality has become the exception and not the rule. In an effort to revitalize Masonry, some changes were made in an attempt to

make Masonry more attractive and accessible. Instead we ended up dumbing down Masonry to the point where virtually no appreciable work or learning is expected of the candidate to receive the degrees of Masonry and when there is no effort involved then the candidate assigns little value to the Craft. We have become so fascinated with quantity that we have sacrificed quality in our members. In short, we have become complacent, unfocused and are giving away Masonry and therefore killing it from within.

However, I do not believe that all is lost and Masonry is destined to disappear. As I traveled the State this year and talked to many Brothers, I found that there is a spark of hope. More and more brothers have been asking questions of the Grand Lodge officers on such things as how to run a better meeting, how to recruit, what kind of things are Traditional Observance Lodges doing and how can those practices be utilized in our local Lodges. I've seen several study groups spring up of Brothers that gather for the purpose of Masonic education. We have seen the creation of two new Lodges in our state, with one being formed purely for the purpose of attacking the challenges that we now face. Ritual is starting to get more attention across the State and there is new hope that we will save it before it's gone. We are turning back towards regarding quality over quantity as the goal for recruiting.

Brethren, we are at a tipping point in our Masonic history. We can go extinct and deprive men and the world of the life changing possibilities of Masonry or we can roll up our sleeves and do the work that needs to be done to save the Craft. It will take all of us to make this happen, from the Grand Lodge level to the smallest Lodge in the State, down to each individual Brother. We must pull together and work in the quarries of Masonry. The decision is yours.

YOUTH GROUPS

As I spent time with our youth groups this year, I had one consistent message that I shared with them, and that is thank you for making a good choice. There are so many ways for a young person to spend their time. Some of them are positive and some not, but these young men and women have chosen to involve themselves in an activity that will provide them with benefits for the rest of their lives. We will be defined by the choices we make in life. Making the right choice early in life can make all the difference in how well that life turns out.

It is also necessary to thank the adult mentors that assist the youth organizations in their work. Your tireless support of our youth is greatly appreciated.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

The Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp is made possible by the generosity of the many Lodges and Appendant Bodies who supply scholarships and chaperones for this fine effort. This continues to be one of the most successful public programs that we have. It gives young people a chance for some great fun, learning and fellowship and in turn presents Masonry to them and their parents in a very positive light.

In 2013, the band program moved from Lincoln to Kearney due to changes in the NCAA rules for using football fields. While this could have been a major problem, the Band committee along with the Grand Lodge office staff, stepped up and made sure it was a seamless move! There were very few issues associated with the move and those that did pop up were quickly taken care of by the volunteers that make our Band program so great. If you have never volunteered to help with the Marching Band, you should put it on your list of things to do. The rewards of working with the Band kids are immeasurable!

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

The Child Identification Program (CHIP) has been working in Nebraska for 10 years and continues to serve the public at no charge and provides families with the needed materials in case the unthinkable happens to their child. This effort takes place in schools, churches, malls and at the State Fair. Since its inception over 34,000 children have been documented. This program not only exposes the public to some basic ideals of Masonry, it provides a way for each of us to live up to our obligation to help, aid and assist. In the end, it's simply the right thing to do. Please continue to support this program with your contributions and time.

We are also offering the Linked24 service for families' cell phones. This smart phone application allows parents to keep track of a child's location, set alarms if the child is late to a location and more. The fees charged for this service go directly to support the CHIP program.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME AND THE MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I have had the honor and pleasure of serving on the boards of these two amazing organizations this year and I can tell you without hesitation that these two great Masonic efforts are being run by world class board members and world class staff! We should be proud of how our efforts are taking care of our senior members and making a difference in the lives of troubled young people.

The Home at Plattsmouth finished their big project and opened the Mary Stapp wing in late summer. It is fitting that it be named after Mary as she has given over 40 years of her life to making the Home a place of dignity and respect for our senior members. The Masonic Home at Plattsmouth is second to no other facility in the state. Thank you for your continued support of this important Masonic endeavor.

The Masonic Eastern-Star Home for Children is creating miracles on a daily basis. During this year, I have been privileged to spend time at the Home and learn just how much good work they are doing with little or no recognition. Ron Giesselmann and his staff take lonely, scared, troubled children and with love, discipline and a whole lot of work, turn them around into productive, happy young people. You are all familiar with the great success stories that Ron prints in his newsletters and the Nebraska Mason but until you've spent some time at the Home, it's impossible to truly appreciate the amount of work put in by Ron and the staff. Please keep the Home and its needs in your contribution plan for the coming years.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

We decided to try something different with the committees this year. Instead of letting them set their own goals, we provided the committees with goals that were in alignment with the strategic planning that the advancing line had completed. The goals were all clearly documented along with the expected deliverable. How the committee accomplished the task was up to them. They had a goal and a time limit. I'm happy to say this actually worked well with a majority of the committees completing their tasks. There are two committees that I'd like to single out for the great job they've done.

Lodge Leadership Committee – This committee has been very active in our Lodges, helping Lodges that were struggling, with new ideas to revitalize the Lodge. Whenever I called up this committee to help a Lodge, they responded with enthusiasm and did the

hard work. I know that this will continue going forward and that they plan on offering classes and workshops for our Lodge leadership.

Education Committee – I tasked the Education committee with two tasks and they have performed outstandingly on both. Task one was to create an education piece that could be sent to each Lodge to be read at the business meeting. This they did with great success. We have received much positive feedback on this program and have been asked to keep it going. Task two was to create a “Newcomer’s Manual” to Nebraska Masonry. This document will be sent to every newly made Master Mason in the state. It contains the basic information a new Mason needs to get started, understand their Lodge and how the structure of Masonry operates. It also contains some great reference material to help a new Brother start on his Masonic education. It makes a great stand-alone piece or as something for a Lodge mentor to use with a new Mason.

Thank you to all the committees for sharing your time and talent with the rest of the Craft. Your efforts help make certain that Masonry will grow and prosper in Nebraska.

VISITATIONS

February

- 1-3 Annual communications - Kearney
- 9 Masonic-Easter Star Home Soup Supper - Fremont
- 16 20 Attended Conference of Grand Masters of North America - KCMO
- 23 Attended Master Mason degree at Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 - North Platte
- 27 Initiated into National Sojourners Omaha Chapter No. 19 - Omaha

March

- 1 Attended Lodge at Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - Lincoln
- 2 70-year Pin presentation as the home of Bro. Jack Luther
- 2 Attended Dodge County Masonic Banquet - Scribner
- 6 Attended North Star No. 227 business meeting - Lincoln
- 7 Attended Liberty Lodge No. 300 business meeting - Lincoln
- 8 Attended EA School of Instruction at Craftsman No. 314 - Lincoln
- 13 Attended Masonic Eastern Star Home Board meeting - Fremont
- 14-16 Attended Kansas Annual Communications - Salinas
- 19 EA SOI Omaha
- 21 FC SOI Lincoln
- 23 Daughters of the Nile Installation (Tangier) - Omaha
- 25 School of Instruction - Omaha
- 26 Plattsmouth No. 6 Past Master night - Plattsmouth
- 27 MM Part 2 SOI, Lancaster 54 - Lincoln
- 28 MM Part 2 SOI, Capitol 3 - Omaha

April

- 1 Attended Cotner Lodge No. 297 business meeting - Lincoln
- 2 Attended Bennett Lodge No.94 business meeting - Lincoln
- 3 Attended College View Lodge No. 320 business meeting - Lincoln
- 4 Attended Capitol Lodge No. 3 awarded 50 and 60 year pins - Omaha
- 5 Attended Grand York Rite Banquet - Kearney
- 6 Attended Tangier Shrine Potentate Ball - Omaha
- 7 Attended installation of Naamah Temple Daughters of the Nile - Hastings
- 13 All Committee Meeting - Fremont Home
- 13 Sesostris Shrine Potentates Ball - Lincoln
- 14 Sesostris Potentates Breakfast - Lincoln

- 15 Tehama Shrine Business meeting - Hastings
- 15 Hospital Visit - Omaha
- 17 Ethics on Trial / AASR - Omaha
- 18 8th Degree / AASR - Omaha
- 19 Grand Lodge Office move - Lincoln
- 20 Grand Lodge Office move - Lincoln
- 24 Covert No. 11 PM and Longevity Night - Omaha
- 25 Northeast Nebraska Masons Meeting - Walthill
- 27 CHIP Event @ Westroads Mall - Omaha
- 27 One day class in Omaha / Lininger Lodge host - Omaha
- 27 Tangier Benefit dinner for Ron Stoffers - Omaha
- 29 North Bend Lodge No. 119 Table Lodge - North Bend

May

- 3 CHIP meeting - Lincoln
- 9 Awards Dinner at Liberty Lodge No. 300 - Lincoln
- 10 Masonic Funeral - Fremont
- 11 DGC School at Rob Morris No. 46 - Kearney
- 14 OES Grand Session Reception -
- 15 Fellow Craft Degree / Rob Morris No. 46 - Kearney
- 16 OES Installation - Kearney
- 18 Outdoor Degree / Midwest No. 317 - Hastings
- 23 Lincoln Pool Cornerstone - Grand Island
- 25 Tekamah Public Library Cornerstone - Tekamah
- 29 Trip to Shriners Hospital St. Louis - St. Louis, MO
- 30 -31 Band Camp - Kearney

June

- 2 OES / Grand Lodge Reception
- 8 Rededication of Florence Lodge #281 - Omaha
- 9 Cornerstone ceremony for new Grand Lodge building - Lincoln
- 11 Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 Annual Picnic and Outdoor Lodge - North Platte
- 12 Closing of Barneston Lodge No. 165 - Barneston
- 15 Rainbow Grand Assembly - Crete
- 17 Planning meeting with Advancing Line - Lincoln
- 20 Job's Daughter's Grand Session - Kearney
- 24 Sts. John Lodge meeting - Lincoln
- 25 Lincoln Lodge No. 19 145th Anniversary dinner - Lincoln
- 26 Retirement Lunch for Carol Schroeder - Lincoln
- 29-30 Imperial Shrine - Indiana

July

- 1-4 Imperial Shrine / Indiana
- 9 Plattsmouth Home board meeting - Plattsmouth
- 9 North Bend Lodge Steak Fry - North Bend
- 10 Fremont Home board meeting - Fremont
- 13 Barneston cleanup - Barneston
- 14 Meeting with Heritage committee - Lincoln
- 20 DeMolay Conclave / Sidney
- 24 Sojourners Meeting / Omaha
- 26-28 Annual Officer Retreat - Ainsworth
- 28 Naamah Temple 60th Anniversary and visit of Supreme Queen - Hastings
- 30 York Lodge 50 / 60 Year pin presentations - York

August

- 1 Funeral - Omaha
- 3 Lodge Leadership Committee meeting - Lincoln
- 5 Barneston to recover last of historical items - Barneston
- 8 Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 / McBride / Moninger announcement - Burwell
- 10 4-H Day at Fremont Home - Fremont
- 11 Cornerstone for Nebraska Masonic Home - Plattsmouth
- 14 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 / 50 Year Pin Presentation - Omaha
- 17 Moving books from old GL building to new GL building and shelving - Lincoln
- 21 Thistle Lodge No. 61 Cream Can dinner and 50 year pin - Lexington
- 24-28 AASR Biennial Session - Washington D. C.

September

- 4 Bellevue Lodge No. 325 / Regular meeting and membership dinner - Bellevue
- 7 Papillion Lodge Coffee on the Square and Education Committee meeting - Papillion
- 7 Northeast Nebraska Masons Dinner and awards - Tekamah
- 10 GM Golf Tournament - North Bend
- 11 Board meeting - Fremont Home
- 12 Special purpose Lodge formation meeting - Papillion
- 13 Advancing line meeting - Lincoln
- 14 Strategic Planning Meeting - Lincoln
- 16 Conference call with Committee on Work
- 17 Hebron Lodge No.43 - Hebron
- 19-21 Iowa Annual Communication - Des Moines
- 29 Alzheimer's Walk with Eastern Star in Omaha - Omaha

October

- 1 Building final walk through - Lincoln
- 2 Dedication of new van for VA - Omaha
- 3 East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 Business meeting - Lincoln
- 4 Funeral; Maynard Tatelman - Omaha
- 5 Lodge Leadership class - Lincoln
- 5 Tehama Potentate Ball - North Platte
- 6 Tehama Breakfast - North Platte
- 7 Plattsmouth Lodge business meeting and pin presentation -Plattsmouth
- 8 Plattsmouth Masonic Home Board meeting and ribbon cutting - Plattsmouth
- 9 Fremont Home Board meeting and presentation of Humanitarian award to Ched House -Fremont
- 9 Area meeting / Rob Morris Lodge - Kearney
- 12 Centennial Celebration, Seneca Lodge 284 - Thedford
- 13 York Rite Omaha Omelet Breakfast - Omaha
- 14 Area Meeting Garfield Lodge No. 95 - O'Neill
- 15 Area Meeting McCook Lodge No. 135 - McCook
- 16 Area Meeting Western Star Lodge No. 2 - Nebraska City
- 17 Funeral - Lincoln
- 20 Caring Club Lunch, Masonic Home - Plattsmouth
- 22 Recognition Dinner, Centennial Lodge No. 326 - Omaha
- 23 Sojourners Meeting - Omaha
- 24 Area Meeting, Beehive Lodge No. 184 - Omaha AASR
- 26 One-day class, Papillion Lodge No. 39 - Omaha AASR
- 28 Special Purpose Lodge - Elkhorn

November

- 1 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - Lincoln
- 3 Tangier Breakfast - Omaha
- 3 Rob Morris No. 46 Awards Dinner - Kearney
- 8 AASR 8th Degree - Lincoln
- 14 Osceola Lodge No. 65 - Osceola
- 15 Alliance Meeting - Alliance
- 16 AASR 8th Degree - Alliance
- 20 Sojourners - Omaha
- 21 AASR 8th Degree - Omaha
- 22 Daughters of the Nile Dinner - Lincoln

December

- 5 Web redesign meeting - Grand Lodge office, Lincoln
- 7 Omadi Lodge – Sioux City
- 11 Fremont Home Board meeting - Fremont
- 14 York Rite Christmas event - Plattsmouth
- 17 Magnolia Lodge No. 220 Special Meeting - Fremont
- 18 Master Mason Degree; Mizpah Lodge No. 302 - Omaha
- 20 Liberty Lodge No. 300 meeting – Grand Lodge office, Lincoln
- 27 Saints John Lodge No. 331 - Omaha
- 30 Renaissance Lodge UD - Elkhorn

January

- 4 Mizpah Lodge No. 302 Installation - Omaha
- 7 Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting - Plattsmouth
- 8 Fremont Home Board Meeting - Fremont
- 15 Meeting with Micah Evans - Grand Lodge office Lincoln
- 21 Tabula Rasa Installation - Lincoln

NECROLOGY

As of this date, it has been reported that 334 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home in 2013. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain Donald Rife 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 five Cornerstone ceremonies were held:

Grand Island – May 23 – Lincoln Public Pool
Host Lodge: Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Master: Justin T. Richardson

Tekamah – May 25 – Public Library
Host Lodge: Tekamah Lodge No. 31
Master: Ronald D. Grass

Omaha – June 8 – Florence Lodge No. 281 Rededication
Host Lodge: Florence Lodge No. 281
Master: David L. Rose

Lincoln – June 9 – Grand Lodge Office Building
Host Lodge: Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332
Master: Shane T. Rhian

Plattsmouth – August 8 – The Nebraska Masonic Home Addition
Host Lodge: Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Master: Dwight D. Rose

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

Amend **Section 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Section 2-207 - CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall meet with the Lodge Leadership Committee at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

After cancellation, upon request by the continuing lodge and approval by the Grand Master, the surrendered charter or charters may be loaned to the requesting lodge for continued historical purposes and display. The Secretary of the continuing lodge shall give written receipt therefor. Any such cancelled charters shall be returned to the Grand Secretary on demand.

Recommendation No. 2

Amend **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** 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. 2-402 – PROFICIENCY – All those hereinafter initiated, passed, and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. Such examination shall consist of:

1. Completion of a study of the Standard Proficiency Manual following each degree received.

2. Verification by the Worshipful Master that the candidate has expressed knowledge of the material in the manual by answering, in his own words, the questions listed for the degree in which he is being examined.

3. Successful completion by the candidate of an examination in open lodge, consisting of *reciting the obligation of each degree from memory, and of* answering questions from the First Section Lectures of the degrees as follows:

E.A. Degree – Starting with the words, “Give me a sign” and ending with giving of the “word.”

F.C. Degree – Starting with the words, “Have you any signs ...” and continuing to the end of the lecture.

M.M. Degree – Starting with the words, “Have you any signs...” and continuing to the end of the lecture.

No other Proficiency Examination shall be ~~recognized~~ *required* in this Grand Jurisdiction. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question; “The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?” and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

When a candidate for advancement fails to pass a satisfactory examination, the Master may direct him to become proficient and again present himself for examination.

