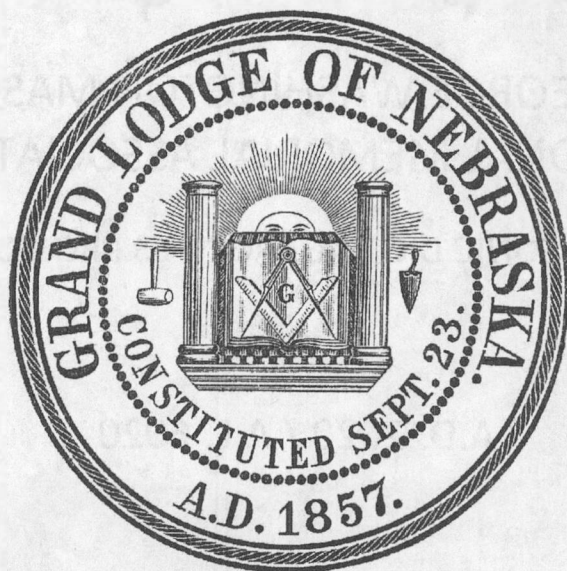


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Joe D. McBride

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2014-2015**

Masonic History of the 148th Grand Master

Joe D. McBride

Joe D. McBride petitioned Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 in Ainsworth, NE on May 10, 1988. After being initiated as an Entered Apprentice on July 14, 1988 and passed to the Fellow Craft degree on October 26, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on March 21, 1989. Following a progression through the chairs, he was installed as Worshipful Master for the Masonic years of 1995 and 1996.

After serving as Master, further Masonic education was sought by joining the Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite. This was followed by crossing the sands into the Tangier Shrine.

In 2001, M.:W.: Michael E. Jones asked Joe if he would consider serving as a Grand Lodge officer. After recovering from the shock and accepting M.:W.: Jones' offer, Joe was appointed to the position of Grand Junior Steward. This started a wonderful and rewarding series of appointments to Grand Senior Steward, Grand Historian, Grand Chaplain, and several years as Grand Marshal (the best job in the Grand Lodge corps). This led to an appointment as Grand Junior Deacon and progression through the chairs to being elected Grand Master for the 2014-15 Masonic year. This is an honor held in his Joe's heart as one of the most rewarding and humbling experiences that a man and a Mason can have.

Joe has served as Associate Bethel Guardian for Bethel #37 in Ainsworth for five years. He served as Worthy Patron of Bethany Chapter #113 of Ainsworth with his wife, Lori, as Worthy Matron. He is also a member of the Sandhills Shrine club in North Central Nebraska. Joe is a member of the National Sojourners, Omaha Chapter #19 and the Joseph Warren Camp, Heroes of 76.

Ill. Sir Bob Maline appointed Joe as Chief Aide and Ill. Sir Tom Brummett appointed him as an Ambassador for Tangier Shrine in Omaha.

In the fall of 2013, Joe was presented his red hat to join the KCCH, Omaha Valley, Scottish Rite.

Joe holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1988). He is a member of the Ainsworth United Methodist Church. He served in the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1983-1989. Joe is a past President of the Ainsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. As a lover of music and country music especially, he was inducted into the Midwest Country Music Hall of Fame for his work with the National Country Festival for more than 13 years. He is a member of Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks since 1989. Joe is a member of the Ainsworth American Legion Post #79.

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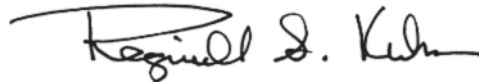
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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-eighth 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 6-7, 2015, 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, 2015.



Reginald S. Kuhn
GRAND SECRETARY

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Most Worshipful Joe D. McBride
Grand Master

First Day – Public Opening
Friday, February 6, 2015

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 6, 2015.

Most Worshipful Thomas L. Hauder, Past Grand Master, presided.

A request was made by Past Grand Master Hauder that all in attendance silence their cell phones unless anyone wanted to make a \$10 donation to the Masonic Veterans Partnership.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Joe D. McBride and his Lady Lori. Past Grand Master Hauder led grand honors for Most Worshipful McBride.

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



Very Worshipful Wayne A. Anderson, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.

“Dear Lord, teach us in every situation to put our faith and trust in you. May our love guide us from morning to night. Thank you for the light you bring into our lives. May we reflect this light in all we do today. Amen.”



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

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.



M.:W.: McBride welcomed everyone to the 158th Annual Communication and thanked them for attending.



M.:W.: McBride asked the Grand Marshal to escort to the East the grand officers and representatives visiting from other grand jurisdictions. The Grand Master then asked Deputy Grand Master Maxell to cover before escorting his Lady Lori to the front with him to greet the visitors.



Grand Junior Deacon Bob Moninger introduced the representatives:

From the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska

- R.:W.: Henry D. Atkinson, Senior Grand Warden
- R.:W.: Freddie L. Clopton, Junior Grand Warden
- M.:W.: Eric Critchlow, Past Grand Master
- M.:W.: Glenn Dee, Past Grand Master
- M.:W.: Doysa L. Whitaker, Past Grand Master
- W.:B.: Russell W. Hobson, Grand Lecturer Emeritus

From the Grand Lodge of Connecticut

M.:W.: Thomas M. Maxwell, II, Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Idaho

M.:W.: David (Skip) Owen, Past Grand Master, and his Lady Darlene

From the Grand Lodge of Iowa

M.:W.: Charles D. Yates, Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Kansas

R.:W.: Lyn E. Beyer, Grand Senior Warden

From the Grand Lodge of Minnesota

R.:W.: Robert L. Darling, Senior Grand Warden, and his Lady Kathy

From the Grand Lodge of Missouri

M.:W.: David W. Hayward, Grand Master, and his Lady Diane

From the Grand Lodge of Montana

M.: W.: Donald Cerovski, Grand Master, and his Lady Ellen
M.: W.: William "Will" Alexander, Past Grand Master, and his Lady Carla
M.: W.: John Mangen, Past Grand Master, and his Lady Mary Alice

From the Grand Lodge of Nevada

W.: Allan "Skip" Pounds, Personal Representative of the Grand Master, and Grand Representative

From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

R.: W.: Ronald A. Aungst, Past Grand Master, and his Lady Norma

From the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

M.: W.: Douglas C. McFarland, Grand Master
R.: W.: Donald A. Gray, Deputy Grand Master, and his Lady Dianne

From the Grand Lodge of Texas

M.: W.: Jerry Martin, Past Grand Master
W.: Gary Mosmeyer, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Senior Deacon and Past Chaplain, and his Lady Sharon

From the Grand Lodge of Virginia

R.: W.: Barrye Lane Absher, Past District Deputy Grand Master, and his Lady Linda

From the Grand Lodge of Washington

M.: W.: Gale Kenney, Past Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of Wyoming

M.: W.: Richard Lewis, Grand Master, and his Lady Charlyn
M.: W.: Allen L. Pierce, Past Grand Master, and his Lady Jackie
M.: W.: William D. Townsend, III, Past Grand Master, and his Lady Kathy
M.: W.: John Farmer, Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite in Wyoming, and his Lady Janet

From the Masonic Service Association and the Grand Lodge of Ohio

M.: W.: George O. Braatz, Executive Secretary and Past Grand Master, and his Lady Marilyn

M.: W.: McBride returned to the East and gave grand honors.



M.: W.: McBride asked the Deputy Grand Master to cover and returned to the floor in preparation to greet the next group of visiting dignitaries. R.: W.: Maxell then asked the Grand Marshal to escort the representatives from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Nebraska Job's Daughters, Nebraska DeMolay, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Social Order of the Beauceant to be seated in preparation to bring greetings.

For the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Grand Worthy Advisor – Pamela McLeod and her mother, Laura McLeod

For Nebraska Job’s Daughters

Grand Bethel Honored Queen – Becky Bleess
Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter – Allegra Hardin
Miss Nebraska Congeniality – Jamie Horstmann
Grand Guardian – Deanne Grant, and her husband John
Associate Grand Guardian – Robert R. Foreman, and his wife Phyllis
Vice Grand Guardian – Trudi Thornburg, and her husband, Kevin, Vice Associate
Grand Guardian
Grand Secretary – Denise Hamilton
Grand Treasurer – Bruce Bugbee, and his wife Karen, Grand Director of Music
Grand Senior Custodian – Matthew Vandergriff
Grand Junior Custodian – Greg Prososki

For Nebraska DeMolay

State Master Councilor – Maximilian Carter
State Senior Councilor – David Strang
State Junior Councilor – Keegan Miller
DeMolay State Sweetheart – Lindsey Schissel
Executive Officer – Kevin Grazier

For Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Worthy Grand Matron – Sharlene Coulter, and her husband Herb
Worthy Grand Patron – Deloyt A. Young
Associate Grand Matron – Brenda McGuire, and her husband Walter
Associate Grand Patron – Delbert Rogers
Grand Secretary & Past Worthy Grand Matron – Jan Thoman
Grand Treasurer – Pam Brhel, and her husband Gary, Grand Marshal
Grand Conductress – Cheryl Beckius, and her husband Bernard
Associate Grand Conductress – Anita Sohm, and her husband Chuck
Grand Martha – Bev Pickering
Grand Electa – Linda Dubry, and her husband Dennis Dubry
Grand Warder – Candace Martin
Grand Sentinel – James Taylor, and his wife Isobel, Social Order of the Beauceant,
Worthy President of Omaha Assembly No. 91
Past Grand Matron – Beverly Donham, and her husband Michael, Past Grand Patron
Past Grand Matron – Judy Wehrbein, and her husband Gene
Past Grand Matron – Jerrie Wilcox

For Daughters of the Nile

Queen, Naphis Temple #66, Lincoln – Julie Reno
Queen, Naamah Temple #108, Hastings – Loraine Rogers
Queen, Sat-ra Temple #59, Omaha – Tina Bowerman

For the Social Order of the Beauceant

Worthy President, Omaha Assembly No. 91 – Isobel Taylor



Grand Master McBride thanked the visitors for being present and attending the Public Opening. He then sked Most Worshipful Brother Doug McFarland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, to bring greetings on behalf of the visiting out of state dignitaries.



Most Worshipful Joe thanked Brother Paul Younes for his hospitality and asked him to bring greetings to those assembled on behalf of Younes Hospitality.



M.: W.: McBride called on Pamela McLeod, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



Miss Allegra Hardin, Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter, was asked to bring greetings from Nebraska Job’s Daughters.



M.: W.: McBride invited State Master Councilor Maximilian Carter 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 Maximilian Carter, State Master Councilor David Strang and State Junior Councilor Keegan Miller presented the awards for DeMolay Mason of the Year and Sponsoring Body of the Year.

Each year at Grand Lodge, Nebraska DeMolay has the pleasure of presenting the Mason of the Year Award as selected by the Grand Master. State Master Councilor David Strang read the nomination for DeMolay Mason of the Year submitted by the Grand Master:

“My nomination for this year’s recipient is for his overall commitment to the Fraternity. He has earned the reputation of a “Get-er-done guy.” He has worked tirelessly throughout 2014 on various events within his lodge, for example, remodeling both the main and satellite kitchens and the entryway of the Masonic Center. His ability to work with other Masonic family bodies helped to secure funding to expand the project beyond the original scope, and has truly enhanced the usefulness of the facility. He championed his lodge brothers to complete their proficiency. He chaired a hugely successful CHIP event at Childrens Hospital, and with the help of his lady, personally worked to map over 6,200 veteran gravesites at the 140-acre Westlawn Hillcrest Cemetary to make the Memorial Day flag project even more successful. He oversaw 226 youth and adult volunteers to mark the gravesites and even secured fund the purchase of 6,000 new larger flags. He holds a national office in the Sojourner organization and helped to start the Renaissance Lodge. It is my pleasure to announce the 2015 DeMolay Mason of the Year – Worshipful Brother Carl Diamond of Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha.”