Examination of all those hereinafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown. When a Master Mason has complied with the provisions of this section, a diploma shall be issued by the subordinate lodge of which he is a member, on the form prescribed by Grand Lodge.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.

When a candidate is initiated, passed and raised in a single day, he shall return to the lodge with which his petition was filed and prove to the Master that he has completed all the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in this section before he may receive his diploma as prescribed above.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

Recommendation No. 3

Amend the fifth paragraph of **Section 2-402 – PROFICIENCY** by adding certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows; and adding a new

Section 2-402(a) – ADDITIONAL PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-402 – PROFICIENCY –

Fifth paragraph:

No other Proficiency Examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction, *except that a subordinate lodge may petition the Committee on Work to permit additional proficiency pursuant to 2-402(a).* After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote, the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question: “The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?” and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

2-402(a) - ADDITIONAL PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS – *A subordinate lodge may petition the Committee on Work to allow additional proficiency requirements of candidates in that lodge, provided:*

5. *The petition must contain the specific additional proficiency requirements proposed.*
6. *The petition must set out a plan to mentor candidates on the additional proficiency, by a member of the lodge who has previously completed the requirements of Section 2-402, and contain the agreement of at least three members of the lodge who have previously completed the requirements of Section 2-402 to mentor candidates.*
7. *A proposed petition to allow additional proficiency requirements must be presented to the lodge at a regular meeting and laid over for one month before voting. The proposed petition must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the lodge to be submitted to the Committee on Work.*
8. *These requirements for additional proficiency will apply to all candidates in the lodge.*

A denial of a petition by the Committee on Work may be appealed by the Lodge to the Grand Master. The decision of the Grand Master shall be final.

Recommendation No. 4

Amend the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by adding a new **Section 2-808 – PUBLIC RECORDS VERIFICATION**; amend **Section 3-911 – PAYMENT AFTER THREE YEARS** and **Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP** by adding and deleting certain language, so that such sections, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized and the deleted language stricken:

Sec. 2-808 –PUBLIC RECORDS VERIFICATION – *A public records verification, consisting of a review of any available public records, will be obtained for all petitioners seeking to receive the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as those petitioners submitting an application for reinstatement or for affiliation from a parent lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction. The public records verification will be obtained*

by the Grand Lodge office, and the results thereof will be furnished only to the Grand Master and the Worshipful Master of the subordinate lodge receiving the petition. The Worshipful Master is required to forward the report to the Investigating Committee. The records verification shall be completed within ten business days of receipt of the request for verification by the Grand Lodge office. Neither the Investigating Committee nor the subordinate lodge may act on a pending petition until the records verification is received by the subordinate lodge. The records verification is intended to assist the Investigating Committee and should not be regarded as determinative of any petition. Neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge office will retain copies of any records so obtained.

The form of the Petition to receive the degrees of Masonry and the Petition for Reinstatement shall advise petitioners that a public records verification will be conducted, and that their signature on the petition will constitute consent to such records verification. The Petitioner shall pay a nonrefundable records verification fee in the amount of \$25 which the lodge will pass on to the Grand Lodge to pay for the cost of the verification. The Grand Lodge shall pay any additional expense of the records verification.

Sec. 3-911 – PAYMENT AFTER THREE YEARS – If the dues for which a brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid or remitted within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except upon favorable secret written ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master. Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by the dues for the year for which suspended and the dues for the current year, *and the fee associated with the public records verification referenced in Section 2-808.* It shall be the duty of the lodge in which such applicant shall have been suspended, to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection with such application and submit the same to the Grand Master with such application, so that as far as possible he may arrive at a full understanding whether such applicant will probably become a charge on the Fraternity.

Sec. 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP –

Second Paragraph:

The petition for affiliation as a plural member in a subordinate lodge must state the name, age, and residence of the applicant, and the name and number and location of the parent lodge of which said petitioner is a member; petition must be signed by the petitioner and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the lodge to which the petition is addressed, and shall be governed by the same procedure relating to regular petitions for affiliation. *A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a parent lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction authorized by law shall be subject to the public records verification and fees associated therewith referenced in Section 2-808.*

If Recommendation No. 4 passes, the following Sections must also be amended in the following ways to change references to the petition process.

Amend **Section 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER** 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. 2-907 – REJECTED PETITIONER – A rejected petitioner for initiation, advancement or admission, must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the petitioner shall be reported as rejected. Notice of such rejection shall be communicated to the petitioner by the Secretary and *the initiation fee ~~any fees~~ accompanying such petition shall be returned to the petitioner with such communication. The public records verification fee shall not be refunded.*

Amend **Section 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-911 – LAPSED ELECTION – One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition which must follow the same course as an original petition, *with an exception to the public records verification outlined in Section 2-808.* In no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once.

Amend **Section 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS** by adding certain language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Sec. 2-913 – ALTERNATE PETITION AND ELECTION PROCESS – As an alternative to Section 2-903, any three (3) Master Masons, members of the subordinate lodge seeking to exercise the procedures of the Section 2-913, may propose a candidate for initiation by presenting a Recommendation of a Candidate for the Degrees of Masonry signed by all three of said proposers, whose signatures shall be attested by the secretary of the lodge, which form of recommendation shall be in the form provided by the Grand Secretary and which form of recommendation must have attached thereto the regular petition form then in use in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska and available from the Grand Lodge Office, provided however, that the petition shall be in draft form and shall not be signed by the proposed candidate and may otherwise be incomplete. The three proposers shall constitute the investigating committee and the Master shall make declaration of their appointment. At the stated meeting of the subordinate lodge next following the proposal of the candidate, the petition will be balloted on, with a favorable vote being subject to subsequent completion of the petition by the proposed candidate, *including the public records verification outlined in Section 2-808, along with satisfactory answers to the questions posed on the petition including, but not limited to a belief in a Supreme Being, and questions as to health, financial responsibility, not having been rejected in another lodge within the time period set out in the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, and the completed petition must be signed by the candidate and applicable fees paid prior to his presenting himself for initiation. After election, the Master shall direct one or more of the three proposers to inform the proposed candidate that he has been proposed, has been elected, and is invited to present himself for initiation upon completion of and signing of the form of petition. The petition must be signed and a public records verification referenced in Section 2-808 completed.* The petition must be completed, signed and returned to the secretary of the lodge within 60 days of the election of the candidate and such return date shall be certified by the lodge secretary. In the event such petition is not completed and returned within such 60 day period, such draft petition shall be null and void and such finding shall be declared by the Master and an entry as to such action recorded in the records of the lodge. In the event of an unfavorable vote, as the candidate did not make the initial application, he will have no knowledge of such rejection and accordingly such proposed candidate would not be

subject to a three year hold as being the material of the lodge as set out in Section 2-906; he would not be notified in any form whatsoever of the proposal of a draft petition nor the rejection as provided by Section 2-907; and, he would not be subject to any time limit as set out in Section 2-908 for submission of a petition under his own initiative, but no re-proposal under the provisions of this Section 2-913 by any three members of the subject subordinate lodge may be made until the expiration of not less than six (6) months from the time of the initial unfavorable ballot.

Recommendation No. 5

Amend **Section 2-604 – DUES CARDS – HOW PREPARED** – 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. 2-604 – DUES CARDS - HOW PREPARED – The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found ~~on page 102 of~~ *in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913 2014*, printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be computer generated in the office of the Grand Lodge and furnished to each subordinate lodge without charge to the lodge.

If Recommendation No. 5 passes, the text printed on the dues cards will be updated in the following manner, and this text will be inserted into the Proceedings for 2014:

The text contained in the following form of receipts for dues is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the use of any other form after January 1, 2015, is prohibited; all blank receipts for dues must be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary.

(face text)

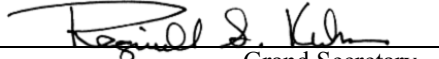
It is hereby certified that Brother _____	No. _____
Whose signature appears <i>below</i> on the back hereof , is a Master Mason	
In _____	Lodge No. _____ A.:F.: & A.:M.:
Located at _____, Nebraska.	
And has paid dues to December 31, 20 _____	
Date _____, 20 _____	
_____ Signature of Brother to Whom Issued	

(back text)

This is to certify, under the facsimile of the *signature of the Grand Secretary and Seal of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: & A.:M.: ,* that:

The lodge to which this receipt was issued is a lawful lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, working under and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the facsimile of whose seal appears hereon. This form is the only legal receipt for dues that can be issued in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and is not valid unless it bears the signature *on the front* of the brother to whom it is issued ~~and the seal of the lodge that issued it.~~





 Grand Secretary

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On February 20, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn to increase the annual dues and make the provisions regarding automatic suspension for nonpayment of dues consistent with that of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On April 23, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Arcana Lodge No. 195 in Gordon to change the date of the regular communication.

On August 5, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Highland Lodge No. 194 in Cortland to increase the annual dues and make the provisions regarding automatic suspension for nonpayment of dues consistent with that of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On September 6, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 in Mitchell to increase the annual dues.

On September 23, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to increase the degree fees and annual dues, and to make the provisions regarding automatic suspension for nonpayment of dues consistent with that of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On October 16, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Aurora Lodge No. 68 in Aurora to increase the annual dues.

On November 13, 2013, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to clean up grammar, add the Chaplain as a lodge officer, separate the Membership Sustaining Committee from the Finance Committee, add a Masonic Education Committee, change the Secretary stipend from annual to monthly, correct section references and fee dollar amounts, and to clarify delinquent dues date.

On December 17, 2013, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney to change the time of the regular communication, clean up language regarding the Masonic Temple Association, audit committee, surety bond, reading of petitions, add language regarding the membership sustaining committee and increase the annual dues and degrees fees.

On December 31, 2013, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of McCook Lodge No. 135 in McCook to change the date of the regular communications.

On January 14, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to change the amount paid to the secretary for services.

On January 29, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Wayne Lodge No. 120 in Wayne to change the day of the regular monthly communication.

On February 3, 2014, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to change the time of the regular monthly communication, add committees required by the Grand Lodge Bylaws, increase the fees charged for degrees, and to bring other various sections into compliance with the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS AND EXTINCTION

As the population shrinks in some of the small communities, we continue to see more and more consolidations.

I approved the following consolidations:

Wisner Lodge No. 114, Wisner, merged with Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton, effective February 25, 2013.

Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson, merged with Garfield Lodge No. 95, Garfield, effective March 11, 2013.

On June 12, 2013, I declared the extinction of Barneston Lodge No. 165 in Barneston, Nebraska, after it was determined to be no longer performing the functions of a lodge under the bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It was ordered that the charter and seal of Barneston Lodge were to be returned to the Grand Lodge A.:F.: and A.:M.: of Nebraska.

Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point, merged with Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland, effective September 27, 2013.

Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood, merged with Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, effective January 3, 2014.

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.

Date	Host Lodge	Location	No. of Candidates
April 27, 2013	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	Omaha	15
October 26, 2013	Papillion Lodge No. 39	Papillion	11
March 8, 2014	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	Omaha	15 approved

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-day conferral will be limited to not more than fifteen (15);
- b. The number of candidates who may attend the one-day conferral from any one lodge is limited to three (3);
- c. A public records criminal history check will be obtained on each candidate by the Grand Lodge Office, a copy of which will be provided to the investigating committee at the home lodge of the candidate. The fee for such public records criminal history check shall be paid by the candidate. The fee for the public records criminal history check shall be determined annually by the Grand Master and set out on the List of Candidates described in paragraph (d) below;
- d. A minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the degrees, the enclosed List of Candidates form must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office, along with the fee stated thereon to cover the public records criminal history check for all listed candidates;
- e. The top line signer of each candidate's petition or the candidate's assigned mentor must be present at all degree work. Each candidate must have a different top line signer or assigned mentor present at the degrees.
- f. Prior to the degree work being started, a count will be made to ensure that each candidate has a unique mentor. If the candidate does not have a unique mentor, then they cannot proceed with the degree work. It is the responsibility of the Host Lodge to ensure this requirement for mentors is followed.
- g. 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;
- h. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- i. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge within thirty days of his conferral;
- j. Each candidate will be instructed that he must return to his home lodge and prove to the Master that he has completed all of the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals within the time period allowed in Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, and receive his diploma;
- k. Each candidate will be instructed that he must wait thirty (30) days to apply for membership in any Nebraska Masonic appendant body, and that the requirements of paragraphs (h) and (i) above must be completed prior to any application being made.
- l. The attached checklist for the roles of the conferral will be completed prior to commencement of the degrees. Said list will be returned to the Grand Lodge Office at least one week prior to the conferral; and
- m. The secretary of the host lodge will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral the completed copy of the List of Candidates form with signatures of those who completed the work. Said form shall be certified by the supervising Member of the Committee on Work, Deputy Grand Custodian or Grand Lodge Officer as to the attendance of the first line petition signer for each candidate and completion of the work. The secretary of the host lodge will also notify the secretaries of lodges for whom courtesy work was given of the names of those candidates who completed the work.

Further, as provided by Sections 2-402 and 2-1202 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, I granted dispensation and approved the request of Magnolia Lodge No. 220 of Emerson, Nebraska to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees on more than one candidate at one time on Saturday, August 17, 2013 to be held at Morningside Lodge No. 615 in Sioux City, Iowa, with work performed by Iowa member degree teams. Joint approval was given by the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Date	Host Lodge	Location	No. of Candidates
August 17, 2013	Magnolia Lodge No. 220	Sioux City, IA	15

This approval was 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-day conferral will be limited to not more than fifteen (15);
- b. A public records criminal history check will be obtained on each candidate by the Grand Lodge Office, a copy of which will be provided to the investigating committee at the home lodge of the candidate. The \$20 fee for such public records criminal history check shall be paid by the candidate and submitted to the Grand Lodge.
- c. The top line signer of each candidate's petition or the candidate's assigned mentor must be present at all degree work. Each candidate must have a different top line signer or assigned mentor present at the degrees.
- d. Each candidate will be instructed using the Standard Proficiency Manual of Nebraska work for each degree, and will be required to pass a proficiency examination before proceeding to the next degree;
- e. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge within thirty days of his conferral;
- f. Each candidate will be instructed that he must return to his home lodge and prove to the Master that he has completed all of the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manuals of Nebraska work within the time period allowed in Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, and receive his diploma;
- g. Each candidate will be instructed that he must wait thirty (30) days to apply for membership in any Nebraska Masonic appendant body, and that the requirements of paragraphs (e) and (f) above must be completed prior to any application being made.
- h. The secretary of Magnolia Lodge No. 220 will forward to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the conferral a complete list of all candidates in attendance that completed the work.

PERMISSIONS, DISPENSATIONS AND ORDERS

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

On February 5, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to install their 2013 Senior and Junior Stewards out of time.

On February 5, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Masonic Service Association to obtain a list of Nebraska lodge secretaries, deputy grand custodians and Grand Lodge officers and addresses for the purpose of updating their mailing list for the Short Talk Bulletin.

On February 5, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn to install their 2013 Treasurer out of time.

On February 6, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 I Lincoln to install their 2013 Senior Warden and Chaplain out of time.

On February 11, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 in Burwell to install their 2013 Treasurer, Chaplain and Junior Deacon out of time.

On February 11, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont to install their 2013 Senior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On February 12, 2012, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte to obtain a list of members and contact information from select lodges in western Nebraska for the purpose of sending an invitation to a friendship dinner.

On February 12, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Comet Lodge No. 229 in Ceresco to install their 2013 Senior Steward out of time.

On February 13, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to The Nebraska Masonic Home to send an email to all Nebraska lodges regarding a Spring fundraiser and Valentine message.

On February 26, 2013, for good reasons shown, I issued a resolution suspending fraternal relations with the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria.

On March 14, 2013, 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 March 15, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to North Bend Lodge No. 119 I North Bend to obtain the names and email addresses for Nebraska Masons in counties near North Bend for the purpose of sending information and asking for help with a candidate event.

On April 2, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to The Nebraska Masonic Home to obtain the names and email addresses for Nebraska Masons for the purpose of electronic delivery of the HourGlass publication and other event notifications, with the condition that no solicitations be sent.

On April 8, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to install their 2013 Junior Deacon out of time.

On April 11, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Scottish Rite in Sioux City, Iowa, to obtain the names and contact information for members of lodges in South Sioux City and Walthill for the purpose of inviting them to a festive board.

On April 12, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to North Bend Lodge No. 119 in North to send information to area lodges for the purpose of inviting members to a table lodge.

On April 16, 2013, 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 22, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Grand Historian to obtain a list of 70-plus-year Nebraska members and contact information for the purpose of setting up a schedule to obtain oral histories from the brothers.

On April 29, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings to move their charter on May 4, 2013, to an outdoor location near Blue Hill, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an outdoor Master Mason's Degree.

On May 8, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the George Washington Masonic Memorial to obtain a list of Nebraska members and addresses for the purpose of sending the Memorial newsletter "Light."

On May 8, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to move their charter on June 4, 2013 to a farm 2 miles east and one and one-half miles north of Geneva, for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge meeting.

On May 10, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings to move their charter on May 18, 2013, to an outdoor location near Blue Hill, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an outdoor Master Mason Degree.

On May 20, 2013, 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 11, 2013, to an isolated outdoor setting at Brother Walter Johnson's ranch, for the purpose of holding an outdoor lodge meeting.

On June 4, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln to move their charter on June 9, 2013, to the Grand Lodge Office Building, for the purpose of holding a cornerstone ceremony.

On June 4, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-1202, I granted dispensation to Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance to confer the Fellow Craft Degree on more than five candidates at the same time on June 20, 2013, subject to certain conditions.

On June 4, 2013, pursuant to section Article X, Section 1(e) I convened a special meeting of Barneston Lodge No. 165 on June 12, 2013 for the purpose of discussing the future of the lodge.

On June 10, 2013, 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 June 10, 2013, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of George W. Linger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On June 11, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to send a flyer to all western Nebraska lodges regarding the lodge golf tournament.

On June 26, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln to move their charter on June 25, 2013, to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Building, for the purpose of holding a charter night dinner.

On July 16, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to move their charter on August 10, 2013, to a cabin located a few miles west of Seward, for the purpose of holding an outdoor Master Mason degree.

On July 16, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-614, I granted permission to Beatrice Lodge No. 26 in Beatrice to enter into an agreement with Pinnacle Bank for a short-term construction line of credit, for the purpose of purchasing a new lodge building.

On July 16, 2013, I waived the 30-day waiting period for joining appendant bodies for those candidates in the October 26, 2013 one-day class wishing to join the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite at the November 21, 2013 reunion, with the conditions that the Masters of the candidates' lodges must submit a letter to the Grand Lodge at least 7 days prior to the reunion certifying that the candidates had signed the lodge bylaws, attended a lodge meeting and fulfilled the requirements of Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On July 19, 2013, I granted permission to loan to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield the cancelled charter of Golden Rule Lodge No. 236 in Allen which consolidated with Corinthian Lodge for the purpose of properly displaying it in a viewing area for historical purposes, with a notation stating that the charter is on loan from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

On July 22, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite to obtain a list names and addresses of Nebraska members raised within the last three years in Lincoln and surrounding area lodges for the purpose of sending membership information.

On July 25, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Omaha Lodge No. 288 in Omaha to permanently move their charter to 4905 S. 131st Street in Omaha, for the purpose of moving the location of the lodge.

On August 1, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Thistle Lodge No. 61 in Lexington to move their charter on August 13, 2013, to a high hill overlooking the Platte Valley located eight miles south of Lexington, for the purpose of conducting the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On August 22, 2013, 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 August 27, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 in Stromsburg to send a flyer to all Nebraska lodge secretaries regarding a lodge fund raiser.

On August 27, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to send an invitation to all southeastern Nebraska lodges regarding the Blue Lodge Ball.

On August 29, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 9, 2013, to a location in Davey for the purpose of conducting a pasture lodge.

On September 17, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 in Plattsmouth to move their charter on October 10, 2013, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the purpose of conducting a Fellow Craft degree.

On September 17, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to move their charter on September 21, 2013, to a location 7 miles west and north of Osceola, for the purpose of conducting an outdoor Master Mason degree.

On September 18, 2013, 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 20, 2013, pursuant to Article X, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I suspended the Secretary of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln for good reasons shown.

On October 7, 2013, I granted permission for the Grand Lecturers of Kansas to attend schools of instruction to be conducted within our grand jurisdiction, and additionally granted permission to those Grand Lecturers to communicate directly with our Grand Custodian for the purpose of coordinating the details of attendance.

On October 15, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 in Kearney to move their charter on October 19, 2013, to a location north and east of Kearney, for the purpose of conducting an outdoor Master Mason degree.

On October 17, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Beatrice Lodge No. 26 in Beatrice to permanently move their charter to 130 N. 7th Street in Beatrice to change the location of the Lodge.

On October 18, 2013, in accordance with Article X, Section 1 and Section 2-514, I ordered the officers of Falls City Lodge No. 9 in Falls City to deliver all delinquent paperwork and monies to the Grand Lodge office no later than November 22, 2013 by the close of business or the charter of the lodge would be arrested.

On October 18, 2013, in accordance with Article X, Section 1 and Section 2-514, I ordered the officers of Hiram Lodge No. 52 in Arlington to deliver all delinquent paperwork and monies to the Grand Lodge office no later than November 22, 2013 by the close of business or the charter of the lodge would be arrested.

On November 1, 2013, I approved a waiver of the per capita payment for a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln who is a member of the military stationed in a combat zone.

On November 1, 2013, in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, Section 2, I granted dispensation for the establishment of a new lodge in Omaha named Albert Pike Lodge U.D.

On November 4, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I gave permission to Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to send a flyer to all Lincoln lodge secretaries and all Grand Lodge Officers regarding a concert fund raiser.

On November 4, 2013, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the George Washington Masonic Memorial to obtain a list of Nebraska members and addresses for the purpose of sending the Memorial newsletter "Light."

On November 7, 2013, as a result of failure to properly complete requirements for a one-day conferral, I ordered that Papillion Lodge No. 39 is prohibited from hosting or enrolling its own candidates in any one-day conferral for a minimum length of one

calendar year and until such time such order shall be rescinded by a subsequent Grand Master of Masons.

On November 7, 2013, as a result of failure to properly complete requirements for a one-day conferral, I ordered that Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln is prohibited from hosting or enrolling its own candidates in any one-day conferral for a minimum length of one calendar year and until such time such order shall be rescinded by a subsequent Grand Master of Masons.

On November 8, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to elect their 2014 officers out of time.

On November 12, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Beatrice Lodge No. 26 in Beatrice to elect their 2014 Worshipful Master out of time.

On November 13, 2013, in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, Section 2, I granted dispensation for the establishment of a new special purpose lodge named Renaissance Lodge U.D.

On November 20, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on January 11, 2014, to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, for the purpose of holding an installation of the 2014 lodge officers.

On November 27, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Wallace Lodge No. 279 in Wallace to elect their 2014 officers out of time.

On December 4, 2013, having received notification that the member elected Worshipful Master of Magnolia Lodge No. 220 in Emerson had not previously served as a Warden, I ordered the lodge to either provide proof that the brother had been installed as a Warden in a previous year, or hold an election for Worshipful Master at their next regular communication, waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Magnolia Lodge No. 220 to hold an election out of time.

On December 9, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to elect their 2014 Secretary out of time.

On December 11, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Victory Lodge No. 310 in Valley to install their 2014 Junior Warden out of time.

On December 13, 2013, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to install their 2014 Senior Warden out of time.

On December 17, 2013, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Magnolia Lodge No. 220 in Emerson to move their charter on December 17, 2013, to Fremont Lodge No. 15, for the purpose of holding a regular communication.

On January 13, 2014, 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 15, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 in Omaha to move their charter on January 18, 2014, to Papillion Lodge No. 39, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On January 17, 2014, granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow to install their 2014 Junior Steward out of time.

On January 20, 2014, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha, to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On January 24, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln to move their charter on Friday, February 7, 2014, to the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska, for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On January 29, 2014, granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to install their 2014 Senior Steward out of time.

On January 31, 2014, granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to install their 2014 Junior Warden out of time.

On January 31, 2014, granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to install their 2014 Treasurer and Chaplain out of time.

On February 3, 2014, granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to install their 2014 Junior Warden 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. As Grand Master, I did not want to sign my name to reinstate any brother to the craft unless I knew something about him and the circumstances which led to his suspension. To do otherwise would have been disregarding the obligation I have to preserve the high morals and integrity of the craft. Therefore, prior to approving of any of the following for reinstatement, a public records verification was performed.

January 15, 2013	William J. Reinsch	Geneva Lodge No. 79
April 23, 2013	Robert J. Watson	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
April 23, 2013	Anthony R. Brown	Springfield Lodge No. 112
September 23, 2013	Keith B. Edquist, Jr.	Florence Lodge No. 281
September 23, 2013	Robert A. Meek	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
October 1, 2013	David M. Gaba	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
November 8, 2013	Jerry D. Frye	Liberty Lodge No. 300
November 12, 2013	Timothy J. Quass	Covert Lodge No. 11
November 27, 2013	Larry L. Jess	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
December 13, 2013	Neal E. Shull	Fremont Lodge No. 15
December 16, 2013	Michael L. Dunlop	Omadi Lodge No. 5
January 14, 2014	Gregory W. Luft	Lancaster No. 54
January 14, 2014	Pedro P. Burnier	Lancaster No. 54
January 14, 2014	Johnny P. Lempke	Laurel No. 248
January 29, 2014	Fred H. Best	North Bend No. 119

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

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 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. The individual was found not guilty by the Commission.

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:

- April 8, 2013.....David L. Mullen
Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
- May 10, 2013.....Joseph Johnson
Arcadia Lodge No. 249, Iowa
- September 17, 2013.....Matthew F. Poast
Humanity Lodge No. 378, Iowa
- September 17, 2013.....Joseph Sinnot
Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
- October 14, 2013.....Demario Holley
Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
- October 14, 2013.....Christopher Hopper
Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
- November 27, 2013.....Jason Day
Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa
- January 27, 2014.....Vladimir Landman
Landmark Lodge No. 103, Sioux City, Iowa

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I want to again thank all the Brethren and others that have helped me along the way for the support, friendship and brotherly love you've extended to me. This year has gone by quickly but I will never forget the many wonderful experiences I've had in the Grand East.

My Brothers, this thing called Masonry needs our attention and effort. We all know we have challenges to overcome but one thing is for sure...complaining is not a strategy! We must, each and every one of us, take action and work for the betterment and preservation of Masonry and by doing so we will improve ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Hauder
Grand Master

Following his remarks, Grand Master Hauder made a motion that the printed address of the Grand Master be consolidated with the supplemental address of the Grand Master 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

Lowell C. Erickson, Chairman

The committee received six requests for assistance this year. Four were from Brothers from Nebraska in good standing, one was from a distressed Brother from Florida on his way to a job in California, and the final one is a Jobie from Ohio who is battling cancer.

At the All Committee Meeting in April, the committee developed guidelines for asking for assistance. This included an application form which requires the signature of the Lodge Secretary.

We continue to raise funds by conducting a raffle of a beautiful Masonic quilt, made by Brother Kevin Lindly’s mother, and selling a red silk tie at Annual Communication. We also are selling other merchandise at our Masonic Relief booth at the session.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell C. Erickson, 251, Chairman
Alvin O. Benemerito, 136 & 331
John T. Maxell, 327, 6 & 331
James M. Sklenar, 112
Stanley Thayer, 50

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

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS

M.: W.:B.: Grand Master Hauder asked R.: W.:B.: Joe D. McBride for his Address in anticipation of serving as Grand Master in 2014.

“Thank you, Most Worshipful. I thank you so much for this opportunity to be up here. It’s been a long time coming. I’ve been very humbled to have the ability to perform the duties of a Grand Lodge officer. I need to thank a lot of people but I’m not going to thank you by name because I’ll forget somebody. There have been too many of you – all 11,000+ Masons across the state of Nebraska. What a wonderful experience this has been, and going to continue to be. It’s been a learning experience. I learn every single day something new, something about Masonry, something new about mankind. I have a wonderful group of officers that I work with. Their abilities are profound. It’s just amazing. The things that they come up with, the ideas, each and every one of you brings something else to the table. I had written a speech. I’m not very good at writing speeches. I don’t like that. I’m maybe not the best at delivering speeches, but I love Masonry.

As a Master Mason, we are often asked if we are a traveling man. This question can be taken literally and figuratively. I’m sure that many of you have travelled many, many physical miles across this state and across other states as well to attend this Annual Communication. Others may just live across the town, like Ron Nielsen, you know, he drives a couple miles and he’s here. No problem. But many of you have driven three, four hundred miles to come and attend this weekend. We have members from my home lodge that travel 45 miles each way just to come to lodge once a month, just to spend an evening of sharing the secrets and lies of a Master Mason with our other Brethren.

So what is it that makes these men go to this kind of effort and sacrifice? It's not the money. It's not the fame, nor the glory. All of these are basically non-existent in the world of freemasonry. No, it's not these things. So what could it be that we are in search of? Now, I refer here to Tony Robbins, who's a life coach and a self-help guru. He identifies six human needs that all people try to fulfill. These needs are: certainty, assurance that we can avoid pain and gain pleasure; uncertainty, the need for variety, the unknown, change, and new stimuli; significance, we need to feel unique, important, special or needed; we need love or connection, a strong feeling of closeness or union with someone or something; and then growth, an expansion of capacity, capability or understanding; and contribution, a sense of service and focus on helping, giving to and supporting others. Now, the first four of these needs are identified as needs of a personality, and most of these are attained by most people. The means of attaining these needs is something sketchy, or can sometimes be sketchy and often obtained by unscrupulous ways. We're blessed with the tools of Masonry to hopefully provide good men with the rule and guide to reach these needs in a positive and Godly manner. The last two needs, growth and contribution, are considered needs of the spirit and provide the person with fulfillment. These two are often not obtained successfully by most people.

Now, I'm not one to believe that any man has the answers to all of our needs in life, but I think this list covers pretty much what most of us need out of life. I also believe that freemasonry has the means and the infrastructure to help people fill at least parts of these needs. Good men who are willing to reach out and search for the things that we all need in our lives will at least find part of them within the walls of our local Masonic lodges and at lodges around the world.

Certainty, that they will be welcomed into the lodge with open arms. Uncertainty, by new and exciting activities and learning experiences. Significance, by being initiated, passed and raised, and later traveling through the chairs as the opportunity may possibly arise for you. Love, connection by being in a group of men who they could call their Brothers and friends. We share a bond which cannot be broken. These first four needs should be easily met by our local lodges. Let all of us make sure that we are offering these things to each and every member on every trip that they make to the lodge. Welcome them with open arms.

The next two, growth and contribution, are areas that our lodges have a unique advantage to fulfill over more organizations. We're lucky here. Growth is that which each of us is in search of. Knowledge and learning is something that we are promised during our degrees. We are presented beautiful lectures full of vast and beautiful information which we are expected to learn and advance in Masonry and life. Many of us probably didn't even know that we were in search of such information, but apparently not only wanted it, but we also needed it. And least, according to Mr. Robbins, contribution is an area that Masons have an advantage in. We are bound in our obligations to help, aid and assist others. This also fills a need that many of us may not have known that we had, but evidently it did exist. We need to give back.

Okay, so we all know what our needs are and we know that we, as Masons in our local lodges, have these tools to help these men fulfill these needs. The biggest question that arises, to me is, "Are we using the tools that we have to make these men get out of their recliners and into their means of travel and

come to lodge and search out that which was lost?" That is what we need to do. Are we offering the certainty of a quality meeting with a friendly atmosphere? Are we stimulating our senses and offering a variety of programs to hold their attention? Do we allow each of our members to feel important, unique and needed? And are we truly acting like Brothers and extending our hands for a feeling of brotherly love and affection? Are we nurturing our votaries so that they may grow in understanding, capability and capacity? And lastly, are we allowing and encouraging all of our members to contribute through service and contributions to our many causes, whether they be the homes, the youth groups, our local Brothers in need, or any of the other great causes in Masonry?

I challenge each and every Mason across the state of Nebraska and throughout our great continent to go back home to your local lodges, examine your programs and your agendas, make sure and ask the question, "Are we truly offering the things that these travelers need, or are we just going home and paying the bills and reading the minutes?" If we're fulfilling these needs, Brothers, I think you will also find that they are filling the needs of the lodge. Active Brothers are happy Brothers. So I challenge you, each one of you, to put on your traveling shoes and go in search of that which was lost. Bring them to lodge, Brothers. Let's go to work.

I thank each and one of you for this opportunity to be before you today. Thank you."

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

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

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

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

The gavel was presented to R.:W.: Joe D. McBride and Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 in Ainsworth.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.:B.: Hauder 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
- Grand Lodge Office
- Public Relations
- Lodge Leadership
- Membership
- Grievances
- Awards
- Internet and Computer Technology
- Nebraska Masonic Heritage
- Change for the Troops
- East Grand Master's Masonic Charities Activity Committee
- 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 mission of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee is to offer, to the Masons of Nebraska, more light in Masonry. The dedicated members of the committee deliver this despite a limited budget, and some very hard work.

Every year, the committee launches the coming year at the Annual Communication with the Masonic Education Breakfast. The committee appreciates the following of the Masons in Nebraska and the positive remarks the committee has received. 2014 marks the 14th year the Masonic Breakfast will be held. In the past, and hopefully in the future, the committee has produced an education presentation unequalled in Nebraska.

As a part of the Masonic Education Breakfast, the committee has continued to make the annual Masonic Book reading recommendations. These books mostly are Masonic related, but sometimes promote leadership, changing, promotion and organization. Many books are offered by Macoy Masonic Supply Company. This recommended reading list will again appear in 2014 and will be announced at the Masonic Education Breakfast.

The Masonic Education Symposiums do not draw the numbers, but continue to draw quality Masons who do want More Light in Masonry. These symposiums are presented at several locations. The committee thanks the lodges and valleys who volunteer to support the committee in this task. These Symposiums open up discussion about Masonry and of course, the Masonic Jeopardy game.