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 2014 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 truly partner with their Chapter. The Chapter members know the members of the sponsoring body. Every member and officer speaks to and acknowledges the Chapter members when they are in the facility. They provide fundraising opportunities and participate in those endeavors. This is not to say that they hand out money, however, they provide a number of sweat labor opportunities for their DeMolay to earn funds and underwrite their Chapter programming. 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. This sponsoring body has underwritten all transportation costs for Chapter members to attend state events for over 10 years. The example that is set by this sponsoring body is paying off for Freemasonry in Nebraska. Nearly every DeMolay of their Chapter has petitioned a lodge upon reaching their eighteenth birthday. Nebraska DeMolay is pleased to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award to Tangier Shrine of Omaha Nebraska.”



M.:W.: McBride invited Sharlene Coulter, Worthy Grand Matron, and Deloyt Young, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Grand Master Joe called upon Julie Reno, Queen of Naphis Temple No. 66 in Lincoln, to bring greetings on behalf of Daughters of the Nile.



Isobel Taylor, Worthy President of Omaha Assembly No. 91, was then invited by Most Worshipful McBride to bring greetings on behalf of Social Order of the Beauceant.



M.:W.: McBride 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 2014.



Most Worshipful Grand Master McBride then asked Wayne Andreasen, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY*Wayne A. Andreasen, Grand Chaplain**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

Every great sorrow ravages the soul with its own particular sadness. But what sadness can compare with that sense of utter desolation that consumes us when we suffer the loss of a loved one? It is deeper than our tears, more penetrating even than the kindness and sympathy of our friends and our Masonic Brothers. We find that the deepest recesses of the heart hold in them a strength we never knew we had. Though seemingly beyond the reach of human consolation, we nevertheless store away the memory of those near and dear, bringing with it our own personal comfort. We search our soul for a relief that inevitably comes in ways and places that we never expected. As Masons, we begin to see the providential plan but in the beginning it is all we can do to simply cry out, but remembering that God has always been with us. He now more than ever draws near and offers his comfort and help. In His infinite love and compassion, He yearns to come and abide with us, bringing that understanding and consolation that he alone can bestow at such a time as this. We need only to open our grief-stricken hearts to Him. “Come with Me and I will give you rest.” If we respond to His loving invitation, allowing His divine wisdom to pierce the heavy sadness that curtains our souls, we will receive the sweet rest and refreshment He has promised. Our hearts broken; our heads bowed; still inside we know that our eyes are opening to wider spiritual horizons that will teach us to see our bereavement in a new perspective. As our spiritual vision grows under the Master’s instruction, the peace that surpasses all understanding will slowly and surely replace the void in our hearts. We may never find as good a Brother, but perhaps deep and abiding friendship will teach us something of God’s love for us. We might find ourselves able, like never before, to reach out to others. We know that kind of love and respect never ends, but is passed on, Brother to Brother.

As we look at the Powerpoint of the names of our 348 departed Brethren, I have one thing I would like you to think about. – ‘I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn’t than to live my life as if there isn’t and die to find out there is.’”

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne A. Andreasen, 204
Grand Chaplain

M.:W.: McBride thanked V.:W.: Andreasen for his moving tribute to the departed Brethren.

GRAND ORATION*James A. Carlton, Grand Orator*

While pondering over a subject for this speech, I found I would wake up in the middle of the night with a thought that occurred in my sleep and try to remember to capture it during the following day. Most of the time the thoughts escaped me, but one night I had a vivid dream. I want to describe that dream, which had to do with being initiated into Masonry again.

I dreamed I was in church, and I heard a good friend, John, mention that he was going to a meeting at the Masonic lodge. I asked if he was a Mason and he said yes, he was. I told him I had read a little about Masonry, but didn’t know if any of it was accurate. I asked if

he could tell me something about it, and he suggested we go to lunch on Monday and talk about it.

At lunch, John told me that masons were men of good character, who believed in a Supreme Being, and were trying to becoming better men, by practicing the golden rule and being responsible members of society. He said that he considered me that kind of man, and as we ended our lunch he handed me a petition, and asked me to let him know if I wanted to apply for membership. I took the petition home, and in filling out my responses to the questions, it became apparent that Masonry was trying to select only good men, having no personal or selfish motivations. It made me feel honored to have even been asked to join. I filled out the petition, and called John. He asked me to stop by the lodge on Wednesday night with the petition and a check for my initiation fees.

When I stopped at the lodge I was warmly received by the men who were there, and discovered that two of them were friends whom I already considered to be good guys. All were pleased to answer my questions, and all seemed genuinely happy to learn that I had petitioned for membership. John said they would be reading my petition that night, and that it would then lay over for a month before being voted on. He then called me later that night and told me my petition had been accepted, and to expect a call from a lodge Brother, Bill, who would arrange a personal visit by an “investigating committee.”

On the agreed upon evening, three Masons came to my home, and encouraged my wife to sit in on the session. They briefly explained what the Masonic initiation process would entail. They were very interested in my family and my faith, explaining that Masonry would have some commitments, but none would come before my commitments to my family and my God. They asked us about our hobbies and interests. I discovered I had much in common with Bill, who also had been in the military, enjoyed music and cars, and was a frustrated golfer. They told my wife that although Masonry was only for men, there was a women’s and men’s organization called Eastern Star, and that might be something she would eventually be interested in.

They let me know they would immediately inform me of the results of the ballot, and the date for the first initiation step. Bill said he would be coming by to take me to lodge that night.

Bill picked me up and took me to the degree. I was again warmly welcomed by the members, who made it clear I was the reason everyone was there, and telling me to listen carefully to what was said. They cautioned me that the lessons I was about to learn would be spoken in formal, maybe even antique, language, but I should not let that deter me from absorbing their meaning.

I was conducted through the Entered Apprentice degree. I was impressed by the intriguing language and the use of repetition to impart learning. I was uplifted by its encouragement of brotherly love, patriotism, and faith. I was awed by what was obviously hundreds of hours of memory work on the part of the lodge brethren. I was particularly impressed by the charge.

At the conclusion of the degree we had refreshments, and again I found myself the center of attention of all the members, who now referred to me affectionately as “Brother.” My new friend Bill said he would be acting as my teacher and mentor. He described the challenge ahead, which was to memorize portions of the ritual and give it in lodge before moving forward to the next degree. Bill said that the required memorization was quite small, but he hoped I would consider memorizing the questions and answers lecture, which included memorizing the obligation. He said he believed that every Mason needs

to know his obligation – what he solemnly pledged, with God as his witness. That made sense to me, and I committed to memorizing the questions and answers before the next degree. We agreed to meet at the Lodge each Tuesday night and at Bill's home on another night to spend an hour or so working on the ritual. I found that as these sessions went on I not only learned the ritual but became more acquainted with several of the Brothers, who were all willing to tell me what the lessons of Masonry meant to them.

The night for my Fellow Craft degree rolled around, and while I was quite nervous about proving proficiency, I did a respectable job of giving the answers, while Bill asked the questions. I found the ritual work in the Fellow Craft degree very inspiring, and was very impressed by the staircase lecture. Again, I committed to memorizing questions and answers before going forward.

The process repeated itself for the Master Mason degree, where I was very impressed by the obligation, and by the final lecture. By the time I proved up my Master Mason proficiency, I had developed a great friendship with Bill and several other brethren. I asked what I could do to pay back some of the effort that had been directed toward me, and Bill suggested that I pick some portion of the ritual that had particularly impressed me, and learn it as a lecturer. Remembering how deeply the Entered Apprentice charge had spoken to me, I committed to memorizing it. I was particularly proud of myself to give that charge in a live degree two months later. I set a personal goal to improve my pacing and delivery to the point that my charge would be as memorable to new candidates as it was when I received it. Bill mentioned that the Grand Lodge conducts a proficiency class each year, and said I might want to get enrolled, since I now knew a significant portion of the ritual.

Then my dream ended, and I went straight to my computer to capture the experience. Having now shared it with you, I ask.....was this the kind of initiation you experienced when you joined Masonry? Is this the experience that candidates in your lodge enjoy? Do your candidates feel they are a valued member of your lodge when they complete the degrees, or do they attend a couple of business meetings and never return? Would some of these steps, or personal touches, assist your lodge in retaining new members and getting them involved in presenting the ritual? Would we be having problems with sustaining membership if all new Masons experienced my dream sequence?

Masonry speaks to men for its values, but most of all for its friendships. The increased sense of brotherhood and shared experience among us is what bonds us to one another, and to the lodge, and in turn, leads to the desire to serve.

I would ask that you carry these thoughts back to your Lodge and see if you can apply some of these methods to your initiation processes. Yes, I know it will take an increased time commitment by the Brethren – but I suspect you would reap the rewards when suspension month rolls around each year.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Most Worshipful Joe thanked Worshipful Brother Carlton for his oration.



M.: W.: McBride again thanked the Tangier Shrine Legion of Honor for serving as the color guard; Bill Gekas and Gary Jones for serving as photographers throughout the session; and Paul Rutherford for his dedicated service as audio specialist for so many years aimed to preserve and document the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

Most Worshipful Joe then asked everyone to remain seated as the Grand Lodge Officers retired. The room would then be purged in preparation for the tyled Formal Session to begin promptly at 10:20 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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Grand Master

First Day – Formal Opening Session
Friday, February 6, 2015

Prior to the Public Opening, a tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Ainsworth Lodge No. 224, with the assistance of members of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 and Wood Lake Lodge No. 221.

The Grand Lodge Officers assumed their stations. Deputy Grand Master John T. Maxell accepted the gavel from the Master of Ainsworth Lodge No. 224. Deputy Grand Master Maxell led grand honors. He then presented the gavel to Grand Master Joe D. McBride.

M.:W.: Grand Master McBride reminded everyone to please turn off cell phones and other electronic means of communication, or to be prepared to make a donation to Masonic Veterans Partnership should a phone ring aloud or messages sent or received within 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.

V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Andreasen invoked the blessing of Deity.

The Grand Master then declared the 158th 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.: McBride thanked the members of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Long Pine Lodge No. 136 and Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 for opening of lodge.



Grand Master McBride 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.” He asked the Deputy Grand Master to cover and requested that the Grand Senior Deacon place him at the altar in due form to be re-obligated in the Master Mason’s Degree. Brethren were asked to fall in as they were able to in proper form, with their right hand resting on the shoulder of the brother in front of them and join jim in the re-obligation, which was administered the Grand Custodian, Most Worshipful Brother Scott Krieger.

M.:W.: Krieger administered the obligation to M.:W.: McBride. The Grand Master returned to the East and thanked the Brethren for their participation: “Thank you Brethren. Words to live by, word to carry with us every day of our lives.”