“To Light” is a permanent fixture in the Nebraska Mason. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Larry Jacobsen, John Parsons, and others, Masonic Education is delivered to the mailboxes of all Nebraska Masons. Professional articles about Masonic related subjects are one of the hottest read Masonic information in Nebraska. This project, when

first addressed, was intended to deliver two issues a year. Thanks to utilizing the Nebraska Mason as a delivery method, four issues a year are being delivered.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (Saints John Lodge) continues to meet and generate important Masonic education opportunities to Nebraska Masons. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. More information about this Lodge will be available at the 2014 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two meetings a year.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee continues to support the Midwest Masonic Education Conference. The conference in 2013 was held in Canada. The committee was able to send a member to both represent the Nebraska Grand Lodge, and learn new ideas from other Grand Jurisdictions.

2013's new charge from the Grand Master was to produce a Masonic Education paper for the business meetings. A quality education presentation was delivered each month of the year, to be read at the business meetings. It was then encouraged that a discussion be held after the business meeting.

Another request of the Grand Master in 2013 was to prepare a document for the newly made Mason. The title of the document was "The Newcomers Guide to Masonry." It was collaboration between the members of the committee and the Grand Master. This document is good reading for the "Rusty Mason" as well.

With all this activity on the part of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education Committee, the largest share of Masonic Education should continue to be in the subordinate lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, 287, 314, 331 & 332, Chairman
George J. Harrison, 5
W. Larry Jacobsen, 327 & 331
Donald R. Kavalec, 11
Jonathan L. Paz, 139
Michael J. Webb, 46
James M. Stull, 332, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Russell G. Reno, Chairman

Last year at Annual Communication the brethren approved an increase in the per-member payment to the George Washington Masonic Memorial from \$1 to \$1.50. This was greeted with much appreciation by the Memorial as Nebraska is the only jurisdiction to provide this amount per member. You all should take great pride in your commitment to the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This is very appropriate, since it was Nebraska Past Grand Master Warren "Duke" Lichty who initiated the Per Member Annual Contribution Campaign while serving as president of the Memorial and also secured the first per member annual contribution in the U.S. with his Nebraska brethren. This is a fitting tribute to the memory of M.W.Bro. Lichty who died May 23, 2012. The per-member annual contribution program provides budgeting stability that is essential to the ongoing health of the Memorial.

Thanks additionally are extended to lodges and brothers who have contributed to the Memorial in the past year. They include: M.W.Bro. Reg Kuhn, Randy L. Fleming, Thomas Newman, Leonard W. Steiner and M.W.Bro. Russ Reno.

A recent addition to the Memorial is the Family of Freemasonry exhibit on the third floor. Four Masonic-related organizations (Eastern Star, York Rite, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Grottoes of North America) are represented in the exhibit, and a display was created for Masonic youth groups, which was unveiled in August.

The Memorial's Board of Directors voted to extend the charter membership of the George Washington Memorial Society. The Society is comprised of brothers dedicated to supporting the Memorial and its mission. Charter Members donate \$1,000 or more to the Memorial with their original membership application, and \$250 or more per year thereafter. Charter Members receive a unique patent signifying their membership in the Society and a high-quality medal and lapel pin. Charter Members will be named on a permanent plaque in the Memorial and displayed on the web site. Eighty-six members are represented from 25 states, the District of Columbia, and three other countries. Regular Members make an initial donation of \$500 or more to the Memorial with their membership application and donate \$250 or more per year thereafter. Applications for memberships are available on the Memorial's web site.

Lodges wanting to observe W.Bro. George Washington's birthday now have a ceremony available from the Memorial to use. The ceremony follows this report and it can be found on the web site for the George Washington Memorial.

The web site (www.gwmemorial.org) was revamped to work better with tablets, computers and mobile devices. Most people now view websites with a mobile device. This will be especially important as tourists in the D.C. area will look online for information, location and directions of the Memorial. Last year, 130,000 visitors went to the Memorial's website. The Memorial also can be found in social media with about 4,000 friending the Memorial's Facebook site, and nearly 6,000 on social media.

During the past year, the Memorial continued inspections, reparation and restoration efforts. Old concrete was ground out in the joints between stones on the horizontal levels of the parapet walls and upper levels of the tower. Backing rods and re-mortaring and lead caps were installed on the horizontal joints. Work then moved to the last section, the large parapet around the second-level roof, which will take some time to complete. Work on the pyramid at the top of the tower also was completed.

The terrace walls surrounding the Memorial and the large retaining walls below the front of the Memorial are being closely monitored. One corner of the terrace wall moved more than one inch in the last 4-5 years, while the retaining wall on the east side moved more than two inches in the last two years.

Work on the replacement and moving of the interior drainage system and the re-grading of the area inside the terrace walls has proceeded. The project cost is under \$30,000, which is considerably less expensive than waiting until the walls collapse when the cost would be as much as \$250,000.

The next major project is the restoration of the heating plant and the tunnel which connects it to the Memorial. The steam pipes in the tunnel are supported by cast iron plinths and many have rusted away leaving some sections of pipes hanging in mid-air. The supports will be encased in concrete to provide a permanent restoration.

This report includes the latest progress, programs and repairs of the George Washington Masonic Memorial as an update to Nebraska's brethren about their Memorial. It was built by Masons to forever preserve the character, virtues and greatness of the greatest Mason – George Washington. Without him, and the other founding fathers

based in the tenets of Freemasonry, our country would not exist as it does today. The future of the Memorial rests in our hands. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell G. Reno, 297, 183, 332, 54 & 331, Chairman
Patrick D. Barger, 5, 54 & 332

**A Ceremony for the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birth of
Brother George Washington**

Introduction

This ceremony is written for the purpose of honoring Bro. George Washington, and is suitable for performance — with adjustments as needed — in a tyled lodge of any degree. Washington’s Birthday is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrated on the third Monday of February. His actual date of birth is February 22, 1732. Washington was our first and greatest president and his birthday is properly celebrated on February 22.

Preparation

If the lodge room includes a painting or bust of Washington, it is appropriate for it to be highlighted in some way prior to the opening of the lodge. For example, a wreath could be added to it for the occasion, or a table placed before it to display flowers, a candelabra or an electric lamp. Contact the George Washington Masonic National Memorial gift store to obtain an appropriate image of Washington for lodge display, if needed.

Note: Regulations vary. This ceremony is a template, which should be adapted to the procedures of your jurisdiction prior to any performance. Please contact your appropriate Grand Lodge representative with questions.

Ceremony

The Worshipful Master may begin by having the lodge called from labor to refreshment according to ritual specified by his jurisdiction.

WM (rising): Brethren, the time has come for us to honor the memory of Worshipful Brother George Washington, the first President of the United States. As we reverently celebrate the anniversary of his birth, I call upon each brother present to mark well his many virtues as a man and a Mason.

WM: Bro. Secretary.

Sec. (rising): Worshipful Master.

WM: You will read the Masonic roll of George Washington.

Sec.: Born, February 22, 1732.

Entered, Fredericksburg Lodge, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, November 4, 1752.

Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, March 3, 1753.

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, August 4, 1753.

Elected to serve as Charter Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, December 27, 1788.

Called to the Celestial Grand Lodge, December 14, 1799, Age 67, and for 47 years a brother of the Craft.

(Secretary is seated.)

WM: Bro. Senior Warden.

SW (rising): Worshipful Master.

WM: You will rehearse Bro... Washington’s record of achievement.

SW: Appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, 1775.

With final victory of the War of Independence, resigned his commission, 1783.
 President of the Constitutional Convention, 1786.
 Unanimously elected first President of the United States, 1788.
 Unanimously reelected to his second term as President of the United States, 1792.
 Retired from the Presidency and returned to Mt. Vernon, 1797.

(Senior Warden is seated.)

WM: Bro. Junior Warden.

JW *(rising)*: Worshipful Master.

WM: It is my will and pleasure that you speak to Bro. Washington's undying legacy.

JW: Our illustrious Brother Washington was a man of unparalleled character, as exemplary in private as he was in the public eye. In the language of Freemasonry, he was a just and upright Mason, ever walking and acting according to the noblest principles of our Craft. It is only natural that many have regarded his life as a "perfect ashlar," a true exemplification of all of the moral attributes of a sincere and authentic Master Mason.

As one of our forebears in the Craft so fittingly expressed: Washington "was indeed a paragon in Freemasonry, an exemplar of its virtues and its graces. There is no degree of moral improvement suggested by Masonic teachings to which he did not aspire, and few to which he had not attained."

Bro. Washington was indeed, as we all aspire to be, a "living stone," and to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, he remains the cornerstone of the American civilization . . . and not only so for our society, but also for those of other nations who have followed us into the manifold blessings of freedom, liberty and equality.

So is he now and so shall he ever remain American Freemasonry's "grand exemplar," whom countless Freemasons seek to emulate in their own lodges and their own communities. In the mystic tie, his exalted merits live on, met with our inalienable regard! So we honor Bro... Washington, exalt his memory and with heart and tongue celebrate his inestimable legacy to all humanity.

(Junior Warden is seated.)

WM: General Henry Lee's eulogy to George Washington, the friend of Masonry, of his Country and of Man:

"First in war — first in peace — and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and enduring scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified, and commanding, his example was as edifying to all around him as were the effects of that example lasting. To his equals he was condescending, to his inferiors kind, and to the dear object of his affections exemplarily tender; correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence, and virtue always felt his fostering hand; the purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues."

As we culminate our celebration of the birth of our Bro... George Washington, let us ever bear in mind his great works, and above all give thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his life.

••• *(all rise)* Bro. Chaplain.

Chaplain: Worshipful Master.

WM: Let us pray.

Chaplain: Most holy and glorious Lord God, thou Great Architect of heaven and earth, we ask Thy blessing and we give our thanks for your servant George Washington. We are

thankful for all that he did as a man, as a Freemason and as the father of our nation. May we always be worthy and grateful for his legacy, and may we remain free to celebrate the birth of such a good man. Amen.

Resp. So mote it be.

WM: “To Solomon, the luminary of the East, and to Washington, the glory of the West

—
May the rays of their virtues strike light to the soul of every Freemason.” *

(appropriate pause)

• *(all are seated)*

If the brethren are at refreshment, the Worshipful Master now restores the lodge to labor according to normal procedure.

About this Ceremony

This ceremonial template is provided by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the use and adaptation of lodges around the world that wish to join us in our work to inspire humanity by promoting the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the man, the Mason and the father of our country.

This ceremony may be updated from time to time. To request the latest version, contact W.Bro. Shawn Eyer, Director of Communications, at shawneyer@gwmemorial.org.

** These words are a traditional toast to Washington and King Solomon, and may be omitted here to be performed later at the festive board as an actual toast at the lodge’s discretion.*

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 .40 per mile. This mileage reimbursement rate was retained for the 2014 Masonic year.
- Grand Lodge Fixed Assets - The committee reviewed the list of fixed assets owned by the Grand Lodge. It was decided that assets no longer in use should be donated and removed from the list of assets. The items designated for removal include: a Xerox typewriter, Dell laptop from 2004, and a Dictaphone transcriber. Items added to the list of fixed assets include the building, various items of office furniture, and a Sony TV. These items arose from the purchase of a new Grand Lodge Office building in Lincoln. That purchase was completed in December 2012.
- Committee Budget - The 2014 budget request for the Grand Lodge Office Committee was set at \$100.
- 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. The 2014 premiums are projected to be as follows: \$403.86 per month health, \$114.32 per month dental, \$195.00 per year for \$50,000 life insurance. Health insurance is a reimbursement item for associated costs of coverage under plans available from each employee's spouse. The Grand Lodge Office Committee decided to stay with the same insurance companies for 2014 for dental and life insurance –MetLife and United States Life Insurance Company.

- 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 \$1100 per month for 2014. This is a decrease of \$250 per month over the 2013 fee.
- Grand Lodge Office Employees – Raises for employees of the Grand Lodge were determined and subsequently communicated to the employees.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 James F. Brown, Jr., 54 & 332, Chairman
 Christopher M. Carter, 268
 Francis L. Crowe, 56 & 79
 Rex J. Moats, 290 & 102
 Dennis L. Smith, 15
 Ex-officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, 134 & 19

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Russell G. Reno, Chairman

The Public Relations Committee scored a big success in the past year and, yet, has more to do. A cornerstone was laid for the new Grand Lodge Office on June 9. In preparation, a news kit was prepared and sent to news media which included a news release, the ceremony, detailed background on Freemasonry, and a list of previous Lincoln cornerstones. A template of this news release was provided to the Grand Lodge Office for the use of other lodges hosting cornerstones. The Committee worked closely with the Lincoln Journal Star on a feature about the cornerstone ceremony and provided information about the tradition of the ceremony, its national and state history, advantages of the new Grand Lodge Office and background about Freemasonry in Nebraska. The ceremony was attended by a reporter and photographer from the Journal Star and an article and photos highlighted the newspaper and its website the next day.

The Associated Press in Nebraska wrote an article based on the Journal Star's story and it not only was used statewide, but also across the nation. That article was seen by USA Today, and they selected it to include in their state-by-state coverage. USA Today also placed a large square and compass next to the news item. The appearance of the article and square and compass in USA Today attracted attention from Masonic and related groups across the nation, and undoubtedly non-Masonic readers also saw the symbol and read the article.

The Committee also was assigned the responsibility to prepare a video that could be used by lodges to explain the fraternity to men interested in joining. An effective video from Virginia was recommended to the Committee and the Grand Lodge of Virginia was contacted. The video had been completed several years ago and the producers of the video have since passed, making the original video unavailable for our use, although the Grand Lodge of Virginia granted us permission to use the script. While we could have downloaded it from Facebook, it wouldn't have been of sufficient quality. The script was transcribed and we will be contacting a video producer to complete the video once the needed shots are determined. This video will be part of an overall plan to market Freemasonry through a variety of media.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell G. Reno, 297, 183, 332, 54 & 331, Chairman
Gregory D. Beebe, 119
Brett R. Bennett, 6
Micah I. Evans, 281 & 268
Jerrell F. Gerdes, 264
Bill Lichtenberger, 207 & 148, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE LODGE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

John R. Fairlie, Chairman

The Lodge Leadership Committee met this year at the All Committee Meeting in Fremont, at the new Grand Lodge building in Lincoln and several times by teleconference. We completed the Lodge Leadership presentation which provides an outline and examples of tools, techniques and resources based on the Grand Lodge "10 Steps to Lodge Renewal" and the Lodge Leadership manual. This presentation is put together in such a way as to be easy to use and understand for all members of each Lodge and is designed to be practical by addressing common problems while providing realistic solutions. There is also utility if a Lodge is having difficulty in maintaining day-to-day functions or if a Lodge is looking to try something new in the community.

The Committee worked with several lodges this year as they were identified by the Grand Lodge Officers as experiencing difficulty, and considering consolidation or closing. The direction of these lodges has been variable, with some resulting in an improvement of their situation while others have chosen consolidation or are pending. The committee adamantly feels it would be more productive in helping Lodges by identifying those Lodges beginning to face difficulties and consult with them while their problems are still manageable and have the potential to be resolved. In an effort to take a more proactive stance, the Lodge Leadership Committee recommends a review of Grand Lodge statistics, Custodian and Lodge activity reports in order to more quickly and accurately identify those in need.

In conjunction with the Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Brother John Maxell, the Lodge Leadership Committee hosted a two-hour Lodge Leadership Conference at the new Grand Lodge building in Lincoln. This conference was conducted in October and extremely well attended, standing room only, by Masons from all over the region ranging from first-time Junior Deacons to three-time Past Masters. Based on our feedback from the attendees, this conference was very well received and will be hosted again next year.

The committee appreciates the dedication of the members of Lodges seeking to consolidate and those they consolidated with. All have kept as their greatest concern a viable presence of Masonry in their community and in Nebraska.

As chairman of this committee, I am pleased with the committee members' dedication and their willingness to accept the duties of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 John R. Fairlie, 1, Chairman
 Josh Foster, 6
 Jerrell F. Gerdes, 264
 Dan J. Nonneman, 317
 L. Joe Work II, 6
 Jason E. Knupp, 1 & 36, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jeffrey M. Coleman, Chairman

The membership committee was assigned three projects to work on this year. The projects were: Reworking the Retention Manual, Webinar/class on Membership and Webinar/class on Mentoring. The committee, based on feedback from our Grand Lodge representative and discussions during the initial committee meeting, focused on creating presentations that can be stored on the website and downloaded or used for a live class.

The presentations that were designed cover the following topics: creating a positive atmosphere, creating a survey, how to implement ideas and the role of the Membership Committee.

We did not accomplish all three projects during the year, but feel the presentations we developed will be useful to lodges across the state. The Committee looks forward to working on providing tools that lodges can use to increase membership in our fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeffrey M. Coleman, 39 & 302, Chairman
 James A. Carlton, 325
 Stephen C. Kennedy, 4
 Donald I. Peterson, 119
 James M. Sklenar, 112

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 2013 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
 Don C. Bottorf, 79, Chairman
 Robert D. Kinsey, 297
 Edward W. Nolte, 39 & 331
 Robert J. Parker, 317
 Jay H. Speck, 6

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Kevin R. Lindly, Chairman

The Awards Committee considered many applications for awards in 2013 and approved the awarding of nine (9) Masonic Individual Achievement Awards. The committee congratulates the recipients and would like to encourage more submissions by all lodges in 2014.