Grand Master McBride appointed M.:W.: Dean Skokan as Parliamentarian for the 158th 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 adoption, and the motion was seconded and passed.



M.: W.: McBride 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.

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 27 in the Annual Communication book and announced that the Finance Committee met in 2014 to conduct its assigned duties as prescribed in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He recognized the staff and officers of the Grand Lodge for doing a diligent job of properly and wisely utilizing the assets of the Grand Lodge. He indicated that the books were independently audited by a certified public accountant. 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 2015 in the Annual Communication book.

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.: W.: McBride raised the lodge and asked the Deputy Grand Master to cover to allow him to greet the Past Grand Masters as they were brought to the East.

Paul R. Eveland.....	1988
Steven F. Mattoon.....	1994
Don E. Rasmussen.....	1998
Dwight E. Smith.....	1999
James F. Brown, Jr.....	2000

Philip A. Lorenzen..... 2001
Michael E. Jones..... 2002
Kenneth D. Beebe..... 2003
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
Thomas L. Hauder..... 2013

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



M.: W.: McBride asked all officers and distinguished guests 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 F. Wehrbein, Chairman

The Youth Committee’s focus is embodied in their name and its members are committed to nurture and support our Masonic youth in their organizations through our various activities.

This year the Youth Committee received eight scholarship applications from the three Youth Organizations, which allowed us to give all four \$1,000.00 scholarships. The following received scholarships: Hayley Murphy-Job’s, Taylor Herman-Rainbow, Dakota Wells-DeMolay and Samantha Jackson, the Grand Master’s Scholarship. We felt these youth were well qualified. It is important that we continue to spread the word to our youth that these monies are available to them and encourage them to apply.

The 5th Tri-Annual Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was held in Kearney, Nebraska on September 27and 28 at the Holiday Inn. It was a huge success with 307 attending. There were sixteen out-of state attendees from British Columbia, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. Those attending from Wisconsin were hopeful to have a Conference similar to ours in the coming year and were eager to get information from us and even talked with some of our presenters.

The Silent Auction held in conjunction with the 2014 Annual Communications raised over \$2900.00. This was divided among the three Youth Groups: DeMolay, Job’s, and Rainbow. THANK YOU to everyone who supported this project.

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 F. Wehrbein, Chairman, 6
 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. He reminded the Brothers that the Youth Committee Scholarship applications are due on May 1, and he encouraged everyone to remind their youth group members to submit their applications. He noted that it is important that everyone helps to spread the word to our youth that these monies are available to them and encourage them to apply.

Brother Wehrbein touched on the success of the 5th Triennial Masonic Youth leadership Conference held in Kearney in September 2014. Visitors came from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin to attend the conference along with our Nebraska youth and adult leaders. He stated that Nebraska is a unique state wherein all Masonic bodies work together, and he thanked the Grand Lodge and the Lodges, Star Chapters and other appendant bodies for all of their support to the leadership conference.

The Silent Auction held in conjunction with the 2014 Annual Communication was mentioned and he encouraged everyone to bid generously. The money is to be divided among the three Nebraska Youth Groups – DeMolay, Job’s and Rainbow. The committee members were mentioned by name and thanked for their assistance and support.

Brother Wehrbrin then moved for the adoption of the report of the Youth Committee as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.



Grand Master McBride invited M.:W.: George O. Braatz, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to approach the East to bring greetings. M.:W.: Braatz also presented Grand Master Maxell with a framed certificate of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association for support received from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 2014.

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

M.:W.: McBride asked the Deputy Grand Master to cover to allow him to greet the visitors as they were brought to the East.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Orient of Nebraska

- Charles V. Sederstrom..... Sovereign Grand Inspector General
- Curt Edic..... General Secretary, Valley of Omaha
- Bruce Wood..... General Secretary, Valley of Lincoln
- Gene Gatti..... General Secretary, Valley of Alliance
- George W. White..... Personal Representative to the SGIG, and
 Past Potentate and Current Treasurer of Tehama Shrine Center

Grand York Rite of Nebraska

- Robert L. Williams Grand Governor in Nebraska
- Donald E. Rife Grand King, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and
Captain of the Guard, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
- Anthony "AJ" Johnson Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Chapter,
Royal Arch Masons; and Past Grand Illustrious Master,
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
- Steven R. Barchus..... Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
- David Shaw Grand Conductor, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
- James F. Brown, Jr. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery,
Knights Templar
- Bruce T. Anderson..... Grand Secretary/Recorder

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

- Gary Unger Potentate, Tangier Shrine
- Charles Marchand, Jr. Chief Rabban, Tangier Shrine
- David Norton High Priest and Prophet, Tangier Shrine
- Mike Gardner..... Oriental Guide, Tangier Shrine
- Ralph Joos Treasurer and Past Potentate, Tangier Shrine
- Robert Summers Potentate, Tehama Shrine
- Wayne Vian Assistant Rabban and Past Potentate, Tehama Shrine
- Stephen D. O'Brien Past Potentate, and 3rd Vice President
of the Central State Shrine Association
- Charles W. Haskell Past Potentate, Tehama Shrine
- Keith Plummer..... Chief Rabban, Sesostris Shrine
- Gothard "Ole" Friesen High Priest & Prophet, Sesostris Shrine
- Richard Eggerling Oriental Guide, Sesostris Shrine
- Bill Cummins..... Recorder, Sesostris Shrine
- Jack Lorenzen Past Potentate, Sesostris Shrine
- Mike Buchardt Past Potentate, Sesostris Shrine

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Iowa

- David Krogh Past Potentate, Abu Bekr

National Sojourners, Inc.

- Edward Nolte National 3rd Vice President
- Carl Diamond National Assistant Chief of Staff, Heroes of '76
- Ronald D. Stites Regional Representative for Nebraska and Iowa
- Charles A. Folsom Past National President/Past National Commander, Heroes of '76

M.:W.:B.: McBride 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 McBride then asked Gary Unger, Potentate of Tangier Shrine, to bring a response on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Michael E. Jones, President

Most Worshipful Mike Jones made the following comments regarding the report:

“Most Worshipful Sir, the report for the Nebraska Masonic Foundation is found on page 44. Any questions can be directed to the board of the Foundation during the recess. If you will refer to that, I will submit this report for the Foundation.”

The printed report is as follows:

The stated purpose of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation: education and the ongoing development of the Masonic Library and Museum, was affirmed at the last regular meeting of the Foundation.

A. Financial Position

During the 2014 annual meeting, it was agreed that alternatives were to be sought with the management and investment of our portfolio. We will review the recommendations of the committee assigned to that task under the leadership of M.: W.: Phil Lorenzen. The President re-states his concern about the future financial footings of the Foundation. With the absence of consistent income, such as that which was derived from rental fees in the past, it seems imperative that strategies be developed to find substitute income sources.

An added consideration of addressing solutions to generating income and building the asset base of the Foundation is the recent campaign by the Nebraska Grand Lodge to raise funds for support of its building maintenance. In looking at the listing of lodges posted in the 2014 Lodge Directory, there are 137 identified. If those lodges had made contributions of \$500 each to the Foundation, a sum of \$68,500 would have been raised. That is the goal of the Grand Lodge appeal currently underway. This adds another “competitor” to any fund raising initiative by the Foundation.

B. Museum/Library

In 2012, concerted efforts commenced to inventory, assess, and organize the various collections in the possession of the Foundation. Since the physical move to the current facility, the Heritage Committee, under the direction of W.:B.: Chris Carter, has proceeded with the project and continues to make strides. We appreciate the efforts of Bro. Carter and his committee and lift up a special sense of appreciation to Bro. Adam Thayer who volunteered his labor in his help with setting up the new library. An update from the Heritage Committee is anticipated during the annual meeting. There will be some questions raised that will need to be addressed during the meeting.

The President has the overall sense that the Foundation is hibernating. Aside from the work of the Heritage Committee and the MVP Committee, there seems to be little activity. Is the Board content with this situation or are there projects or interests that need to be pursued? In the 2014 report, I identified three areas that may have needed attention:

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

We need to evaluate these and make some strategic plans. I do not feel “hibernating” will be a healthy option.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, PGM
President

**COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION
INCLUDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES**

REPORT OF THE MASONIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE
A committee of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation
Christopher M. Carter, Chairman

It was a moving year for the Masonic Heritage Committee! In 2013 our focus was entirely on moving the library and museum from the old Grand Lodge building to the new Grand Lodge building; in 2014 our focus was on continuing the organization of the library and planning for the future.

In March, with the help of Brothers from Lancaster Lodge, we were able to unbox all of the books and put them on the shelves. As the year progressed, all non-Masonic, quasi-Masonic and duplicates were pulled and sorted into their respective piles. These books will be offered for sale at the 2015 Annual Communication as a fundraiser for future Nebraska Masonic Foundation library projects. In addition, a database is being built and will be available for cataloging the book collection; the vision is for this to eventually be available to any Mason in the state via the Grand Lodge web site.

With the help of Brother Adam Thayer and his wife, the display cases were re-assembled and nearly filled with many of the artifacts from the Nebraska Masonic Foundation museum collection. Currently, we have on display a case dedicated to Blue Lodge Masonry, another case dedicated to York Rite/Scottish Rite/DeMolay, and a third case dedicated to Shrine/Eastern Star. With the help of new Heritage committee members, Brother Thayer and Michala Stricklin, we plan to complete the displays, make them available for viewing on the Grand Lodge web site and refresh the displays on a semi-annual basis so that each appendant body, Grand Masters, Prince Hall, etc. can be featured in one or more of the cases.

In addition, new storage shelves have been ordered for the artifact room so that, in 2015, we can finally unbox all of the remaining artifacts, sort them and properly store them on the shelves. More shelves are needed and our hope is that the sale of the duplicate books at Annual Communication will assist us in making that a reality.

The Heritage Committee would like to propose an honorary "Library Lodge" whose annual dues are dedicated entirely to the upkeep and restoration of the books and artifacts in the museum and library.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher M. Carter, Chairman, 268 & 281
Carl J. Diamond, 326 & 334
Micah I. Evans, 281, 268 & 333
Christopher S. Nigro, 268 & 331
Adam M. Thayer, Ad Hoc, 54 & 38
Michala Stricklin, Ad Hoc

REPORT OF THE CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS COMMITTEE

A committee of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation

Anthony T. "A.J." Johnson, Chairman

On behalf of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, I would first like to thank all of the Brothers from the Lodges and the Rainbow Girls for their contributions to the Masonic Veteran's Partnership.

We started this year by changing the name of this program from Change for Troops to the Masonic Veterans Partnership (MVP). It was also switched from a Grand Lodge Committee to the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, making it eligible for 501(c)3 contributions. Most Worshipful Brother John Parsons also started the year with an article in the Nebraska Mason notifying all Brethren of the change.

As the program changed names and organizations, we moved \$4252.95 from 2013 collections to make a good start on the 2014 year. During this year, we increased that amount to \$6341.56 - a total gain on the program of \$ 2088.61. This obviously was not as stellar as the first inception years, but that is my fault as I believe it could have been advertised better. That being said, the following Lodges excelled in their donations; George W. Lininger No. 268, Plainview Lodge No. 204, Papillion Lodge No. 39 and Geneva Lodge No. 79.

I am looking forward to a better 2015 with the goal of hopefully purchasing another vehicle for the Disabled American Veterans and contributing money to the VA hospital's programs for the homeless veterans and the program for helping them get back on their feet and becoming productive.

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 the Masonic Veteran's Partnership Program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Johnson, Chairman, 268, 334 & 464IL
John E. Lorenzen, 10, 314 & 331
William H. Nelson, 256
John T. Parsons, 268, 6, 333, 331 & 284PA
Gary S. Unger, 112

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

Most Worshipful Phil Lorenzen made the following comments regarding the report:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren all: The report of the Committee on Nebraska Work appears on page 26. I would invite you to read that at your leisure. I will not go through it. I would like to make three comments. Number one, I am very pleased and the committee is very pleased, which consists of myself, Roger Deininger and Steve Green, that the process of ritual competition was outstanding. The ritual is so important to an understanding of the work and the impression, as our Worshipful Brother Jim Carlton, Orator, said this morning, how we impress our new candidates, that was fantastic. Second, the encouragement of the proficiency by the Grand Lodge is absolutely outstanding; we are very pleased with that. There is also a third item that I didn't mention

that is important, and that is that we have an ability now in our lodges, upon petition to the Committee on Nebraska work, that a lodge can elect and propose to have a more extensive proficiency process for new brethren. Two lodges have taken advantage of that and we have been pleased to bless that. That is all good for our ritual; our ritual is what separates us from the rest of the world and other organizations. We are not a service organization. We are a ritualistic group; a men's fraternity, the largest in the world, and we need to continue to grow. These items will help and the Committee on Nebraska Work is pleased to see the effort of Most Worshipful Scott Krieger, as Grand Custodian and his Deputies, all of the good work they do. Keep it up and thank you for the honor of allowing us to serve on this committee."

The printed report is as follows:

The unchanging charge of the Committee on Nebraska Work involves 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 unwarranted change just for the sake of change or with a goal of streamlining the work to make it easier to join and advance with little effort.

The January/February 2015, *Scottish Rite Journal* in a short article discussing R.W. Roscoe Pound (Nebraska native; Past W.M. of Lancaster Lodge No. 54; Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1915; Dean of Harvard Law School; and said to be one of the most cited legal scholars of the 20th century) observed that Pound was quoted as stating; "I have but little patience with those who are asking today; 'What can be done to bring Masonry 'up to date?' If we brought Masonry 'up to date' today, it would 'be out of date' tomorrow. In my opinion, Masonry has more to offer the twentieth century than the twentieth century has to offer Masonry." Profound words by a legal scholar and Mason.

It might then seem logical to pose the question: would it not follow that Masonry in the Twenty-first century has more to offer the twenty-first century than the twenty-first century has to offer Masonry? Each Freemason would be performing a self-service to not just ask himself that question, but rather to ponder and carefully consider that question. A quick glance at the changing moral posture of many, unwillingness to accept responsibility and searching to find the easiest path in life – which is not necessarily the best path for society, may well be in fact a call to Freemasons to step-up more than ever to provide a positive influence on our neighbor, our community, our country and the World. Maybe that is what is at the heart of R.W. Brother Pound's observation. The content and message of Masonic ritual is, in fact, timeless. We may have created electronic devices which work miracles, but the basis of each person's heart and soul; and his concern and love for his brother remains unchanged – we cannot improve on God's creation – but we are each aided by Masonry to follow the will of the Great Architect of the Universe in the manner in which we conduct our lives.

Visiting and witnessing ritual in many of Nebraska's subordinate lodges finds that the ritual in too great a number of lodges would seem to benefit from encouragement from the Grand Lodge to step up to a new level of proficiency. Current emphasis on the ritual through two new programs of (1) ritual competition and (2) the emphasis and encouragement of more Nebraska Masons becoming proficient by a formalized and well-managed study program. Congratulations to the Grand Lodge Officers for creating the programs and congratulations to all who are participating. Not only does success feel good, but enables one to continue to better understand the deep meaning of our ritual.

Quality of work is a matter of pride – if your lodge does not feel comfortable in the ritual, there are many brothers in other lodges who are willing to help, not in a

condescending manner, but quietly and graciously. The Grand Custodian and Deputy Grand Custodians are always ready to suggest names of others in your area to help in the ritual. Your Committee appreciates the efforts of the Grand Custodian and his Deputies, and of 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, 21 & 331, Chairman
Roger A. Deininger, 317 & 331
Steven A. Green, 54

M.:W.:B.: Phil Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the printed report. With no discussion, the motion was seconded and carried.

OPENING OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE CORNERSTONE

The Grand Master directed Grand Junior Deacon Bob Moninger to open the casket of the cornerstone that was removed from the old Grand Lodge Office building located at 1240 N. 10th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska, and to display the contents on the table in the back of the room for the brethren to view. He announced that the contents of the cornerstone would be returned to the museum at the new Grand Lodge Office. He then invited everyone to visit the new Grand Lodge office and the museum and library.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.:W.:B.: McBride 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 5, 2015 in its annual meeting with three members present and a number of the Grand Lodge Officers. A motion was made, seconded and adopted that the member Resolution and 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Smith, 205, Chairman
Steven Mattoon, 75
John M. McHenry, 19
Les Seiler, 317 & 331
Dean Skokan, 15

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.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

M.:W.:B.: McBride 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 appreciate being here today. I’m very honored to report what’s going on at the home over the past year. When you talk about change in Masonry, change in Masonry, the Children’s Home has to keep up with the kids, has to keep up with change, rules and regulations. One of the things we did this year was brought on by an 85-year old Mason in Fremont, Nebraska that used to be a band director at the local high school by the name of Bob Olson. Through his comment at our local fishing derby, which he always attends, he said he wanted to start up a band at the Home for the kids. I thought what a wonderful idea. He comes out and works with all of the kids; we have 100% participation. Masons throughout Nebraska delved into it and they gave us a little over \$20,000 worth of band instruments for the kids. These kids, most of them have never played an instrument, so by them coming out and learning through Mr. Olson and then within months playing Christmas music at our retirement home, that’s a big deal. It’s a big deal for the kids, it’s a big deal for Masonry, and it shows these kids that they can get out and do things and they’re just not a by-product. They are a part of our community, and a part of our fraternity, so thank you very much for that.

A couple other things I have to brag about – August 8, 2015, everyone is invited to our Centennial Celebration. Please come on out. It’s also the same date as our Achievement Day, so please come out and help us celebrate that. We have had some very dynamic young people at the Home this year. One young gentleman was an Academic All-Conference and he won fourth place in the discus at the State Track meet. Another girl, Academic All-Conference and went to State in Cross Country. We had 965 4-H awards, and 10 different kids earned Teachers Choice Awards. So, those who give to the Home, we thank you. We hope those results show that good things are happening there and I appreciate your time today.”

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

It is my pleasure to report that operations at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont continue to run smoothly, thanks to the performance of “Team” Ron, Todd, Gloria, Marie, Maria, and all other staff members. We continue to have 32 teenagers on campus, making it a challenge but they are up to the task. Academic achievement continues to improve with the new tutoring method which takes place in the Education building, with the results of eight students with 4.0 gpa, and an average for all at 3.6, this first quarter. They also find time to have fun at the recreation area in the lower level of the facility, where they have many activity options. We are enjoying an increase in the number of alums returning to the Home for a visit. We are proud of them and enjoy having them with us. We also enjoy having their letters read by the board secretary during meetings.

We have always had standing committee reports at our Board meetings, and appoint special committees for new projects as needed. Ron has come up with definition of the word “TEAM”: Together Everyone Achieves More. It appears on a sign just inside the front door to the office. I thought about that and how it applies to our Board. We have always thought of ourselves as members of a “team”, and we discuss plans and figure out how and when to make our plans become action plans by way of motions and open discussion followed by votes. Our members are willing to use their varied and useful talents in helping us make good final decisions. Ron and his staff, because of their varied daily work assignments, work as one team and his definition of “TEAM” is a useful tool in their planning. We have set up a 4H lab in the currently vacant space in the Executive

Office Building for a new 4H Robotics Science program. It will not interfere or disrupt the Executive office area.

We have enjoyed another wonderful year of developing and encouraging our student residents as they grow toward adulthood. I speak for the interested proud and hard working members of the Board who performed their duties happily during this year of many challenges. We make an effort to operate within our budget, and put to best use 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.

CONTENTS OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE CORNERSTONE

The Grand Master asked Grand Senior Deacon Bob Moninger to announce to those assembled what was found in the casket from the cornerstone of the old Grand Lodge office. The contents were:

1. Lincoln Journal Star dated Saturday, June 24, 2000
2. A copy of the Oration from the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony
3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Masonic Home held on January 12, 1999
4. The Program for the Laying of the Cornerstone
5. Various currency: A One Dollar Bill, a Sacagawea Dollar Coin, a Susan B. Anthony Dollar Coin, Kennedy Half Dollar Coin, a Dime, a Knickel, and a Penny
6. Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A. : F. : & A. : M. : of Nebraska
7. Proceedings of the 143rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge
8. Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
9. Proceedings of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Nebraska
10. Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska
11. Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska
12. Annual Report of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont
13. Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth
14. Roster of members of the Nebraska Veterans of Freemasonry
15. Grand Lodge of Nebraska Lodge Officers Directory
16. The Nebraska Mason
17. The Masonic News
18. Installation of Officers Program of the Masonic Temple Association
19. 50th Anniversary Program for Lancaster Lodge No. 54
20. 75th Anniversary Program for Lancaster Lodge No. 54
21. 100th Anniversary Program and Commemorative Coin for Lancaster Lodge No. 54
22. 125th Anniversary Program and Commemorative Coin for Lancaster Lodge No. 54
23. The Word of 54, June 2000
24. Photograph of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 Officers for the year 2000
25. Royal Arch Masons Commemorative Coin

Grand Master McBride invited Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Jim Brown to make remarks about the cornerstone laying.

“Most Worshipful Brother, one of the things that I remember was the minute that the ceremony was over, there was a gentleman that had been across the street. He was watching what we were doing, and he was a Prince Hall Mason. If the Prince Hall Masons are still here, you’ll appreciate this. He comes over to me as soon as it’s over and he says, ‘I know what you’re doing and you can’t do this.’ And I said, ‘Well, what do you mean?’ He says, ‘This is a secret organization, you cannot reveal any of the secrets of Masonry.’ And I said ‘This is a public ceremony, opening and dedicating a new Grand Lodge building.’ I talked with him for a few minutes and he finally realized what we were actually doing, and he was really excited then. Then he wanted to come across the street, he wanted to look at the cornerstone, he wanted to go through the building so that he could see what was happening, and he really felt good about Masonry in Nebraska after he realized exactly what was happening.

The only other thing I want to say is you notice there were a lot of things from Lancaster 54 in that particular box. Lancaster 54 is my home lodge, and I know that I feel like ever Past Grand Master has felt that the Brethren of your lodge provide you immeasurable support during the year and I couldn’t be prouder of the men from Lancaster 54 past, as well as my Brethren today, who are over there somewhere. Would the guys from 54 please stand for just a minute? (Brethren stand) Would you give them a round of applause? (Applause) Thank you Most Worshipful.”

M.: W.: McBride thanked Past Grand Master Brown for his remarks.

RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RECOGNITION OF PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M.:W.:B.: McBride invited Most Worshipful Tommie Blan, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska, to the East and made the following remarks:

“Brothers, today is a very important day in the history of Masonry in Nebraska and across the United States. Twenty-five years ago today the Grand Lodge of Nebraska officially recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska. For the view of our predecesors and their ability to step forward and do what was right, I salute them, and I am so glad to be able to share this lodge room and share this brotherhood with our Brothers from the Prince Hall Masons of Nebraska. So please welcome Most Worshipful Brother Tommie Blan and the other Brothers from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska.”

Most Worshipful Tommie Blan brought these greetings:

“Worshipful Brother Joe McBride and to the past and present Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers and to my Brothers and other dignitaries in the room, we thank you from the Most Worshpoful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska Free and Accepted Masons. This is a very humbling time for me. Although I wasn’t around 25 years ago, I know there are a lot of other Brothers in Prince Hall and Grand Lodge of Nebraska that were here during that time. I am truly blessed to be the Grand Master this year as we commemorate the 25 years of fraternal recognition on the 14th of March and I am just so excited to be here with you.

I would also like to take this time to thank Worshipful Brother James Carlton for the work with the FFI Programming and Dr. Jim Carnegjs for his efforts for the Father Family Initiative Programming. It's dear to our heart as we know that we see the violence in the metropolitan area of Omaha, Nebraska. I really ask that you support the program. I know that there is a booth out front there that is displayed. Brothers, I ask that you assist us with this program. We need to catch these young men when they are five and six years old, and give them some teachings. You know, although you don't have to be their biological father, we do have father figures in the house that come out faithfully every Wednesday at 7 o'clock at the Jesuit in Omaha. So they do need funding and your support and I ask as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons that you place on your heart any contributions that would help gear these young men in the right direction so we can start changing lives. It might be in Omaha today, but it will be traveling around the state of Nebraska if we're not careful. So we need to do our part as upright men in this support. Once again, I ask that you come out and support the 25th recognition banquet on March 14th so we can come and fellowship as one.

If it's okay, I would like to recognize some of my officers that I have with me today. I have the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Henry D. Atkinson, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Freddie Clopton. I also have with me some Past Grand Masters – Past Grand Master Doysa Whitaker, Past Grand Master Eric Critchlow and Past Grand Master Glenn W. Dee, and I think everyone must know Brother Russell Hobson, who is our Grand Lecturer Emeritus. Thank you Brothers for traveling with me and thank you once again.”



Grand Master McBride announced that the afternoon workshop would be held following lunch in the lodge room and would feature the Entered Apprentice Degree being performed by Lancaster Lodge No. 54, the winning lodge of the Ritual Competition held in 2014. Following the degree, awards would be given to Brothers who completed the 2014 Proficiency Class and Grand Senior Deacon Patrick Barger would discuss the Proficiency Class to be held in 2015.

Other announcements were also made regarding the various afternoon meetings, vendors present, instructions for evening banquets, silent auction, hospitality areas, and tie sales fundraising for ALS.



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 7, 2014 at 8:30 am.

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

MASONIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS

M.:W.:B.: McBride 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 Most Worshipful Mike Jones, President of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, to come forward to receive checks representing the proceeds of the 13th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented a check in the amount of \$5,726.35. A total of \$17,179.05 was raised at the Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournament.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD PRESENTATION

After a brief skit put together by Grand Master McBride, the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award was presented to Worshipful Brother Gene Wehrbein of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.



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

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V.:W.: Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Andreasen invoked the blessing of Deity.

R.:W.: John Maxell, Deputy Grand Master, called the 158th 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 7, 2015.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.



Most Worshipful Grand Master McBride announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Steve Green as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT

Grand Master McBride 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.

VOTING ON GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

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

Recommendation No. 1

Amend **Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP** by adding a paragraph in between the current fourth and fifth paragraphs, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP–

Fourth paragraph:

In the event that a member of a lodge in this Jurisdiction holding plural membership in another lodge of said Jurisdiction shall become suspended or expelled, by either his parent or plural lodge, he shall be automatically suspended or expelled in his other lodge without further action being required by said other lodge than noting the fact upon the minutes thereof. Provided, that if said suspension or expulsion shall be for the non payment of his dues to one of said lodges, his standing in his other lodge shall not be affected thereby. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the lodge inflicting any such penalty to immediately report the same to the other lodge in which such member holds membership. In the event that a member holding his parent membership in another Grand Jurisdiction and his plural membership in a lodge in this Jurisdiction, is suspended or expelled by his lodge in this Jurisdiction, such fact shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of his parent lodge.

New paragraph:

If a member holding plural membership in this Jurisdiction and another Grand Jurisdiction is suspended from membership in the other said Jurisdiction, for anything other than non-payment of dues, it will automatically be referred to the Grievance Committee for review and forwarded to the Grand Master for further action as may be warranted, including suspension or expulsion from the Fraternity.

Fifth paragraph:

Any member of a lodge holding plural membership in another lodge, who shall be suspended or expelled for any cause other than non payment of dues, shall upon restoration to membership by the lodge so suspending or expelling him, be automatically restored to membership in his other lodge, unless a protest is filed by a member thereof with the Worshipful Master.

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: McBride moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was seconded. No discussion was held on the matter. R.:W.:B.: Maxell called for the question and the recommendation was voted on by a show of hands. Recommendation No. 1 passed with the required two-thirds vote.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION NO. 1

The following resolution was presented at the 157th Annual Communication in February 2014:

Resolution No. 1

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

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.

R.:W.:B.: Maxell asked one or more of the signers of Resolution No. 1 to state their position and rationale for the proposal. Most Worshipful Brother Russ Reno, 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.: Maxell 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 McBride asked Most Worshipful Donald Cerovski, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, to bring greetings.

PRESENTATION OF THE ARTIFICER AWARD

The Nebraska Grand Lodge introduced the new Artificer Award in 2014 as part of the jurisdiction's ongoing commitment to membership engagement and getting new members involved in their respective blue lodges.

It is the goal of this award to get newly raised members involved in the lodge and give them a well-rounded exposure to the different things that this fraternity does, from charity work, to the visits of the Grand Lodge Officers, to helping to support a lodge function, just to name a few.

A newly raised member of a lodge should be given the opportunity to pursue the Artificer Award starting the night he has been raised or shortly thereafter by a communication from the Master or Lodge Secretary. From that starting point the newly raised Master Mason has fourteen months to accomplish the list of fifteen requirements to achieve the award. Members that complete the requirements will receive a certificate and custom designed lapel pin for their accomplishments.

Grand Master McBride asked Kevin Lindly, Grand Junior Steward, and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Awards Committee to approach the East to present the first Artificer Award to Brother Kyle Beckner of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 for successfully completing all of the requirements.



Most Worshipful McBride asked Most Worshipful Brother Charles Yates, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to approach the East to bring greetings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Baker, Chairman

M.:W.: McBride invited M.:W.: Bruce A. Baker, Past Grand Master to the podium to present the report from the Grand Lodge Office Committee. Past Grand Master Baker made the following remarks in reference to the report:

“Most Worshipful, thank you for this opportunity. The report is found on page 31 of your booklet, Brethren. There are a couple of things I will address. We had a staff change. We had a gentleman working for us who resigned on April 29th, which was prior to the intensive planning for band camp, which kind of put us in a bit of a bind, but Michelle stepped up and chose rather than starting the process to select another employee, she took care of things. So kudos to Michelle. We did, however, hire, and I’m sure many of you have had the opportunity to meet Debra Galli. She came on board as a temporary employee and fit in very well. She does excellent work. She’s good for the fraternity as far as the greetings you get when you go into the Grand Lodge Office. So we offered her a permanent employment and she accepted.

The other thing I would note is that with the health care situation we had a good opportunity to go with CoOpportunity Health, which the employees enjoyed very much. It was working well for us. They unfortunately ran into some financial problems and I don’t believe they exist in Nebraska any longer. We had to make a change right after the first of the year and that is noted in this report. We ended up going with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for our employees’ health insurance, which was substantially more, but still pretty reasonable considering all of the things I’m reading on health insurance. Unless there are any questions, I would report and echo what you have said, sir, that the office is a very nice and very functional building and I’m thrilled with the staff that we have. I think Debra Galli and Michelle compliment each other and do a wonderful job for the Grand Lodge. Thank you.”

The printed report is as follows:

Per section 1-361 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Nebraska, the Grand Lodge Office Committee is charged with overseeing the efficient operation of the Grand Lodge office, employees, assets and supplies required to serve the Lodges that

make up the Nebraska Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Office Committee met several times during 2014 via phone & email, and once formally. The following report highlights the actions taken by this committee.

Records Administrator/Marketing Coordinator Quinn Knudsen resigned his position effective April 29. Debra Galli was hired as a temporary employee on June 26 to fill the vacancy, and accepted the permanent position on August 11. With a rich Masonic background, Debbie is a welcome addition to the Grand Lodge office staff.

The mileage reimbursement rate for eligible Grand Lodge official travel remains at .40 cents per mile for the 2015 Masonic year.

The Committee reviewed the list of "Grand Lodge fixed assets" and noted the addition of a Bose speaker system to be used for Band Camp. The money to purchase the speaker system was donated by Band Committee Chairman W.:B.: K. Roger Dill; with gratitude, the Grand Lodge Office Committee acknowledges W.:B.: Dill's contributions. It was recommended that the possible purchase of an iPad/tablet be explored which could be used for testing of the new web site on a variety of platforms. The age and predicted life expectancy of the current server & desktop computers which were purchased in 2008 was discussed. It was determined that while they are currently working adequately, they will probably need to be replaced in the next couple of years.

The budget for the Grand Lodge Office Committee will remain at \$100.00 for 2015.

The insurance package for the two full time employees was reviewed and approved with the current monthly premiums as follows:

Healthcare with CoOpportunity	\$970.55
Dental with MetLife	114.32
Life with United States Life	42.10

In January, CoOpportunity Health was taken over by the Department of Insurance and it was recommended that all those currently insured by the company obtain different coverage. A quote was obtained for coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and contracted at a rate of \$1522.33 per month, effective February 1.

The Grand Lodge office staff consists of 2 full time employees (Michelle & Debra) and 1 part time employee (Carol). The Committee reviewed evaluations, and the responsibilities of the employees to determine compensation commensurate with their experience and responsibilities.

The Office Manager's goals set and completed for 2014 were reviewed, and additional goals set for 2015.

The Committee established the CHIP administrative fee at \$1150.00 per month. This amount is based on Michelle's CHIP salary and the percentage of office space, utilities and Grand Lodge resources used by the CHIP program.

The need to revise the employee evaluation process was discussed and will be accomplished prior to the 2015 evaluations. Additionally, previous parking lot security concerns were discussed, and it was determined that no action is warranted at this time.

In conclusion, the Grand Lodge Office Committee acknowledges and appreciates the efficient and professional demeanor displayed by the Grand Lodge Office staff in the performance of their daily duties. Every Nebraska Mason can be proud of the Grand

Lodge Office building and staff; you're encouraged to stop by for a visit when in Lincoln, as you are always welcome.