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

The Gold Pan award had four (4) submissions, compared to two (2) in 2013. The Rock Maul had eleven (11) submissions compared to ten (10) in 2013. There were eight (8) submissions for the Nebraska Pillar/Grand Master's Leadership awards compared to ten (10) in 2013.

During the All Committee meeting in April, there was work started on a new award that would encourage all newly raised Master Masons to become more involved in their Lodges by completing the requirements of 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 Tom Hauder and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support during the past year. We especially want to thank Michelle, Carol and Quinn in the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin R. Lindly, 148 & 331, Chairman
Barry L. Frerichs, 136
Robert Moninger, 256 & 200
Maynard L. Smith, 102
Tyler J. Weers, 297

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tarl W. Carpenter, Chairman

The entry of the old Grand Lodge membership cards into the membership database is ongoing.

The online calendar continues to be active on the Grand Lodge web site for use by all Masonic appendant bodies. All appendant bodies are encouraged to post their activities there to provide one place for all statewide Masonic activities. The calendar can also be embedded within or linked to the Masonic body web sites. There is an option on the calendar to "Suggest an Event" to add to the calendar. All suggested events will be reviewed by Michelle at the Grand Lodge and submitted for inclusion in the calendar. The calendar also allows for RSS feed subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted,
Tarl W. Carpenter, 62, Chairman
Thomas L. Hauder, 331 & 332
Jonathan L. Paz, 39

REPORT OF THE MASONIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Christopher M. Carter, Chairman

Our committee met in Kearney at the 2013 Annual Communication, in Omaha on February 15, on a conference call on February 22, in Lincoln on March 8, in Fremont on April 13, in Lincoln on June 9, in Lincoln on June 24, and in Lincoln on October 19 for planning and for packing/moving books and artifacts.

- 1) The focus in February and March was on the newly approved library/museum as a result of the purchase of the new Grand Lodge building. Short & long-range proposals were created along with proposals for lighting, storage and display designs for three potential options: 1) a museum, 2) a museum/library and 3) a library. These were submitted to the Foundation and to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for review and consideration.
- 2) At the Grand Lodge All Committee meeting it was decided that all Masonic Heritage efforts for 2013 would focus on two things: 1) moving the library and museum from the old Grand Lodge building to the new Grand Lodge building and 2) continued planning/implementation of the 5-year celebration at Annual Communication for the 200th Anniversary of modern Masonry (see #4 below).
- 3) History “Snapshot” project (on-hold).

The 2012 & 2013 goal was to create a book that lists each lodge along with a one or two, paragraph snapshot of its history. Although no final “due date” was established due to the large scope of the project (other than to have it completed in time for the 2017 Annual Communication) this project was put on hold in 2013 due to item #2 above.

- 4) 200th & 300th Anniversary celebrations from 2013 to 2017 were also discussed. The scope of planning for this project includes annual presentations with special guests, artifacts, etc, to celebrate the migration and origin of Masonry to Nebraska while celebrating the birth of “the Moderns” Grand Lodge as well as the birth of the United Grand Lodge of England.
- 5) Expanding the Heritage Committee (on-hold).

It was decided to put this goal on hold in 2013 (see #2 above). The goal was to create two NMHC sub-committees and to assign a committee to Western Nebraska, Central Nebraska & Eastern Nebraska. This will allow us to have the sub-committee from each region reach out to more of the lodges than we could with one “eastern-based” committee. The goal is to promote:

- a. Establish history tables “by region” instead of “by lodge.” Each region can feature multiple lodges on a single history table at Annual Communication.
- b. Assist lodges to find, identify, and preserve their history.
- c. Assist lodges in collecting video interviews of older Masons in their region.
- d. Advise lodges in their region on “how to” document their history for future generations.
- e. Promote the idea and build support for an annual Masonic Heritage Conference.
- f. Promote the idea and build support for a Nebraska Masonic Museum where regalia, relics, etc of all Nebraska Masons (deceased and living)

can be saved, stored and displayed so that it doesn't go to the pawn shop, eBay, or the trash heap.

6) Past Grand Master interview project (no longer H.C. initiative).

This is a duty of the Grand Historian and not of the Heritage Committee; it was included in 2012 and 2013 due to the fact that the Grand Historian (at the time) was also the chair of the Heritage Committee.

As Chairman of this committee I am please to see the growth of this ad-hoc project and I look forward to seeing the fruits of our labors to find, save and protect our Nebraska Masonic Heritage in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher M. Carter, 268, Chairman
Carl J. Diamond, 326
Micah I. Evans, 281 & 268
Douglas L. Lewis, 268
Christopher S. Nigro, 268

REPORT OF THE CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS COMMITTEE

Anthony T. "A.J." Johnson and John T. Parsons, Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge I would first like to thank all of the Brothers from the Lodges and other bodies of Masonry, as well as the Sisters and Youth Groups who have continued to contribute to the Change for Troops Program.

We have had an exciting year in the program because of the delivery of the van you all donated last year at this session. The van arrived in the Omaha area in late July and was dedicated with our Masonic emblems in place and put out on the road on the 1st of October. It is currently in use right now making a difference in getting our Veterans to and from the medical help and treatment they deserve. Pictures of the van and dedication were posted on the Grand Master's blog and Grand Lodge web site.

Now for the rest of the actual report – We all know the original 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. It was at the end of 2012 we decided to move the program in another direction which was to support those Warriors coming back. In the spring 2013 issue of the *Nebraska Mason*, the Committee asked the Masons of Nebraska to come up with a new name for our new direction. The name nominated and chosen was "Nebraska Masonic Warrior Support" and will be started after this grand session.

At the beginning of this year, we were well on our way in having at least half of the money to be able to purchase another van, however donations tapered off during the year and we now currently have, at the time of this report, just over three thousand dollars. The committee is also still working on the 501(c)3 status with the foundation as discussed in the spring issue of the *Nebraska Mason*. This status may have contributed to the limited donations, so now we have the option of donating the funds we have to two programs the VA has for homeless Veterans and a HUD program for down and out Veterans to get them back on their feet. We will donate this year's money at the will and pleasure of the Grand Lodge and the Brothers of Nebraska.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Most Worshipful Brother John Parsons and Brother Gary Unger. With this I conclude my report for Change for Troops, now Nebraska Masonic Warrior Support.

Respectfully submitted,
 Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson, 268, Co-Chair
 John T. Parsons, 268 & 39, Co-Chair
 Skip W. DeBusk, 268
 John E. Lorenzen, 10, 314 & 331
 William E. Nelson, 256
 Gary S. Unger, 112

REPORT OF THE EAST GRAND MASTER'S MASONIC CHARITIES ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Donald I. Peterson and Danforth D. Loring, Co-Chairs

The Grand Master's Golf tournament was held at the North Bend Golf course on Monday, September 9, 2013. Seventy-three golfers enjoyed themselves despite the 103 degree temperature. The men of the North Bend Lodge were assisted by brethren of area lodges. After expenses, the profit was \$11,775.63. This allowed us to give \$3,925.21 to each of the three charities: The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, and the Nebraska Masonic Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
 Donald I. Peterson, 119, Co-Chair
 Danforth D. Loring, 268, Co-Chair
 Karl R. Adamson, 31
 Richard E. Gilmore, 268
 Del F. Hartung, 15
 Peter G. Larson, 11
 Dale G. Lueders, 300
 Daniel J. Wellendorf, 112 & 268

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

Past Grand Master Russell G. Reno made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel to M.:W.:B.: Thomas L. Hauder.

Following his acceptance of the jewel, Grand Master Hauder explained to the Brethren that the Grand Lodge advancing line officers have decided to start recycling some of the Past Grand Master jewels from previous holders to honor them and save the Grand Lodge money in the process. The advancing line further decided that the jewels are the property of the Grand Lodge and when they pass, the jewels shall be returned to the Grand Lodge so that they can be recycled again. A second bar with the new Past Grand Master's name will be added to the jewel each time it is passed down. The jewel that M.:W.: Hauder received was worn by M.:W.: Fay Smith. Grand Master Hauder gave some biographical information about Most Worshipful Brother Smith, and expressed that he is very proud to wear the jewel previously held by Grand Master Smith and have his name next to M.:W.: Smith's, and thanked the Brethren for allowing him to serve.



Most Worshipful Tom Hauder asked the Grand Senior Deacon to present M.:W.: Gale Kenney to the East. Most Worshipful Kenney brought greetings from and presented Grand Master Hauder with a few gifts on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Washington.



Grand Master Hauder asked R.:W.: Dennis Rix to approach the microphone where Brother Rix moved for approval to hold the 160th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 2-4, 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

Right Worshipful John Maxell, was invited to the podium and announced that, as approved at the 156th Annual Communication in 2013, the 159th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will be held at the Younes Center in Kearney, Nebraska on February 4-6, 2016.

CHARTERING OF ALBERT PIKE LODGE

Grand Master Hauder asked M.:W.: Dean Skokan, Worshipful Master of Albert Pike Lodge U.D., to come forward. Most Worshipful Brother Skokan made the following remarks:

“We formed Albert Pike lodge to, at least in my mind, to try to recapture what my father’s lodge was. He was Ionic Lodge in Niobrara. It was a small town, small lodge, but every business on Main Street belonged to that lodge. They met there, they attended there, they supported it, and as I drove around the state during my year and since, it seems to me that we have lost Main Street in large portion. We formed Albert Pike Lodge in Omaha, meeting at the Scottish Rite building, in an attempt to recapture some of the business and professional nature of freemasonry that my father enjoyed that we’ve lost now. We will meet during the noon hour once a month in the middle of the week, because it seems to me to be easier to get a business or a professional man to give up a lunch hour than to give up an evening. We will purposely keep the lodge small so that nobody feels that if they don’t show up somebody else will do it. We will serve a meal at every meeting, and those meals are included in the dues, so you’re paying for them whether you’re there or not. We do this to encourage participation and to make the lodge open to business and professional men at a time that we think will be more available to them.

I don’t think any of us think that we have the answers to what ails some freemasonry lodges today, but I think it’s a solution that’s worth a try. We’ve had a great deal of interest and support among our members. The meetings that we’ve had are attended by over eighty percent of the charter members that we have signed up. We would like the opportunity to try, it seems appropriate that a lodge meeting in the Scottish Rite with the purpose of maintaining the Scottish Rite building should be given the number 333 and we were delighted to find that that number was available. I would appreciate your support of this venture and I would move the approval of the granting of a charter to Albert Pike Lodge No. 333.”

The motion was seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried.

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE*M.:W.: Dwight Smith, Chairman*

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

The meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska was called to order on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 10:00 am by M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith, Chairman. The following members were present: Most Worshipful Brothers Steven F. Mattoon by telephone, John M. McHenry, and Dean Skokan. Also present were the following Grand Lodge Officers: Thomas L. Hauder, Grand Master; Joe D. McBride, Deputy Grand Master; John T. Maxell, Grand Senior Warden; Dennis E. Rix, Grand Junior Warden; Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM, Grand Secretary; Donald E. Rife, Grand Chaplain; James A. Carlton, Grand Orator; Robert W. Moninger, Grand Marshall; Mark K. Clinton, Grand Musician; Richard D. Myers, Grand Senior Deacon; Patrick D. Barger, Grand Junior Deacon; John B. Ferguson, Grand Senior Steward; Kevin R. Lindley, Grand Junior Steward; and Dennis H. Brydl, Grand Tyler. The following Past Grand Masters were also present: Rex J. Moats; John T. Parsons; and James F. Brown, Jr. Also present was Edward W. Nolte, Past Master.

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

The Minutes and Report of the Committee from January 31, 2013 were reviewed and approved.

Pursuant to Section 1-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the Jurisprudence Committee is to review 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 on January 16, 2014 and submitted to the Grand Master an Agenda and Report.

The Committee considered the Grand Masters Recommendations for Amendments to the Grand Lodge Bylaws; the Members Resolutions and the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and the following action was taken:

On motion by M.:W.:B.: John M. McHenry and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan, Recommendations One, Two, Three, Four and Five; Member Resolutions One and Two and the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution are found to be in proper form to be balloted upon at this session.

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

With regard to the Permissions, Dispensations and Actions of the Grand Master, the Committee found as follows:

On Motion by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, seconded by M.:W.:B.: McHenry and adopted, the action taken by the Grand Master on April 3, 2013, setting a condition that the Nebraska Masonic Home would not send solicitations with electronic delivery of its publications was not authorized by Section 2-612 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws and is not approved.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: McHenry and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, the other Permissions, Dispensations and Orders were approved.

On motion by M.:W.:B.: McHenry, seconded by M.:W.:B.: Skokan, the Permissions, Dispensations and Orders contained in the Supplemental Address were approved.

The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Thomas L. Hauder 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 Quinn in the Grand Lodge Office for all their help.

Codification of Law:

As a result of approval of Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1, Section 2-207 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-207 - CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall meet with the Lodge Leadership Committee at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

After cancellation, upon request by the continuing lodge and approval by the Grand Master, the surrendered charter or charters may be loaned to the requesting lodge for continued historical purposes and display. The Secretary of the continuing lodge shall give written receipt therefor. Any such cancelled charters shall be returned to the Grand Secretary on demand.

As a result of the approval of Grand Master's Recommendation No. 3, the Fifth Paragraph of Section 2-402 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws is amended to read as follows, and a new Section 2-402(a) is added:

Fifth paragraph:

No other Proficiency Examination shall be recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction, *except that a subordinate lodge may petition the Committee on Work to permit additional proficiency pursuant to 2-402(a)*. After such examination, the Master may declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote, the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question: "The candidate has satisfactorily answered the questions in the Standard Proficiency Manual and has completed the required examination in open lodge; is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

2-402(a) - ADDITIONAL PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS – *A subordinate lodge may petition the Committee on Work to allow additional proficiency requirements of candidates in that lodge, provided:*

1. *The petition must contain the specific additional proficiency requirements proposed.*
2. *The petition must set out a plan to mentor candidates on the additional proficiency, by a member of the lodge who has previously completed the requirements of Section 2-402, and contain the agreement of at least three members of the lodge who have previously completed the requirements of Section 2-402 to mentor candidates.*
3. *A proposed petition to allow additional proficiency requirements must be presented to the lodge at a regular meeting and laid over for one month before voting. The proposed petition must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the lodge to be submitted to the Committee on Work.*
4. *These requirements for additional proficiency will apply to all candidates in the lodge.*

A denial of a petition by the Committee on Work may be appealed by the Lodge to the Grand Master. The decision of the Grand Master shall be final.

As a result of the approval of Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5, Section 2-604 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-604 – DUES CARDS - HOW PREPARED – The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found ~~on page 102 of~~ in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for ~~1913~~ 2014, printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be computer generated in the office of the Grand Lodge and furnished to each subordinate lodge without charge to the lodge.

Also as a result of the approval of Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5, the text on the dues cards will be updated in the following manner, and this text will be inserted into the Proceedings for 2014:

The text contained in the following form of receipts for dues is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the use of any other form after January

1, 2015, is prohibited; all blank receipts for dues must be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary.


(face text)

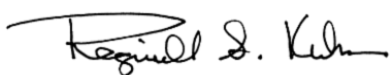
It is hereby certified that Brother _____	No. _____
Whose signature appears below on the back hereof , is a Master Mason	
In _____	Lodge No. _____ A.:F.: & A.:M.:
Located at _____, Nebraska.	
And has paid dues to December 31, 20 _____	
Date _____, 20 _____	
Signature of Brother to Whom Issued _____	

(back text)

This is to certify, under the facsimile of the *signature of the Grand Secretary and Seal of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: & A.:M.:*, that:

The lodge to which this receipt was issued is a lawful lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, working under and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the facsimile of whose seal appears hereon. This form is the only legal receipt for dues that can be issued in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and is not valid unless it bears the signature *on the front* of the brother to whom it is issued ~~and the seal of the lodge that issued it.~~





 Grand Secretary

As a result of the approval of Resolution No. 1, the Third Paragraph of Section 2-601 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-601 – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Third Paragraph:

Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April for each initiation during the preceding calendar year an initiation fee in the sum of 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 - \$29.50, 2015 - \$30.50, 2016 - \$31.50. 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, 2014, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.50 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. *Upon application from a subordinate lodge that has remitted a member's dues pursuant to Section 2-603, the Grand Master may authorize the Grand Lodge to remit the Grand Lodge per capita and special assessments on behalf of said member.*

As a result of the approval of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1, Article X of the Grand Lodge Constitution is amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE X.
THE GRAND MASTER**

Sec. 1. The Grand Master, during the interval between the communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all of its executive powers excepting the granting of charters. His powers shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) To suspend any officer of any subordinate lodge from the exercise of the powers or duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge;
- (b) To grant dispensations for the formation of new subordinate lodges, except for military lodges;
- (c) To grant dispensations for the holding of elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular periods;
- (d) To grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon candidates without reference to time;
- (e) To convene any subordinate lodge, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its conformity to Masonic usages;
- (f) To arrest the charter or dispensation of any subordinate lodge, for good reason shown, and suspend the operations thereof until the next Annual Communication; and
- (g) To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Lodge Officer, and respecting matters pertaining to the duties of his office.