Respectively submitted,
Bruce A. Baker, Chairman, 317 & 334
Wayne A. Andreasen, 204
Christopher M. Carter, 268 & 281
Rex J. Moats, PGM, 290, 102 & 334
Ex-Officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM, 134 & 19

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

Alvin O. Benemerito, Chairman

Grand Master McBride invited W.:B.: Alvin Benemerito, Chairman of the Masonic Relief Committee, to the podium to present the report from the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

The printed report is as follows:

There was only one request of assistance from the Relief Committee this year. The brother is a member of Solomon Lodge No. 10 in Fort Calhoun, NE. The Lodge verified the seriousness of the family issue and mounting expenses resulting in hardship. After some discussion, the committee provided financial support, with prayer.

On behalf of the members of the Committee on Relief, we thank you for allowing us to serve in this capacity. We also thank all the members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for their continued financial support, allowing us the ability to succor a brother in need.

Respectfully submitted
Alvin O. Benemerito, Chairman, 136 & 331
David M. Long, 290
John T. Maxell, 327, 6, 333 & 331
James M. Sklenar, 112
Steven R. Barchus, 302 & 333

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



Most Worshipful McBride asked Worshipful Barrye Lane Absher, Past District Deputy Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to approach the East to bring greetings. Grand Master McBride explained that Worshipful Brother Absher designed a special pin for sale in his travels to Annual Communications around the country. He had traveled to 35 grand jurisdictions so far and was planning to attend two more before returning home. All money he received at each Annual Communication is donated to the youth within that grand jurisdiction. Most Worshipful McBride asked everyone to stand and thank Worshipful Brother Absher for his generosity. After his greetings were received, Grand Master McBride presented W.:B.: Absher with a Nebraska pin.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE*K. Roger Dill, Chairman*

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

“Thank you, Most Worshipful. The report is on page 34 of the book. I’m not going to read it to you, you can read it yourself. I’m here for a little show and tell. As you know, this last year was our 20th year since Jerry Rittenburg started our band program. In memory and honor of him, this is the t-shirt that we had made for his 20th year. It’s a t-shirt that we could buy and wear and this was the design Michelle came up with. It does have the Masonic All-Star Marching Band on this side. It says Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp established by Most Worshipful Jerry Rittenburg. It was a very successful and enjoyable year.

While we were at band camp, there was a student from Omaha who brought and passed out these little things here. This is a star off of a flag and it’s in a little plastic envelope. On the back it says “I was part of our American flag. I flew proudly. The sun and elements have caused me to become faded, tattered and torn. I am no longer proud to fly. Carry me as a reminder that I am not forgotten.” Well we were so taken with this that we’ve decided that we are going to adopt this and we’re going to make a bunch of these and we will have on ours the Masonic All-Star Marching Band and maybe a thing that says “thank you for your service.” And when we do our concert on Friday night, we do a concert in a park, and we play a patriotic medley that features all of the songs of all of the services. As we’re playing this, people who have been in that service stand during their song. We’re going to have enough of these that we can give them to our junior band assistants, we call them JBAs, and the JBAs will pass through the crowd and when someone stands up, we’ll present them with one of these as a token of our appreciation. So the band committee is always looking for ways to tweak what is already a great program and make it just a little bit better.

Also, Past Grand Master Baker came up with an idea, because we have a little down time after the concert before we go bowling. He said, “You know, a little ice cream right now would be pretty good.” So we’re going to try to incorporate an ice cream social at the end of the concert with the crowd, because I got a lot of compliments after the concert. They said, “Boy, that was really good. We really appreciate you being here.” Well I’m not the one that they’re supposed to say that to. It’s those students up there that play. They’re the ones that need to hear that. So maybe with this ice cream social, we can mingle a little bit with them, let them tell the students how much they appreciate it and how good they sound. I already know that. I’ve listened to them all week.

Now comes to the ever reminder and ever begging part of my presentation. We need your help. I would like all of you to go back to your homes, dig up, find out who your band director is in your town. Go talk to them and say “We would like to send one, two, twenty of your band students to band camp.” Have them fill out an application and get them to the Grand Lodge so they can have the experience that all of these other students are having. It’s a great experience. Very, very few students ever say they don’t want to come back. But we need your help in getting these students here and we need your help raising the money

to support them. Each scholarship is \$275. The students pay absolutely nothing. As long as they can get there and as long as they can get home, they're there. We don't give them spending money, but we pay for everything else. So we could use your help raising scholarships for these students that come. Also, we need chaperones. Those of you who didn't raise, didn't get to stand up because you haven't been involved in a youth organization, here's your chance! We can use you – a day, a week – it's June 2nd through June 6th. We can use your help. It's amazing what the presence of an adult will do among the youth. It seems to stifle their ideas that they get at that age. The chaperones, we have two shifts of chaperones, one during the day and one at night. Just your presence makes a big difference. We have plenty of help on the field. We have three tremendous band directors who work with the students. We have all sorts of junior and senior band assistants that are out on the field helping the students prepare. But we need the adult presence there. We would love to have you for a day. We would love to have you for a week. We have a great time. The students have a great time. Thank you."

The printed report is as follows:

Our second year at Kearney is history and it was another great year. It was the 20th year of the Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band. It doesn't seem possible that 20 years ago PGM Jerry Rittenburg started our Masonic band camp. We have grown from his beginnings to the well run program we now have. As the years went by we added, subtracted, honed and streamlined the band camp to its present place as one of the best band camps in the state. Thank You Jerry for your inspiration and vision.

Since this year was the 20th year, we invited past students to join us for the parade and recognized them at the beginning of our half-time show. Although the number was not as big as we hoped, it was nice to see some of the students who have gone on to become members and contributors to society.

Our numbers were down a little this year due to high school bands going on trips and competing with Boys and Girls State which was going on at the same time. We still had close to 200 students who came from all over the state. They were recommended by their band directors as some of their best players and it showed by the sound that the band produced. We had students who had never marched before and they ended up being good marchers and very excited about taking what they had learned back to their own high schools. The students who attend not only play well but are well behaved and represent their towns and schools in a very positive manner. Almost all students who attend want to return either as students or junior band assistants. This is a tribute to the directors and chaperones, as they make this camp very enjoyable for all. The students' way is paid for by scholarships provided by Masonic Lodges throughout the state, Eastern Star Chapters, Shrine, Scottish Rite and York Rite organizations, individual members and other donors.

DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls donated the water bottles for the band camp. This is a great way to introduce these fine organizations to the students, as their logos and web addresses are on the bottles.

As always, Michelle had the camp running like a well-oiled machine. Without her invaluable direction and organization, the band camp could not operate. Thank You Michelle for everything you do for our students and Masonry.

There are also many pictures of our students and activities on the site. Take a look at what we do. The Band Camp does as much as any other activity in promoting Masonry

and Masonic values not only to 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 not a job but a great way to spend a week. We never seem to have enough chaperones so if you would like to take a week, a day or an hour and help with the camp let us know. We guarantee a good time.

Respectfully submitted
 K. Roger Dill, Chairman, 310
 Bruce A. Baker, 317
 William H. Cummins, 54
 Donald G. Havekost, 132 & 72
 Dennis E. Rix, 15 & 334
 E. Thomas Spunaugle, 198 & 38
 Jennie Danner
 Jan Thoman
 Kathy Worrell

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CLOSE OF BALLOT

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



Most Worshipful McBride invited M.:W.:B.: Gale Kenney, Past Grand Master, to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this the 158th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 17 Past Grand Masters, 15 Deputy Grand Custodians and 59 Non-delegate Masons. At the time of this report, there are the following Masters, Wardens and Secretaries registered: There are 59 Worshipful Masters in person and 30 by proxy; there are 39 Senior Wardens in person and 24 by proxy; there are 37 Junior Wardens in person and 28 by proxy; and 59 Secretaries in person and 23 by proxy.

Again this year we are recognizing the Lodges that have all four elected delegate officers in attendance in person. They are Lodges 1, 10, 54, 112, 146, 148, 224, 250, 256, 290, 310, 317, 327, 332 and 333. 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: 9, 14, 21, 37, 41, 43, 53, 59, 64, 73, 82, 89, 95, 97, 128, 154, 192, 239, 248, 263, 286,

288, and 291 There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries registered for two years from the following Lodges: 14, 73, 95, 192, 239, 248, 263, and 288. And for three years from lodges 192 and 263.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present from the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming, as well as a representative from the Masonic Service Association of North America.

We are also pleased to have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic-related organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job’s Daughters, DeMolay, Daughters of the Nile, Social Order of the Beauceant, York Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Tehama, Tangier, Sesostris and Abu Bekr Shrine Centers, 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 259 at the Grand Master’s Banquet Thursday evening; there were 447 at the Public opening Friday morning; and 331 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 Joe D. McBride. 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, Karl Rasmussen and Gordon Brown, with the side note that our committee has a total of 91 years of combined experience.

I also extend a huge thank you to Michelle and Debbie 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
Gordon L. Brown, 146
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.: McBride thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee for the work they do at Annual Communication each year.



Most Worshipful McBride invited M.:W.:B.: Richard Lewis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, to bring greetings.

FINAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

The 2014 Committee on Finance met during the past year to conduct its assigned duties as proscribed in Section 1–318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

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

Actual revenue and expenses, compared to budgeted, for 2014 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	523,082	543,103
Expenses	491,355	564,940
Net Difference	31,728	(21,837)

After other activities affecting cash flow, such as prepaid Annual Communication, prepaid expenses, and purchases of inventory assets, \$23,493 in cash was on hand in the general fund on December 31, 2014, and an investment draw for operating expenses was not necessary. 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 2014. An investment draw was not necessary in part due to most Grand Lodge Officers not claiming expense reimbursements for travel; incidental expenses for Annual Communication, Installation and program expenses being held under budget; the office staff keeping budget items for equipment, printing, supplies, computer and general expenses under budget; discontinuing the rental of a storage unit; and switching to a different telephone and internet provider, resulting in a lower monthly expenditure.