Fraternally,
Dwight E. Smith, 205, Chairman
Steven F. Mattoon, 75
John M. McHenry, 19
Les Seiler, 317
Dean Skokan, 15

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ed Nolte presented the report of the balloting for the Grand Lodge Officers. 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.: John T. Maxell
- Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: Dennis E. Rix
- Grand Junior Warden R.: W.: Richard D. Myers
- Grand Secretary M.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM

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



Grand Master Hauder asked R.: W.: Joe McBride to approach the lectern and announce the slate of appointed officers for the 2014-2015 term, when he will serve as Grand Master.

- Wayne A. Andreasen, Grand Chaplain
- James A. Carlton, Grand Orator
- Dennis H. Brydl, Grand Historian
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM, Grand Custodian
- Donald E. Rife, Grand Marshal
- Patrick D. Barger, Grand Senior Deacon
- Robert W. Moninger, Grand Junior Deacon
- John B. Ferguson, Grand Senior Steward
- Kevin R. Lindly, Grand Junior Steward
- Michel D. Beall, Grand Tyler

R.: W.: McBride made the following special appointment:

- Stephen C. Kennedy, Personal Representative of the Grand Master

Right Worshipful McBride moved for the approval of the aforementioned appointed officers for 2014-2015. The motion was seconded and, with no discussion, motion carried.

CHARTERING OF RENAISSANCE LODGE

Grand Master Hauder asked W.: B.: Ed Nolte, Worshipful Master of Renaissance Lodge U.D., to come forward. Worshipful Brother Nolte made the following remarks:

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Brethren all, in the last fifty years, Nebraska Masonry has lost about eighty percent of its membership. We had over 50,000 members in 1960; now we’re down to just under 12,000. In the last seven years alone, which is oddly what I had records for, we’ve lost another twenty-five percent. About twenty of us decided that we would try to do something about that, and we formed a lodge in August, applied for dispensation in December and we’re now seeking charter.

What we hope to do is help lodges that are in trouble and who desire our help on the subjects of Americanism and patriotism, awards and recognition, community relevance, leadership, Masonic education, Masonic unity, membership, ritual

support, youth and services and philanthropies. We have formed in Elkhorn, Nebraska, and everything that we do, we'll be producing papers, products and presentations to go out to lodges that desire our assistance. We're not going to come into any lodge and tell you how to do things. We're there to give you suggestions if you want them. This lodge is composed almost entirely of past masters of their lodges. We have, I think it's six or seven Past Grand Masters, a number of Grand Lodge officers, and every member of the lodge is steeped not only in Masonry, but in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, to address those topics that I talked to you about, and we ask your approval of this concept to apply that expertise and that dedication to help lodges to survive and to get their members activated. Thank you very much. Most Worshipful Grand Master, with all due respect, I move that Renaissance Lodge No. 334 receive a charter and be set to work."

The motion was seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried.



PRESENTATION OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS AND SPECIAL 50-YEAR PRESENTATION TO ARTHUR S. DYE

The Grand Master declared the lodge at liberty and asked the Grand Senior Deacon to escort Arthur S. Dye and his wife Helen into the lodge room.

The Deputy Grand Custodians present were organized and brought to the East for individual introduction. The Deputy Grand Master covered and introduced, while the Grand Master greeted the Deputy Grand Custodians.

The Deputy Grand Master introduced Art Dye and explained that his term as a Deputy Grand Custodian started on April 14, 1964. The Grand Master presented Art with a special 50-year Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus apron and explained that Brother Dye has been proficiency for over 65 years and would be retiring as a custodian after so many years of dedicated service to the Grand Lodge. Brother Dye made a few comments about his time as a Mason, including a story about how Helen convinced him to join the lodge because she wanted to join the Eastern Star.

Grand Master Hauder thanked the Deputy Grand Custodians for their work in the lodges.

Helen was escorted out of the room and the Lodge was declared in session.

REPORT OF PENDING RESOLUTIONS

R.:W.:B.: Grand Secretary Reginald S. Kuhn announced that he received two resolutions to amend the Bylaws. Amendments to the Bylaws, if found to be in proper form, will be read and laid over until the session next year.

Resolution No. 1

Proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

This proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Nebraska, specifically, **Chapter IV, Section 2-408, Chapter VI Section 2-601 and 2-602**; is respectively offered for consideration by the Brethren and the Grand Lodge.

Paragraph 6 of Chapter IV, Section 2-408 currently reads as follows:

“Each of the lodges to which a plural member belongs, if located in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall pay to the Grand Lodge, such per capita tax, dues or contributions on such member as are now or shall hereafter be required by this Grand Lodge from its regular members.”

So that when amended, it will read as follows:

Each of the lodges to which a plural member belongs, if located in this Grand Jurisdiction, *except if the lodges are located greater than 50 miles apart*, shall pay to the Grand Lodge, such per capita tax, dues or contributions on such member as are now or shall hereafter be required by this Grand Lodge from its regular members. *Plural membership in lodges greater than 50 miles apart in this Grand Jurisdiction, will not be charged per capita tax outside the parent lodge, as an incentive to maintain the viability of rural lodges.*

Provided that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

Rationale: Many lodges in the rural sections of Nebraska are struggling to remain viable with shrinking populations and membership. It is therefore common that masons become plural members to aid and assist their brethren in neighboring lodges. In many cases, neighboring lodges in the western 2/3rds of the state are more than 50 miles apart. The cost of travel between lodges by those brothers with plural membership can be significant, therefore making them pay per capita tax for each lodge in which they are a member is an added financial burden and disincentive.

Paragraph 1 of Chapter VI, Section 2-601 currently reads as follows:

“Chartered subordinate lodges shall have discretionary power to assess annual dues and special assessments upon its members who are Master Masons in good standing. Such dues and assessments shall be uniform on such members. The amount of the annual dues payable to each subordinate lodge by members must be designated in the bylaws in one of two ways: (1) lodge dues plus Grand Lodge per capita and assessments, or (2) a total amount that includes lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita and assessments. Special assessments may be made in installments.”

So that when amended, it will read as follows:

Chartered subordinate lodges shall have discretionary power to assess annual dues and special assessments upon its members who are Master Masons in good standing. Such dues and assessments shall be uniform on such members. The amount of the annual dues payable to each subordinate lodge by members must be designated in the bylaws in one of two ways: (1) lodge dues plus Grand Lodge per capita (*unless such per capita is for plural membership as defined in Paragraph 6 of Chapter IV, Section 2-408*) and assessments, or (2) a total amount that includes lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita, *unless excluded by Chapter IV, Section 2-408* and assessments. Special assessments may be made in installments.

Second sentence of Paragraph 3 of Chapter VI, Section 2-601 currently reads as follows:

“In addition, each lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Twenty-four Dollars as a per capita tax commencing on the 1st day of January 2011.”

So that when amended, it will read as follows:

In addition, each lodge shall pay annually for each member the sum of Twenty-four Dollars as a per capita tax *unless excluded for plural members as defined in Paragraph 6 of Chapter IV, Section 2- 408*, commencing on the 1st day of January 2011.

First sentence of Paragraph 1 of Chapter VI, Section 2-602 currently reads as follows:

Each subordinate lodge shall be liable for Grand Lodge dues upon all its members in good standing on the last day of the Masonic year, which would be December 31st

So that when amended, it will read as follows:

Each subordinate lodge shall be liable for Grand Lodge dues, excluding per capita for plural members as defined *in Paragraph 6 of Chapter IV, Section 2-408*, upon all its members in good standing on the last day of the Masonic year, which would be December 31st.

Rationale: If the recommended amendment is approved for Chapter IV, Section 2-408, then Chapter VI Section 2-601 and 2-602 must also be amended to be consistent.

Resolution No. 2

Proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska.

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 delete language stricken:

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 - \$29.50, 2015 - \$30.50, 2016 - \$31.50. The Grand Lodge shall distribute the per capita tax as provided in Section 1-404 of this code. Before any subordinate lodge shall be consolidate 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, ~~2014~~ 2016, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$1.50 ~~\$3.00~~ per member, *said assessment to be distributed as follows: \$1.50 to support the CHild Identification Program, \$.50 to support Nebraska Job's Daughters, \$.50 to support the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska, and \$.50 to support Nebraska DeMolay.* 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.



Right Worshipful John T. Maxell, Grand Senior Warden, approached the East and made the following motion:

“I move for approval of all actions taken by the Grand Master in the state of Nebraska for the Masonic Year 2013-2014.”

The motion was seconded, and with no discussion, the motion was approved.



V.:W.:B.: Grand Chaplain Donald E. Rife led the delegation in a closing prayer.

Following the prayer, M.:W.: Grand Master Hauder thanked the brethren for their participation in the Annual Communication.

By virtue in the power and authority in him vested as Grand Master, Thomas L. Hauder then declared the 157th Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska closed in ample form.

Following the close of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge of Master Masons was closed by members of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln.

Organization

of

Grand Lodge

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



Kearney, Nebraska
February 7-8, 2014

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.: Thomas L. Hauder	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.: Joe D. McBride.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: John T. Maxell	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Dennis E. Rix	Grand Junior Warden
M.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: Donald E. Rife	Grand Chaplain
W.: James A. Carlton	Grand Orator
W.: David N. Silver	Grand Historian
W.: Bruce A. Watkins	Grand Custodian
W.: Robert W. Moninger	Grand Marshal
W.: Richard D. Myers	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Patrick D. Barger	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: John B. Ferguson	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Kevin R. Lindly.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Dennis H. Brydl.....	Grand Tyler
W.: Mark K. Clinton	Grand Musician

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Personal Representatives of the Grand Master

W.: Steven R. Barchus	W.: Kent B. Broyhill	W.: Stephen C. Kennedy
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2012 Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

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

DONALD R. SWANSON, 54	(109th).....	1974
1615 S. 44th St., Lincoln 68506-1121, 402-489-1615		
WARREN D. LICHTY, 314.....	(114th).....	1979
PO Box 22559, Lincoln 68542-2559, 402-421-1112		
CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	(120th).....	1986
1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114-1621, 402-391-2657		
PAUL R. EVELAND, 119	(122nd)	1988
1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298		
THOMAS W. TYE, 46.....	(123rd).....	1989
4225 S. Westcotta Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614-5624, 520-648-5416		
JOHN M. McHENRY, 19.....	(124th).....	1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200		
JAMES N. DeMOSS, 325	(125th).....	1991
92-1025 Makakilo Dr., #75, Kapolei, HI 96707-1385, 808-672-6598		
DONALD L. POHLMAN, 41	(127th).....	1993
12918 W. Skyview Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375, 623-977-7386		
STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75	(128th).....	1994
PO Box 316, Sidney 69162-0316, 308-254-5595		

V. KAYE RAMSEY, 290 & 317..... (130th).....	1996
14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821	
KENNETH G. FLEMING, 75..... (131st)	1997
2449 Queen Dr., Sidney 69162-2623, 308-254-2387	
DON E. RASMUSSEN, 82, 135..... (132nd)	1998
1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864	
DWIGHT E. SMITH, 205	(133rd)..... 1999
16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268	
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1 - Nebraska	2	1	2	1	165	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	8	13	0	0	0	21	-18	147
2 - Western Star	2	2	0	1	130	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	-1	129
3 - Capitol	9	0	6	0	85	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	7	3	0	0	0	11	-3	82
4 - Nemaha Valley	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	48
5 - Omadi	0	0	0	1	129	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	-2	127
6 - Plattsmouth	3	1	2	1	301	6	1	3	2	0	0	12	1	9	6	1	0	0	17	-5	296
9 - Falls City	0	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	-6	36
10 - Solomon	0	0	0	0	72	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	75
11 - Covert	4	0	4	1	437	4	1	0	1	0	0	6	4	11	21	0	0	0	36	-30	407
14 - Peru	0	1	0	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	30
15 - Fremont	1	0	2	0	193	2	0	0	8	0	0	10	0	6	11	0	0	0	17	-7	186
19 - Lincoln	3	1	3	1	150	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	0	150
21 - Washington	3	0	1	0	56	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	61
23 - Pawnee	0	0	0	0	127	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-3	124
26 - Beatrice	0	0	0	1	185	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	19	0	1	0	27	-25	160
27 - Jordan	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	13	-13	0
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	-3	31
31 - Tekamah	1	0	1	1	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	114
32 - Platte Valley	7	0	5	0	201	6	2	0	1	0	0	9	0	9	4	0	0	0	13	-4	197
33 - Ashlar	2	2	1	0	141	2	0	0	6	0	0	8	0	9	12	0	0	0	21	-13	128
34 - Acacia	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	61
35 - Fairbury	0	1	0	0	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	-2	44
36 - Lone Tree	0	1	0	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	-3	21
37 - Crete	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	50
38 - Oliver	1	0	1	1	36	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	36
39 - Papillion	3	2	3	2	199	6	0	2	1	0	0	9	3	10	7	0	1	0	21	-12	187
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	27	0	27	0	4	5	0	1	0	10	17	46
43 - Hebron	0	0	0	0	41	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	42
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
46 - Rob Morris	4	2	7	2	198	6	1	0	1	0	0	8	0	2	8	1	1	0	12	-4	194
50 - Hastings	4	1	4	1	145	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	1	0	8	-3	142
51 - Fidelity	1	0	1	1	57	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	4	3	0	0	0	9	-6	51
52 - Hiram	0	0	0	0	30	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	34
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	20
54 - Lancaster	6	2	4	3	292	7	0	1	7	0	0	15	1	8	14	0	3	0	26	-11	281
55 - Mosaic	2	1	0	2	96	2	1	1	2	0	0	6	1	10	6	0	0	0	17	-11	85
56 - York	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	-3	76
57 - Mt Moriah	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	43
59 - Wahoo	0	0	0	0	60	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	60
61 - Thistle	0	0	1	1	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	11	-11	113
62 - Keystone	0	1	0	0	35	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	35
64 - Blue Valley	1	0	1	0	52	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	-2	50
65 - Osceola	0	0	4	0	82	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	84
68 - Aurora	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-1	27
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-3	46
73 - Friend	0	0	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-1	46
75 - Frank Welch	0	0	0	0	105	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	-2	103
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	36

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79 - Geneva	4	0	1	0	118	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	-2	116
82 - St Paul	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-4	31
83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	-6	39
89 - Cedar River	0	2	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	-5	17
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	1	41	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	10	51
94 - Bennett	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-3	32
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	30	0	30	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	23	73
96 - Utica	1	0	1	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-1	23
97 - Euclid	1	0	0	0	81	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	82
102 - Waterloo	0	0	1	0	101	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	-6	95
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	-2	50
112 - Springfield	6	2	7	0	290	11	6	0	8	0	0	25	0	2	19	0	0	0	21	4	294
114 - Wisner	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27	-27	0
119 - North Bend	2	0	2	0	88	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	89
120 - Wayne	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	88
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	-4	73
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	1	70	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	-3	67
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	-4	26
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	15
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	30
135 - McCook	0	0	0	2	135	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	-3	132
136 - Long Pine	2	1	2	0	35	3	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	41
146 - Jachin	0	2	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	9	-9	94
148 - Custer	0	1	1	0	89	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	7	-6	83
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	19
158 - Samaritan	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-3	68
159 - Ogalalla	1	1	1	0	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	-1	67
164 - Atkinson	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	-30	0
165 - Barneston	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	11	0	0	0	0	17	-17	0
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	25
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
180 - Justice	0	0	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
183 - Alliance	0	1	4	0	125	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	128
184 - Bee Hive	0	0	0	0	133	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	-9	124
192 - Minnekadusa	0	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	40
194 - Highland	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	37
195 - Arcana	0	1	0	2	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	11	-11	71
198 - Purity	0	0	0	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-1	49
201 - Scotts Bluff	1	0	1	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	66
204 - Plainview	0	1	0	0	43	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	-2	41
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	44
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	19
210 - East Lincoln	1	4	1	1	227	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	6	0	0	0	13	-12	215
211 - Cement	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	5	-5	47
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	34	9	0	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	46
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	3	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	60
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	33
224 - Silver Cord	2	2	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55

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227 - North Star	0	4	2	1	115	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	1	0	6	-3	112
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	50
229 - Comet	1	0	1	0	113	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	17	0	0	0	17	-12	101
234 - Zion	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-2	39
239 - Friendship	0	1	1	0	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-2	18
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	14
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	25
250 - G Washington	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	-6	46
251 - Wausa	0	1	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	-6	70
256 - Hickman	7	2	3	0	198	9	2	1	4	0	0	16	1	2	16	0	0	0	19	-3	195
263 - Mitchell	0	1	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	-4	78
264 - Franklin	0	1	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	-2	53
265 - R W Fumas	0	1	0	0	76	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	79
268 - G W Lininger	8	0	6	0	223	11	4	0	2	0	0	17	0	6	8	0	1	0	15	2	225
274 - Olive Branch	0	0	0	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	67
279 - Wallace	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	36
281 - Florence	1	4	0	0	104	4	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	-2	102
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	26
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	0	0	68	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	70
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	26
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	29
288 - Omaha	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	72
290 - John J Mercer	5	1	5	0	374	10	2	1	6	0	0	19	3	23	11	0	0	0	37	-18	356
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	33
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	29
294 - James Eatmon	0	0	1	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	52
297 - Cotner	2	3	1	2	196	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	14	0	2	0	19	-15	181
300 - Liberty	7	5	5	3	224	5	0	0	4	0	0	9	6	9	14	0	0	0	29	-20	204
302 - Mizpah	3	0	3	0	288	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	1	18	14	0	0	0	33	-23	265
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
310 - Victory	1	0	0	1	65	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	-1	64
314 - Craftsmen	0	0	0	1	193	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	0	2	0	9	-8	185
317 - Mid-West	0	4	0	4	173	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	11	0	0	0	19	-18	155
320 - College View	0	1	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-3	56
323 - Lebanon	3	0	2	0	100	3	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	-1	99
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
325 - Bellevue	2	3	2	0	214	10	2	0	2	0	0	14	2	10	5	0	1	0	18	-4	210
326 - Centennial	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	-6	96
327 - Shiloh	2	1	2	0	150	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	11	0	1	0	13	-10	140
328 - Miloma	5	2	0	0	151	5	2	1	2	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	6	157
332 - Tabula Rasa	0	0	0	0	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	15
	127		110		11895	214	56	24	83	69	0	446	44	402	399	4	18	69	936	-490	11405

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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. 29, 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, 1927
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 8, 1925
37th	1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	93	Nov. 19, 1913
38th	1903	Frank E. Bullard	32	Jan. 31, 1933
39th	1904	Charles E. Burnham	166	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. Raেকে.....	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, Sr.....	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.....	Mar. 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.....	May 23, 2012
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.....	Dec. 30, 2010
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.....	
144th.....	2010.....	John T. Parsons.....	268.....	
145th.....	2011.....	Bruce A. Baker.....	317.....	
146th.....	2012.....	Rex J. Moats.....	290, 102.....	

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
- Bruce A. Watkins October 2003 to February 2012
- 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
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr. 2009-2012
- Emeritus

GRAND LECTURERS

George Armstrong, 3	1858, 1859, 1866
Lee P. Gillette, 2	1860, 1861, 1881
Sylvester S. Redfield, 2	1862
E.C. Adams, 6	1863
Henry Brown, 2	1864
William E. Hill, 2	1865, 1866, 1868, 1874 to 1877
Byron Reed, 3	1867
Charles T. Whitmore, 11	1869 to 1871
Charles F. Catlin, 11	1871 (Acting)
George H. Thummel, 33	1872, 1873
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1877 to 1880

**The Roll of Deputy Grand Custodians
And Date of Appointment**

The first reference providing for an “Assistant Custodian” was made in 1869. In 1870, the Committee on Work recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren. These, together with the Grand Lecturer, were to constitute a “Board of Custodians” to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have, at any time, served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was, or is, a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	1870
John Reed, 2	1871
Robert W. Furnas, 4	1871
D. F. Powell, 3	1871
A. Atkinson, 3	1871
H. O. Hanna, 9	1872
Milton E. Pinney, 2	1873
William B. Wharton, 12	1875
Edward K. Valentine, 27	1875
Newton R. Persinger, 36	1876
David K. Hume, 3	1876
Hiram C. Rider, 37	1876
Frederick N. Dick, 32	1876
George W. Lininger, 3	1877
L. S. Moe, 15	1877
Roland H. Oakley, 19	1877
James R. Cain, 9	1877
Albert K. Marsh, 49	1877
Jess T. Davis, 21	1877
Charles H. Willard, 21	1878
Samuel W. Hayes, 55	1879
Marshall Smith, 2	1879
James McNaughton, 4	1879
Joseph H. McConnel, 32	1879
Edward F. Thorp, 2	1879
George W. Mowrey, 50	1880
Charles A. Holmes, 17	1880

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910, Brother Robert E. French did hold

special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become “assistant” in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917, these brethren were generally referred to as “assistant custodians.” In 1925, the designation was “Deputy Custodian.” The following brethren appeared in the records as “Assistant Custodians,” or, at times, as “Deputy Custodians.”

• John J. Mercer, 3	1910
• Samuel S. Whiting, 54	1910
• Walter W. Wells, 192	1910
• Ensign J. Rix, 55	1910
• James D. Phillips, 93	1910
• Frederick L. Wolff, 135	1910
• Ernest H. James, 1	1910
• Fred A. Howe, 119	1910
• Robert B. Walker, 170	1912
• Frank W. Farrand, 36	1913
• Ira C. Freet, 56	1913
• Benjamin Wood, 210	1913
• Edward M. Wellman, 1	1913
• Charles A. Eyre, 268	1913
• Robert A. Armstrong, 32	1913
• Levi Pringle, 276	1913
• Earl M. Bolen, 130	1914
• Frank L. Haycock, 207	1914
• George A. Stevens, 158	1914
• Harry M. Jones, 46	1916
• Levi D. Phipps, 31	1916
• Alfred G. Hunt, 33	1916
• Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50	1916
• Barclay M. Hickman, 38	1916
• Orville A. Andrews, 50	1917
• Andrew H. Viele, 55	1917
• Maro C. Shipherd, 15	1920
• Jesse Lowther, 219	1920
• Franklin C. Tym, 25	1920
• Lute M. Savage, 3	1920
• Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
• Lamont L. Stephens, 106	1922
• Frances S. Robey, 19	1922
• John B. Lichtenwallner, 275	1923
• Harry R. Belville, 146	1923
• George R. Patterson, 136	1923
• William J. Birkoffer, 249	1923
• D. Horace Schall, 307	1923
• Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	1924
• William D. Edson, 53	1926
• Francis B. Rodwell, 224	1926
• Edwin H. Gerhart, 305	1926
• William McCormack, 268	1926
• Harry L. Mantor, 306	1927
• John R. Easley, 49	1927
• L. Donald Huston, 65	1928
• Elmer Surber, 95	1928
• John M. Bennett, 19	1928

- Earl Barnett, 146.....1929
- Jonathan Frye, 1.....1929
- Ernest R. Reynolds, 124.....1930
- Osborne P. Simon, 174.....1930
- Doc L. Redfern, 300.....1930
- Austin F. Whitmire, 306.....1931
- Henning C. Johnson, 171.....1930
- Carroll C. Raymer, 164.....1932
- Ward B. Schrack, 46.....1933
- Byron S. Peterson, 25.....1933
- Raymond C. Cook, 6.....1933
- Ray B. Bottorf, 33.....1933
- Wallace E. Linn, 1.....1934
- Jesse P. Entriiken, 295.....1934
- Harrold D. Weddel, 208.....1937
- Cecil C. Gates, 227.....1938
- Fred G. Christensen, 33.....1938
- Ross Van Sickle, 184.....1938
- S. William Beck, 43.....1940
- Stanley B. Fryar, 139.....1940
- Roy S. Planck, 15.....1940
- Buren P. Wells, 315.....1940
- Clarence G. McNamee, 55.....1941
- F. Ray Dilts, 83.....1942
- Ernest C. Purdy, 195.....1942
- Lewis E. Baker, 135.....1943
- Howard E. Bradstreet, 261.....1943
- George S. Schwab, 49.....1946
- Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....1946
- Irving S. Johnson, 148.....1946
- LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....1946
- Ernest E. James, 1.....1946
- Frank A. Anderson, 17.....1949
- Robert W. Cook, 33.....1949
- Paul D. Fleming, 293.....1949
- Charles M. Frederick, 136.....1949
- Sylvester Shumard, 227.....1949
- Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....1950
- Morris V. Balcom, 46.....1950
- William F. Flicklinger, 56.....1951
- Forest A. Lape, 183.....1951
- Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....1954
- Harold M. Wilkerson, 54.....1954
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.....1955
- Clifford D. Webster, 75.....1956
- Matthias E. Mauel, 173.....1956
- Frank H. Smith, 301.....1957
- Ward V. Whitaker, 310.....1957
- Richard L. Ely, 128.....1957
- Asa J. Farnham, 106.....1958
- Robert B. Conrad, 125.....1958
- Winston C. Swanson, 120.....1958
- Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210.....1959
- Edmund D. Shaw, 195.....1959
- Harry N. Ahl, 112.....1959
- Alfred R. Kenover, 148.....1960

• Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
• T. Leo Stines, 36, 323	1960
• Erwin J. Imig, 38	1960
• Sebert A. Stover, 281	1960
• Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
• Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
• Richard L. Wait, 19	1962
• Gordon Chard, 240	1962
• Harold A. Tilton, 291	1962
• Stuart A. Johnson, 177	1964
• Arthur S. Dye, 317	1964
• W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
• Donald R. Davis, 164	1964
• Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
• Carl A. Johnson, 183	1965
• Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
• Augustus W. Clark, 33	1965
• Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
• Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 302	1965
• Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
• Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
• Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
• Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
• Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966
• Curtis J. Griess, 49	1966
• Walter Brown, 1	1967
• John C. Nelson, 250	1967
• Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 65	1967
• Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	1967
• Howard G. Whitmore, 81	1967
• Frank R. Harris, 77	1967
• Gerald V. Inslee, 158	1968
• John C. Sierks, 4	1969
• Paul D. Jacobsen, 148	1969
• David O. Kipling, 281	1970
• Herman O. Hansen, 3	1970
• D. Wayne Erickson, 146	1970
• Walter S. Cork, 75	1970
• Richard L. Mauch, 224, 136	1971
• O. Wayne Thompson, 201	1971
• John A. Brandt, 26	1971
• Dale E. Kube, 55	1971
• Robert E. Kyes, 36	1972
• Mannie O. Hansen, 1	1973
• Richard O. Cowles, 174	1975
• Jens P. Nielsen, 121	1975
• Ralph E. McNulty, 61	1975
• Don L. McCoy, 11	1975
• Everett K. Dappen, 265	1975
• Alfred V. Peltzer, 148	1975
• Roger L. Shillington, 180	1976
• James E. Cornish, 31	1976
• Ben D. Fussell, 79	1976
• Victor D. Hunt, 62	1976
• Lynn Doty, 251	1977

- Marvin R. Weber, 2041977
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1977
- Harry L. Saum, 308.....1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 26.....1979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 231979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....1979
- Arthur J. Ferguson, 221.....1979
- Leslie G. Weber, 204.....1979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 31981
- David E. Menck, 151982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 1831982
- Justin F. Fauss, 551982
- Augustus W. Clark, 331982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....1982
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....1984
- Leslie Evert, 195.....1985
- William Fogle, 135.....1985
- Roscoe Malick, 2971985
- R. Winton Wilson, 199.....1985
- Robert E. Kyes, 361985
- W. Dale Page, 15.....1985
- Gordon E. Richards, 751986
- Harold Noble, 325.....1987
- Deon D. Eberly, 314.....1988
- Steven A. Green, 541988
- Steven K. Jones, 265, 2631988
- Lloyd Vrtiska, 231988
- Robert M. Littrell, 771989
- Roy L. Smith, 61989
- Daniel E. Spearow, 261989
- LeRoy Crye, 328.....1990
- Ronald D. Grass, 31.....1990
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 3171990
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 1351990
- Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....1990
- Gordon L. Carley, 751990
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 151990
- Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 2881991
- Delmar Jones, 46, 651992
- Don L. Jelinek, 54.....1992
- Albert Wise, 791992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 331993
- Rodney L. Samp, 159.....1994
- Robert L. Carter, 3141995
- Richard H. Cooper, 2631996
- Thomas R. Reed, 51996
- Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....1997
- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....1997
- Roger A. Deininger, 317.....1998
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751998
- Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....1999
- Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285.....2000

- Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 722000
- Carl C. Plants, 542001
- Joseph D. Chrisman, 2792002
- Ashley H. Story, 314, 146.....2002
- James R. Taylor, 3272002
- Dean Papenhagen, 50.....2003
- R. William Lichtenberger, 207, 148.....2003
- Gordon L. Carley, 752003
- Suman Vallabhbhai, 314.....2004
- Daniel L. Scarborough, 79.....2005
- Frank Veverka, 15.....2005
- Glenn R. Mulholland, 32, 2842005
- Philip E. Darby, Jr., 612006
- Randall L. Hart, 22, 312008
- W. Keith Neisler, 1, 3022009
- Edward W. Nolte, 392009
- Brian K. Sandall, 212010
- Deceased

**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
Large	2012	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2012	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow
Large	2013	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2013	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva
Large	2014	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2014	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented at each Grand Lodge Communication to a lodge deemed to have made the greatest contribution or most improvement towards Masonry that year by the Grand Master.

1987	Fremont Lodge	No. 15	Fremont
1989	Hickman Lodge	No. 256	Lincoln
1990	Crescent Lodge	No. 143	Primrose
1991	Mosaic Lodge	No. 55	Norfolk
1992	Frank Welch Lodge	No. 75	Sidney
1993	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend
1994	Hooper Lodge	No. 72	Hooper
1995	Wood Lake Lodge	No. 221	Wood Lake
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
2012	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow
2013	Not Awarded		
2014	North Bend Lodge	No. 119	North Bend

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska
GRAND MASTER'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Presented during the year to not more than two honorees.

This award is presented to publicly honor an individual who has been an outstanding citizen, as well as an outstanding Mason. It is necessary that he has been a Master Mason for thirty years, and has been active in at least three of five designated activities in his community.

1989	Henry Rood	Wahoo No. 59	Wahoo
1989	Thomas Lutey	Kimball No. 294	Kimball
1990	W. Neil Colerick	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
1990	James Fegley	Omadi No. 5	South Sioux City
1991	Lloyd I. Edwards	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
1991	Wayne H. Hardy	Custer No. 148	Broken Bow
1992	Ralph E. Jones	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
1993	Christian F. Dahmke	Charity No. 51	David City
1994	Walter E. Truex	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
1994	Elsworth L. Abbott	Falls City No. 9	Falls City
1995	Harry A. Spencer	North Star No. 227	Lincoln
1996	Ben D. Fussell	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
1997	Ralph Townsend	Scotts Bluff No. 201	Gering
1997	Willard Rouze	Purity No. 198	Imperial
1998	Lowell C. Johnson	North Bend No. 119	North Bend
1998	Marvin M. Fink	Hastings No. 50	Hastings
1999	Dale E. Olson	Oakland No. 91	Oakland
1999	Norris L. Rusmisell	Rob Morris No. 46	Kearney
2000	Richard Brasel	John J. Mercer 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
2012	Charles V. Sederstrom, Jr.	Mizpah No. 302	Omaha
2012	Jay H. Speck	Plattsmouth No. 6	Plattsmouth
2013	Charles E. "Chad" House	Hiram No. 52	Arlington

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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
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
Hooper	No 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19,1878	June 25,1879
Friend	No 73	Friend.....	Saline	May 4,1878	June 25,1879

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Frank Welch	No 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	December 26, 1878	June 25, 1879
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
Porter	No 106	Loup City	Sherman	December 9, 1882	June 19, 1883
Springfield	No 112	Springfield	Sarpy	March 30, 1883	June 19, 1883
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
Robert Burns	No 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	November 15, 1887	June 21, 1888
Justice	No 180	Benkelman	Dundy	October 8, 1888	June 20, 1889
Alliance	No 183	Alliance	Box Butte	January 18, 1889	June 20, 1889
Bee Hive	No 184	Omaha	Douglas	January 22, 1889	June 20, 1889
Minnekadusa	No 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 1889	June 20, 1890
Highland	No 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21, 1889	June 20, 1890
Arcana	No 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 1889	June 20, 1890
Purity	No 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 1889	June 20, 1890
Blazing Star	No 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 1890	June 18, 1891
Scotts Bluff	No 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 1890	June 18, 1891
Plainview	No 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 1890	June 18, 1891
Golden Fleece	No 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 1890	June 18, 1891
Parian	No 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31, 1891	June 18, 1891
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

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Silver Cord	No 224	Ainsworth..... Brown	October 17,1893	June 21,1894
North Star	No 227	Lincoln Lancaster	July 28,1894	June 13,1895
Bartley	No 228	Bartley..... Red Willow	November 23,1894	June 13,1895
Comet	No 229	Ceresco Saunders	December 5,1894	June 13,1895
Zion	No 234	Hyannis..... Grant	July 19,1895	June 10,1896
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
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
Albert Pike	No 333	Omaha Douglas	October 28, 2013	
Renaissance	No 334	Elkhorn..... Douglas	October 28, 2013	

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, Ohioa	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
Napthali 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

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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