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
 Michael A. Buchardt, 52 & 256
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Joel L. Jelkin, 15
 Theodore J. Johnson, 26, 314 & 334
 Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317
 Rick E. Nelson, 317
 Steven S. Nichols, 102

Account	2015 Budget
Lodge Income	
4100.00 Membership Dues	\$266,425.00
4100.00 Membership Dues - from Perp	\$9,684.00
4110.00 Dues-Fremont Home	\$10,657.00
4110.00 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	\$367.00
4120.00 Dues-Masonic Home	\$26,642.50
4120.00 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	\$1,631.50

4130.00	Dues-Geo Washington	\$15,985.50
4130.00	Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	\$377.50
4140.00	Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	\$5,328.50
4140.00	Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	\$259.00
4175.00	GL Admin Fee - from Perp	\$1,400.00
4200.00	Initiation Fees	\$4,500.00
4210.00	Reinstatement Fees	\$1,000.00
4640.00	CHIP Assessment	\$17,817.00
4300.00	Surety Bond Premium	\$2,061.00
4350.00	Liability Ins Premium	\$30,000.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income		\$394,135.50
Sales Income		
4400.00	Donations for Supplies	\$9,000.00
4620.40	Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	\$4,000.00
4620.60	Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	\$10,880.00
4625.40	Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	\$300.00
4625.50	Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	\$1,000.00
4625.60	Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	\$3,200.00
4625.70	Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	\$2,100.00
4625.80	Sale of Vet's Luncheon Tickets	\$300.00
4631.40	Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	\$2,250.00
4633.40	Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	\$450.00
4634.40	Grand Lodge Luau	\$5,100.00
4633.50	AC Registration Fee	\$3,000.00
4875.00	Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00
4910.00	Interest - General Fund	\$200.00
Subtotal-Sales Income		\$43,280.00
Program Income		
4450.72	Band Clinic Registration	\$49,500.00
4460.72	Band Clinic Supplies	\$9,000.00
4465.00	GM Program Income	\$2,500.00
Subtotal-Program Income		\$61,000.00
Participatory Income		
4500.00	Scottish Rite Bldg Study Reimb Loan Pmt	\$3,926.53
4600.00	Rental Income	\$2,500.00
4650.00	NE Masonic Home-Admin	\$5,000.00
4641.00	CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	\$13,800.00
4655.00	NE Masonic Home-Paper	\$5,000.00
4660.00	OES & Fremont -Paper	\$5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income		\$35,326.53

TOTAL REVENUE		\$533,742.03
Annual Communication		
5104.40	Guest Room Rental	\$1,500.00
5110.40	Grand Master's Banquet	\$7,087.50
5111.40	Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	\$1,500.00
5130.40	Membership Banquet	\$9,040.50
5131.40	Entertainment - Membership Banquet	\$1,000.00
5150.40	Ladies Program	\$300.00
5170.40	Misc Incidental Expense	\$6,000.00
5172.40	Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	\$310.17
5174.40	Mens' Lunch	\$2,889.60
5175.40	Ladies Lunch	\$2,065.00
5175.41	Vet's Lunch	\$270.90
5176.40	PGM Ladies Lunch	\$289.35
5177.40	Secretaries Lunch	\$903.00
5178.40	Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	\$2,125.50
5180.40	Red Cross Breakfast	\$425.10
5181.40	Grand Lodge Luau	\$4,641.00
5440.40	Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	\$2,500.00
5120.40	Proceedings	\$3,500.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication		\$46,347.62
Installation		
5170.42	Misc. Installation	\$1,500.00
5220.42	Meals	\$1,000.00
5440.42	Printing & Copying - Installation	\$350.00
Subtotal-Installation		\$2,850.00
Travel & Related		
5210.00	Auto Allowance	\$1,000.00
5210.10	In-State Travel-Grand Master	\$5,000.00
5210.15	In-State Travel-Dep Gr Master	\$2,000.00
5210.20	In-State Travel-Gr Secretary	\$950.00
5210.25	In-State Travel-Gr Custodian	\$650.00
5210.35	In-State Travel-Other Officers	\$5,000.00
5210.30	Auto Allow- DGC's	\$600.00
5220.00	Meals-GL Office Staff	\$150.00
5220.10	Meals-Grand Master	\$1,000.00
5220.15	Meals-Dep Gr Master	\$400.00
5230.30	Motels-DGC	\$200.00
5235.15	Retreat-Dep Gr Master	\$2,000.00
5240.10	Conf & Conv -Gr Master	\$3,000.00
5240.15	Conf & Conv-Dep GM	\$1,500.00

5240.20	Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	\$1,000.00
5240.35	Conf & Conv-Other Officer	\$3,000.00
5240.50	Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries	\$9,955.00
5240.55	Midwest Conference	\$3,460.00
5240.60	Rocky Mountain Conference	\$4,020.00
5240.70	Shrine Membership Seminar	\$1,000.00
5250.30	Per Diem-DGC's	\$400.00
5260.30	School of Instruction	\$1,200.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related		\$47,485.00
Occupancy & Related		
5400.00	Storage Facility	\$0.00
5410.00	Utilities	\$10,600.00
5412.00	Trash Removal	\$500.00
5413.00	Grounds Maintenance	\$3,500.00
5414.00	Building Maintenance	\$6,415.00
5415.00	Telephone	\$5,000.00
5420.00	Equipment Maintenance	\$8,400.00
5425.00	Equipment Rental	\$3,260.00
5430.00	Equipment Purchase	\$11,000.00
5435.00	Postage	\$5,500.00
5440.00	Printing & Copying	\$2,000.00
5440.25	Printing & Copying-GC	\$100.00
5445.00	Office Supplies	\$4,000.00
5450.00	Office Maintenance	\$800.00
5455.00	Computer Supplies	\$4,000.00
5460.00	Computer Repair & Maint	\$2,000.00
5465.00	Computer Software Sup	\$3,000.00
5470.00	Dues & Subscriptions	\$900.00
5475.00	NE Mason Pub Exp	\$28,800.00
5480.00	Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	\$25.00
5481.00	Credit Card Fees	\$600.00
5485.00	Professional Fees - Accting Audit	\$5,000.00
5490.00	Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	\$20.00
5500.00	Lodge Supplies-Printed	\$5,000.00
5505.00	Lodge Supplies-Other	\$2,000.00
5505.25	Supplies Lodges-GC	\$200.00
5510.00	Supplies Lodges-Pins	\$1,000.00
5515.00	Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	\$1,700.00
5525.00	GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	\$3,050.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related		\$118,370.00
Insurance & Administrative		
5600.00	Workers Compensation	\$747.00
5605.00	Group Ins for GL Employees	\$19,601.38

5610.00	Surety Bond	\$2,061.00
5620.00	Directors & Officers Ins	\$3,657.00
5625.00	Liability Insurance	\$23,380.00
5635.00	Office: Property, Contents & Equipment	\$3,705.00
5650.00	Other Admin Exp-General	\$4,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin		\$68,271.38
Committees and Programs		
5650.45	Masonic Education	\$100.00
5240.45	Conv & Conf Education	\$1,000.00
5650.60	Trial Commissions	\$500.00
5220.65	Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	\$100.00
5650.70	Public Relations Committee	\$1,500.00
5650.71	Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	\$100.00
5650.72	Band Camp Expenses	\$58,500.00
5650.75	Youth Committee	\$2,500.00
5875.75	Youth Scholarships Awards	\$4,000.00
5650.80	Membership committee	\$50.00
5650.90	Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	\$500.00
5650.93	Lodge Facilities Matching Fund	\$4,000.00
5650.95	Lodge Leadership Committee	\$2,500.00
5650.97	All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	\$275.00
5650.98	Internet and Computer Committee	\$5,000.00
5800.00	GL Education Programs	\$500.00
5801.00	GM Program Expense	\$2,000.00
5805.00	GLO Strategic Planning	\$0.00
Subtotal-Committees		\$83,125.00
Contributions		
5820.00	Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	\$3,400.00
5810.00	NE DeMolay Donation	\$2,000.00
5811.00	Job's Daughters Donation	\$2,000.00
5812.00	Rainbow Donation	\$2,000.00
5830.00	Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	\$1,000.00
5835.00	Assoc of Masonic Boards of Relief	\$150.00
Subtotal-Contributions		\$10,550.00
Salaries & Related		
6561.00	Salary-GL Office Staff	\$104,196.68
6560.00	Performance Incentive	\$2,400.00
6562.10	FICA-Employer Share	\$8,154.65
6562.20	Unemployment Tax-Fed	\$150.00
6562.30	Unemployment Tax-State	\$150.00
6560.00	Payroll Expenses-Other	\$60.00

6570.00	Employer's Share Sep/IRA	\$3,125.90
6681.00	Grand Custodian Contract Amt	\$6,000.00
6680.00	Contract Labor	\$1,000.00
6580.00	GL Office Staff-Training	\$500.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related		\$125,737.23
Pass Through		
5704.00	Fremont Home Dues	\$11,024.00
5705.00	NE Masonic Home Dues	\$28,274.00
5706.00	Geo Washington Mem Dues	\$16,363.00
5650.10	CHIP Expense	\$17,817.00
Subtotal-Pass Through		\$73,478.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$576,214.23
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)		(42,472.20)
Investment Income		
4700.00	Int & Div FNB (3.291% of investment balance on 12/31/2014)	\$42,472.20
Subtotal-Investment Income		\$42,472.20
ADJ. BALANCE WITH INVEST. INCOME		\$0.00

W.:B.: Jack Lorenzen moved for the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee. After brief discussion, the motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stapp, Executive Director

M.:W.: Joe McBride asked Most Worshipful Ken Beebe, a member of The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Trustees, to come forward to bring the report from the Home.

Ken made the following remarks:

“Thank you, Most Worshipful. I just wanted you all to know that all is well at The Home. Our census continues to be very stable and on the higher end of our ten-year experience. Our restoration, remodeling, addition project is complete. I think the punch list has been essentially all completed, and so we thank you all for your support on that. We have capable administration in place and excellent staff. We have that continuum of care all the way from apartment living, which is essentially unassisted, all the way through the Alzheimer’s unit. It is a wonderful facility, and if you haven’t been there, please go. Get down to Plattsmouth and take a look. Phil Lorenzen mentioned this yesterday, but I don’t know that everybody was here to hear it, so I will just say again, we had our state inspection in December. The crew came in and started looking around. They were essentially planning to be there for two full days. They left at noon

on the second day with no deficiencies. And, you know, you just don't get no deficiencies in the nursing and retirement home business. But this is a first. We are very proud of that. The staff, they were doing cartwheels in the hallways and this is something of which we can all be very proud. Thank you, Most Worshipful."

The printed report is as follows:

It is an honor for me to report to you on behalf of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the year 2014. With confidence I assure you every employee has devoted another year working very hard as a team to maintain The Home's excellent reputation. The employees take great pride in striving daily to provide excellent care and services to our Masonic residents and their eligible female relatives. This high quality care has been a proud tradition at The Masonic Home for 111 years.

As we all continue to appreciate and marvel at the results of our recently completed building/renovation project, I would be remiss not to mention again what an incredible difference the results of this project have made at The Masonic Home. The project definitely solved many issues and problems as was planned. The additional needed dining and activity space is incredible; having privacy for meals and activities is so appreciated. The spacious and well equipped kitchen, the beautifully renovated 1924 Wing with larger apartments and very attractive common areas is really being enjoyed by residents and families throughout the building. Updating and modernizing our entire facility has made our facility attractive and very competitive in the health care industry. Walking through our facility and seeing the beautiful improvements has made each resident and employee feel privileged to be at The Masonic Home.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for making a long-time dream for all of these needed improvements come true. As we started 2014 The Masonic Home resident census in January was 86. As we ended the year our census was 90 which was comprised of 23 men and 67 women.

Offering every level of care from 29 independent and assisted living apartments, a 19-bed 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 The Home very attractive to eligible Masons and their eligible wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and grandmothers. We are fully trusted by couples because they know we can meet the needs of each spouse in our facility enabling them to be close in proximity during their elder years.

The end of year census is comprised of seven couples and our residents include 41 Regular-way and 49 Pay-basis residents with 11 Residents paying for a private room in the 24-hour nursing care center.

In June and July, Narcissus Kensington and Home Chapter #189 of Plattsmouth both made their annual visits complete by bringing in lovely meals for the residents. Their commitment to these traditional annual visits and meals is appreciated. Thank you for making these two days favorites of all our residents and employees. It is always an honor to receive the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of Eastern Star officers and their companions as our special guests at the Home Chapter picnic. It is a moment of pride for me to show our guests our beautiful facility. Our residents have made many new friends through these special events.