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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
Hay Springs No. 177, Hay Springs	Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon	May 27, 2011
Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood	Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water	June 7, 2011
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen	Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield	July 21, 2011
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland	Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco	November 1, 2011
Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore	Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice	February 20, 2012
Nelson Lodge No. 77, Nelson	Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior	April 27, 2012
Ord Lodge No. 103, Ord	Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell	November 2, 2012
Wisner Lodge No. 114, Wisner	Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton	February 25, 2013
Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson	Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill	March 11, 2013
Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point	Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland	September 27, 2013
Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood	Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington	January 3, 2014

**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 Kabul, Afghanistan – Instituted December 1, 2011

EXTINCT LODGES

NAME AND LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 – Decatur.....	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 – Columbus.....	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 – Nebraska City.....	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 – Arago.....	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 – Ashland.....	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 – Rock Bluff.....	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 – Plattsmouth.....	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 – Lafayette Pct. (later Grant).....	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 – Palmyra.....	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 – Salem.....	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 – Columbus.....	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 – Firth.....	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 – Ulysses.....	June 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 – Waco.....	January 31, 1885
Doniphan No. 86 – Doniphan.....	May 12, 1966
Steele City No. 107 – Steele City.....	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 – Arapahoe.....	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 – Brainard.....	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 – Dorchester.....	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 – Odell.....	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 – Indianola.....	June 8, 1904
Minden No. 127 – Minden.....	October 27, 2003
Ark & Anchor No. 131 – Ainsworth.....	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 – Johnson.....	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 – North Loup.....	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 – Valparaiso.....	October 9, 1962
Evergreen No. 153 – Pierce.....	September, 1989
Barneston No. 165 – Barneston.....	June 12, 2013
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 BENEFACIO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT	Add 4000 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 4000 = 6004.
A.:A.:S.: RITE	Add 3760 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 3760 = 5764. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH	Add 530 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 530 = 2534.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS		Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 2004 and 1000 = 3004.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR		From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 2004 = 886.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD		To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 2004 and 1913 = 3917.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	* Denotes proxy Secretary
Nebraska #1	Matthew P Walch	Martin C McGuire	Mark K Westadt	John R Fairlie
Western Star #2	Edward L Reed			David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Kenneth J Bunnell	Andrew L Freeman	Christopher V Edwards*	Randall C Busse
Nemaha Valley #4				
Omadi #5	Vandle A Phillips*	Kenneth E Mogler*	Wayne Benson*	Chris T Knudsen*
Plattsmouth #6	Lee A Olson*	Lanny D Glup*	Robert W Ford*	Jay H Speck*
Falls City #9				Robert L Ferguson
Solomon #10	Craig Stafford*	Donald R Knight		Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Armel E MacDonald	Gregory D Hansen*	L Ryan Barwick*	David N Silver
Peru #14				
Fremont #15	Grady A Wells	Jimmy R Peterson	Frank Veverka	Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	John J Duling	Charles R Clark*	Kent W Folsom	Charles A Burk
Washington #21	Jon B Nutzman*	Paul A Kult*	Brian J Atwood*	
Pawnee #23		Edward D Raper	Larry L Bradbury*	Gary H Bedea*
Beatrice #26				
Blue River #30	Gary L Brhel		Dennis Reichenberg	Richard T Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Donald M Neary*		James A Ball*	
Platte Valley #32	Warren E Leeps	Erin S Pelland*	John R Steele*	Glenn R Mulholland*
Ashlar #33	Ryan D Crouch			Verne L Hill
Acacia #34			Craig H Jacobus	Dennis D Coufal
Fairbury #35	Phil H Heidelk*	Thomas R Curry*	Kristofer M Buehler	
Lone Tree #36				Philip E Foulk
Crete #37	James A Clark	Rick W Wienke*	David A Johnson*	
Oliver #38	James M Stull	Adam Michael Thayer	Kent R Millington	Randal P Colberg*
Papillion #39	Patrick A Berry	William E Young	Geoffrey Allen	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41	Robert E Chilcoat*	Gary D Benson	Darryl W Frerichs	Robert E
Hebron #43	Lyle D McLaughlin			
Harvard #44	Bruce W Schwenk	Warren Christensen*		Steve E Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Delmar A Jones	Charles K Kreis	Adam C Grazier	Michael J Webb
Hastings #50	Keith A Penrose	George W White	Doyle D Daiss	
Fidelity #51	Kent R Clymer*	Frank H Hansen*	Rex M Rehmer*	Lawrence C
Hiram #52	Troy L Clausen*	Sydney R Clausen*		Randy J Mertz*
Charity #53				Roger N Hammond
Lancaster #54	Shane T Rhian	F Graham House	James M Stull	Russell G Reno
Mosaic #55		Christopher D Thompson*		Rodrick R. Hughes*
York #56				
Mt Moriah #57	W Jeff Walker			
Wahoo #59	Gregory L Nabity			Dean A Biggerstaff
Thistle #61				Philip E Darby
Keystone #62	Melvin H Obermeier*			Kenneth E Mahlin*
Blue Valley #64	Kenneth Smisek			
Osceola #65	Ryan M Jones	Ricky A Jones	James M Winslow	
Aurora #68	Ronald F Perry			
Hooper #72				
Friend #73				
Frank Welch #75	Todd M Stewart*			
Albion #78			Jeffrey J Noble*	
Geneva #79				Daniel G Aspegren

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	* Denotes proxy Secretary
St Paul #82	James Ross	Robert O Roth*		Wesley E Stevens*
Corinthian #83	Terry L Henschke	Donald H Kuhl*	Bradley A Jones*	Robert A Jones
Cedar River #89				Mark W Monroe
Oakland #91				
Bennett #94	Frederick E Liebers	Richard D Harris	Roger W Miner	
Garfield #95				
Utica #96	Steven R Rhodes*	Mitchell J Vavra*	Robert O Rhodes	Kevin O Scheele
Euclid #97	Patrick G		Jerry Stansell	Matthew L Mogensen*
Waterloo #102		John A Hardy*		Brad D Petersen*
Porter #106	Lanny R Kizer			Kenneth A Bills
Springfield #112	James M Sklenar	Joseph B Stom	Jeremy Myers	Aaron R Taylor
North Bend #119	Thomas J Begley	Richard J Ray*	Edward P Gray*	
Wayne #120				Morris L Anderson*
Superior #121		Lloyd D Swihart		A Gary Keeling
Stromsburg #126				
Guide Rock #128	Lester R Montgomery	John R Ely		
Scribner #132	David H Otteman*			Donald G Havekost
Solar #134		Jeffrey W Wurtz*		
McCook #135	D Gregory Fyn	Greg A Wolford	Adam J Wolford*	Steve G Lyne
Long Pine #136	Terry R Foxworthy	Stanley L Weidner		Alvin O Benemerito
Jachin #146	Lon C Clark	John D Konzack		Bruce G Raddatz
Custer #148	George A Bundy	Douglas P Sadler	Russell C Simmons	Kevin R Lindly
Lily #154	Tregan P Albers	John D Lange*		Richard D Mosier*
Samaritan #158	John Schultz*			
Ogalalla #159	Charles N Frates*	Dennis M Hutt*	Philip J Armstrong*	
Robert Burns #173			Donald E Rife*	
Justice #180				
Alliance #183	James D Karell	Todd P Rehder	Jock H Faris	Eugene Gatti*
Bee Hive #184	Kevin Snethen	Robert J Meier	Steven J Cisney	Larry R Hulsebus
Minnekadusa #192				
Highland #194				
Arcana #195				
Purity #198	Keith A Wood	Donald F Welch*	Thomas W Elder*	Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200	Richard B Gallegos	Nelce A Martinsen		Howard R Fairbairn
Scotts Bluff #201	John T Ewing*	Devin D Charles	Richard W Taedter*	
Plainview #204		Alan L Tharnish*	Robert K Baird*	
Golden Fleece #205		Robert M Paulsen*		Dwight E Smith
Parian #207				Howard K Chessmore*
East Lincoln #210	James B Michaelson*	William D Hayes	Garen W Miller*	
Cement #211				
Magnolia #220		Fredrick C Sebade*		Darrel W Olson*
Wood Lake #221				
Landmark #222				Randall L Hart
Silver Cord #224		Roderick C Imm*	Michael E. Hitchcock	Evan C Evans*
North Star #227		Harry A Storz*	Robert L Tooker	Steven B Wetzels*
Bartley #228	Lester F Webb*	Wendell W Mousel*	Marvin K Colson*	Gary A Newcomb*
Comet #229	Jerry J Caha*			Gregory L Proski

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Zion #234	John D Streiff		Bryan L Regier*	Steve A Fouse*
Friendship #239				
George Armstrong	T Richard Eriksen			Keith A Eriksen*
Laurel #248				
George Washington	Mark W Poston	Jeffrey W Worrall	Andrew C Martin	Donald C Eisenbarth*
Wausa #251				Lowell C Erickson
Hickman #256	Greg Vlasnik	Jeffrey B Eggerling	John Daniel Irons	Olin D Boone
Mitchell #263				
Franklin #264	Michael D Ingram	Thomas W Moore	Robert G Money*	Kent W Ingram
Robert W Furnas	Frank R Wooden	Dennis D Dubry	Kenneth W	
George W Lininger	Christopher S Nigro	Patrick W Watson	Mitchel J Inman	Ronald D Stites
Olive Branch #274	Kent L Neumann	Cletis T Wilke*	Jon Steven Cerney*	
Wallace #279	Randall E Ogier			Eric J Chrisman*
Florence #281	David L Rose	Charles J Odorizzi	John Warnhoff	Merl R Core
Seneca #284	Chauncey J Linn*			James J Jones
Camp Clarke #285	George T Chikos*			
Oshkosh #286	Kenneth A Roudebush*	Donald C Fischer*	Rex D Beam*	Dale A Jenkins
Union #287				Dale H Rood*
Omaha #288				
John J Mercer #290	David M Long	Jeffrey S Alexander	Rex M Ekleberry	Jonathan D White
Diamond #291	Duard O Dempster*	Kenneth D Bennett*		
Monument #293				
James L Eatmon	Robert H Maurer	Kevin L Sherman	Michael J Schadegg*	E Josh Gillming
Cotner #297	Jerry L Pigsley	Troy Myers*	Robert J Sanford	Ralph J Riemann*
Liberty #300	Andrew H Seachord*	Mark A Elikier	Lance M Neeman	Brent Myers
Mizpah #302	Travis R Bader	Darren S Malott*	Benjamin R Zaayer	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove	Tedd A Kaufman			Raymond J Herbert
Victory #310	Ryan D King		Robert C King	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	Byrl A Shear		Mark C Peterson*	
Mid-West #317	Tyson E Wademan	Bruce A Baker	Billy J Dittmer	Dan J Nonneman
College View #320	Curtis E Wolbert	Paul J Hadley	Bernard L Berck*	Douglas B Johnson
Lebanon #323	Kim L Severyn	David A Geringer*	Troy B Medinger*	Rick B Porter*
Cairo #324				Richard L Heckman
Bellevue #325	Ricky L Baker	Lance R Molina*	Stewart H Cottrell	Arthur J D'Amico*
Centennial #326	Carl J Diamond	Michael G Horton	Carl G Lewis*	Philip O Edwards
Shiloh #327	Douglas A Dawson*	Michael R Brooks	Robert L Schapp*	Matthew W Vandergriff
Miloma #328	Matthew B Schell	Don J Connot	Adam J Bailey	Gregory E Bush
Tabula Rasa #332	F Joe Huskey	James M Stull	F Graham House	Dennis H Brydl

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Net Assets
December 31, 2013

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED - U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		33,787	33,787
BONDS			
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS			
Alcoa Inc., 5.400%, 4-15-2021	50,000	51,380	51,065
Bunge Ltd. Fin. Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	50,000	51,695	61,424
Domtar Corp., 4.400%, 4-1-2022	50,000	51,110	47,873
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	52,625
GTE Corp., 6.840%, 04-15-2018	50,000	54,285	58,238
Southwest Airs Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	50,000	40,000	55,703
US West Communications, Inc., 7.125%, 11-15-2043	50,000	51,000	47,000
WM Wrigley Jr. Co., 4.650%, 07-15-2015	50,000	49,625	52,634
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	400,000	399,193	426,562
TOTAL BONDS	400,000	399,193	426,562

COMMON STOCKS

Shares	Description	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
200	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	9,183	15,864
300	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	19,634	35,568
200	Boeing Co.	9,192	27,298
225	Cato Corp.	5,397	7,155
1,214	Cemex S A B De C V Sponsor ADR New	6,835	14,362
900	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	21,225	24,426
400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	7,007	33,256
300	Compass Minerals International Inc.	23,624	24,015
500	Conagra Foods Inc.	13,110	16,850
250	ConocoPhillips Com.	4,956	17,663
1,250	Costamare Inc.	21,518	22,837
400	Direct TV	13,217	27,624
300	Disney Walt Co. Com.	6,007	22,920
250	Dominion Resources Inc.	9,472	16,172
550	Forest Laboratories Inc.	15,454	33,017
500	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	19,911	18,870
1,500	Gencorp Inc.	7,747	27,030
2,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	20,400	17,160
250	Johnson & Johnson Com.	16,035	22,898
150	Kansas City Southern	2,125	18,574
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs, Inc.	16,362	21,372
900	Leucadia National Corp.	38,150	25,506
425	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	4,759	30,319
200	McDonalds Corp. Com.	18,001	19,406
700	Microsoft Corp. Com.	17,584	26,187
900	Pfizer Inc.	15,512	27,567
216	Phillips 66 Com.	2,545	16,660
400	Plum Creek Timber Co.	11,882	18,604
150	SPDR Gold Trust	15,015	17,418
675	St Joe Company	15,503	12,953
1,300	Symetra Finl Corp. Com.	23,435	24,648
300	Texas Pacific Land Trust	8,896	29,997
700	Vodafone Group Plc	16,917	27,517
400	Vulcan Materials Co.	16,306	23,768
1,500	Yamana Gold Inc.	17,353	12,930
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		490,269	778,411

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Temporarily Restricted and
Permanently Restricted Net Assets
December 31, 2013

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		91,626	91,626
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.250%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	28,961
Independence Kans Indl Dev Rev, 8.11%, 6-15-2020	50,000	52,165	50,879
Kansas City MO Spl Oblig Impt Bds, 4.55%, 8-1-	50,000	51,091	51,248
Total government securities	125,000	131,373	131,088
CORPORATE BONDS			
Alcoa Inc., 5.400%, 4-15-2021	50,000	51,380	51,065
Altera Corp., 4.100%, 11-15-2023	25,000	24,383	24,101
Anglogold Ashanti Hldgs., 5.125%, 8-1-2022	50,000	50,933	43,125
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	25,000	25,848	30,712
CA Inc., 4.500%, 8-15-2023	50,000	51,169	49,438
Domtar Corp., 4.400%, 4-1-2022	50,000	51,110	47,874
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	52,625
Halliburton Co., 6.750%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	29,867
Kohls Corp., 4.000%, 11-1-2021	25,000	25,080	24,989
Pitney Bowes Inc., 5.250%, 1-15-2037	50,000	51,000	53,634
Southwest Aircls Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	25,000	20,000	27,851
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.100%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	57,798
Target Corp., 5.375%, 5-01-2017	50,000	49,112	56,202
US West Communications Inc., 7.125%, 11-15-2043	25,000	25,500	23,500
Zurich Reins Centre Hldgs., 7.125%, 10-12-2023	50,000	54,510	55,757
Total corporate bonds	600,000	598,247	628,538
TOTAL BONDS	725,000	729,620	759,626

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
550	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	31,666	43,626
500	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	59,280
450	Boeing Co.	20,683	61,421
475	Cato Corp.	11,393	15,105
2,190	Cemex S A B De C V Sponsor ADR New	12,303	25,908
1,400	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	31,449	37,996
1,000	Chicago Bridge & Iron	11,570	83,140
500	Compass Minerals International Inc.	38,742	40,025
850	Conagra Foods Inc.	22,287	28,645
396	ConocoPhillips	7,850	27,977
2,075	Costamare Inc.	35,721	37,910
500	Direct TV	16,521	34,530
700	Disney Walt Co Com.	19,990	53,480
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	42,049
900	Forest Laboratories Inc.	25,274	54,027
1,300	Forest Oil Corp.	30,994	4,693
600	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	23,805	22,644
2,700	Gencorp, Inc.	14,842	48,654
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	25,740
475	Johnson & Johnson Com.	30,447	43,505
300	Kansas City Southern	4,250	37,149
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs, Inc.	16,362	21,372
1,000	Leucadia National Corp.	38,322	28,340
825	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	9,222	58,855
400	McDonalds Corp Com.	36,002	38,812
1,400	Microsoft Corp. Com.	36,149	52,374
2,000	Pfizer Inc.	49,974	61,260
198	Phillips 66 Com.	2,333	15,272
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,824	27,906
250	SPDR Gold Trust	22,809	29,030
1,100	St. Joe Company	24,078	21,109
2,400	Symetra Finl Corp.	43,137	45,504
525	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,452	52,495
1,250	Vodafone Group Plc	31,038	49,137
650	Vulcan Materials Co.	26,445	38,623
2,700	Yamana Gold Inc.	33,617	23,274
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		879,620	1,390,867

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