What would our residents do without our faithful and regular yearly visit from Masonic lodges, Shrine Units, Eastern Star Chapters, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and the other individuals who truly enjoy our residents' company? Some of these same groups have chosen The Home as a place to hold one of their regular monthly meetings. Our staff enjoys the Masonic groups that return every year for a special meal, the use of a meeting room, and a special tour if desired. When Masonic groups return annually, it is a testament to all employees that they are doing a great job and all of their daily efforts continue to make The Home as pleasant and welcoming to our guests as it is to our residents.

A very sincere thank you is extended to Richard Schlaman of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 for giving of his time to chair another successful Boon Memorial Food Truck fund raiser. The generous monetary donations from lodges and chapters for their annual commitment to this very worthwhile fund raiser are greatly appreciated. Our residents and board of Trustees extend a special thank you for this donation.

On December 2nd the Tangier Shrine Chanters started off the Christmas Season with their annual holiday musical program. It was a beautiful, seasonal program and was enjoyed by all. Prior to the program, the Chanters enjoyed a home-cooked meal in our dining room.

Many thanks are extended to the Masters and Wardens Club of the Omaha-Metro area for their Christmas contribution which ensures that each of our regular-way residents receives his or her very own Christmas gift. Poinsettias are also purchased for the nurses stations and sitting areas as well. A special thanks is extended to Dan Wellendorf, who chairs this annual holiday project. Masons throughout the area that make this project such a success are to be commended. Our residents are grateful for your generosity during the Christmas season and always.

To Grand Master Joe McBride and his Grand Lodge officers I extend a very special thank you and my appreciation to the Grand Lodge staff for their continued administrative support. To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sharlene Coulter; Worthy Grand Patron, Deloyt Young; and the Eastern Star Grand family, I send you thanks for another year of support and loyalty to The Nebraska Masonic Home and to the residents we are dedicated to caring for. The Home depends greatly on both Grand families, and we look forward to another year of working closely together for the betterment of The Home.

On December 17 and 18, three surveyors from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services arrived at the Masonic Home unannounced to conduct their inspection for the facility's licensure compliance for our Assisted Living and Nursing Care Facility areas, which is our 3rd Floor Nursing Care area and our Alzheimer's/Dementia Special Care Unit. The Assisted Living survey was completed in seven hours, and we proudly received a deficiency-free (perfect score) result. The Nursing Care Facility survey was completed in 1½ days, and again we proudly received a deficiency free (perfect score) result. The excitement and pride that every employee felt as the results of this survey were announced were remarkable. The impact on every employee knowing that he/she played a big part in achieving this perfect survey was one of my proudest career moments. It was obvious the surveyors were impressed because they voiced this to several of us in conversations. Receiving a deficiency-free survey is the goal of every facility. It is a professional feeling that cannot be expressed when the surveyors from the Department of Health and Human Services put it in writing and tell you officially that you have a perfect facility.

A very sincere thank you Mary Vrbka, Administrator, and to the entire Administrative Staff and Department Supervisors. You are the leaders and role models for The Home and your department's employees. I want to thank you for your professionalism, hard work, and team attitude. You are truly appreciated. Also thank you to our loyal and dedicated employees who provide 24-hours a day services to guarantee our residents receive the high quality of care they deserve. Every one of you plays an important part in the success and excellent reputation of which The Masonic Home is so proud. Thank you so much.

A sincere thank you to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation Director, Jo Peters, and Kasey Barr, Administrative Assistant, for your continued commitment to The Home and our residents.

With deep appreciation I want to thank the 15 gentlemen that comprise The Nebraska Masonic Home's Board of Trustees for their continued support and dedication. It is obvious your main concern and primary goal is to provide the highest quality care possible for every resident at The Nebraska Masonic Home. I truly feel The Masonic Home is what it is today because of your ongoing dedication. On behalf of the residents and employees I want to thank each of you for all of the decisions you make that directly affect the lives of our residents and the employees working environment.

Thank you, gentlemen, for giving us the necessary support needed to operate The Masonic Home in such a manner that we are definitely leaders in the long-term care industry.

It continues to be a privilege and honor for me to serve as the Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home. The cooperative effort that is exhibited by everyone connected to this fine institution makes it the premiere health care facility that the leaders of 1903 started on their journey to achieve. I am so proud that the journey has continued even though it required a great deal of hard work and effort throughout the years. Everyone had a vision and every generation carried this vision forward. We should all be very proud of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

This concludes my annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Stapp, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the continuing opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary. It is a privilege to be associated with our wonderful Fraternity and a joy to work with each of you.

This year continued to be one of transitions. This summer we welcomed Debbie Galli as our new Administrative Secretary. Debbie's family has a long Masonic association, and she has undertaken this new position with wonderful enthusiasm. Please introduce yourself at Annual Communication. Michelle Fulmer continues her outstanding service as our Business Manager. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is so fortunate to have Michelle as an integral part of our team. It is not possible to adequately express the appreciation we all have for her work.

We continue to enjoy the new Grand Lodge office building – it is a location of which all Nebraska Masons can be proud. The office did experience computer server issues this

late fall, but we weathered the challenge. As with any office environment, the maintenance of our technology continues to be a top priority.

In addition to lodge visitations and Grand Lodge meetings throughout the state, I attended most of the cornerstone ceremonies this past year. I also attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries held in Baltimore, Maryland in February and the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Madison, Wisconsin in August. I also continued serving on several Grand Lodge committees in my position as Grand Secretary.

My report would not be complete without a thank you to the local lodge secretaries for their service. Much of their work is unseen, but vital to the health of each lodge. The Grand Lodge particularly appreciates the diligence of our secretaries in filing their reports and their active participation in Grand Lodge. Those secretaries who timely file all their reports and attend Grand Lodge earn a Certificate of Achievement. Those secretaries who are on track to receive this award for 2014 are:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| David A. Wetrosky, Western Star 2 | Howard R. Fairbairn, Blazing Star 200 |
| Dennis L. Smith, Fremont 15 | Dick L. Hemmingsen, Plainview 204 |
| Charles A. Burk, Lincoln 19 | Olin D. Boone, Hickman 256 |
| Dennis D. Coufal, Acacia 34 | Ronald D. Stites, Geo. W Lininger 268 |
| Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., Osceola 65 | Ralph J. Riemann, Cotner 297 |
| Ronald L. Furse, Aurora 68 | Brent Myers, Liberty 300 |
| David G. Otte, North Bend 119 | Craig R. Crawford, Mizpah 302 |
| A. Gary Keeling, Superior 121 | Douglas B. Johnson, College View 320 |
| Bruce G. Raddatz, Jachin 146 | Philip O. Edwards, Centennial 326 |
| Larry R. Hulsebus, Bee Hive 184 | |

After surveying the lodge secretaries, we determined to revise the date of the Secretaries Workshop at Annual Communication. This year the workshop will be held on the Friday of Grand Lodge in an attempt to relieve lodge secretaries of the necessity of attending Grand Lodge a day early. We will survey the secretaries after Grand Lodge to determine their feedback relative to this change.

I regret to inform the Craft that three active lodge secretaries laid down their working tools in 2014. They were Glenn R. Mulholland of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte; Jerald J. Pomajzl of Crete Lodge No. 37 in Crete; and Clay W. Kennedy of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 in Brownville.

I am pleased to report the following statistical information received to date:

Membership longevity awards presented in 2014

50-year 218 60-year 144 70-year 26

2014 Membership Activity (preliminary)

Membership 1/1/2014..... 11,427	
Number of Lodges 136	
Entered Apprentices 229	Demits 36
Fellow Crafts 193	Deceased 357
Master Masons 207	Suspensions 432
Affiliations 33	Withdrew 2
Duals 22	Termination of duals 13
Reinstatements 77	Consolidated 25
Consolidated 25	Other 0
Other 0	Total Loss 866
Total Gain 364	Membership 12/31/2014..... 10,925

I continue to be honored by this opportunity to serve our Fraternity.

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 2014 Proceedings as printed. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOUNDATION

Stephen Kennedy, President

M.:W.:B.: McBride asked Stephen Kennedy, President of the Nebraska Freemasons CHIP Foundation, to come forward to present the report.

Worshipful Brother Kennedy referenced the printed report and mentioned that the Masons have been supporting CHIP for ten years. He added that nearly 40,000 children have gone through the program within that time.

The printed report is as follows:

Great News! Our 10th year for Nebraska CHIP was another successful year. We held 27 events this in 2014 and provided 2,020 kits to parents. We celebrated our 10th anniversary at the Nebraska State Fair where 276 children participated. We continue to provide a service that is appreciated by those that participate. The total number of kits provided has reached 39,604; just on the doorstep of hitting 40,000 in 10 years.

We continue to offer a computer/smartphone 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 upload 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 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, we purchased laptops directly from a supplier and obtained better quality equipment. With this method, we purchase the software separately, but this does allow us to tailor the equipment to what is more durable and fits our purpose.

We started a new fund raiser this fall. The NECHIP challenge coin. This coin can be purchased for \$20.00 and is meant to spur participation in events and support NECHIP financially. You can get a coin from a board member or directly from the Grand Lodge office. Please consider the purchase of a coin and continue your support of this great endeavor.

NECHIP board meetings are held on the second Friday of the month. This is a change from the first Friday. We meet at the Grand Lodge office in Lincoln or via

teleconference. Anyone wishing to attend or participate on the teleconference 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



Grand Master McBride invited Brother Ken Hayes, to approach the East to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of England.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Steve Green 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.: Dennis E. Rix
- Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: Richard D. Myers
- Grand Junior Warden..... R.: W.: Patrick D. Barger
- 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 McBride asked R.: W.: John Maxell to approach the lectern and announce the slate of appointed officers for the 2015-2016 term, when he will serve as Grand Master.

- Kevin R. Lindly, Grand Chaplain
- James A. Carlton, Grand Orator
- Dennis H. Brydl, Grand Historian
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM, Grand Custodian
- Donald E. Rife, Grand Marshal
- Robert W. Moninger, Grand Senior Deacon
- Ronald D. Stites, Grand Junior Deacon
- Stephen C. Kennedy, Grand Senior Steward
- James J. Jones, Grand Junior Steward
- Paul D. Rutherford, Grand Tyler

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

- John R. Fairlie, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- John B. Ferguson, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Alexander F. Straatmann, Personal Representative of the Grand Master

Right Worshipful Maxell moved for the approval of the aforementioned appointed officers for 2015-2016. The motion was seconded and, with no discussion, motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman

W.:B.: Larry Zwart referenced the location of the printed report, and pointed out that the committee is recommending recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. He also referenced a change to the recognition of the Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay.

The printed report is as follows:

This year we have received requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Albania, the Grand Lodge of Quintana Roo (Mexico), the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The Grand Lodge of Albania, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland meet the criteria for recognition set down by the rules of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and our Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws Section 1 - 306 – Standards of Recognition; therefore, are recommend for full recognition.

The 2014 Annual Report of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America has informed us that Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay is the only Grand Lodge that meets the standard for recognition; therefore recommend revocation of recognition of Gran Logia Simbolica del Paraguay and recognize only the Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay.

The committee recommends that we not recognize the following jurisdictions at this time because of lack of recommendation by the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and that they be carried forward for further consideration in the ensuing year: 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, Chairman, 11 & 331
Byron L. Hust, 198
Scott J. Krieger, Sr. 33, 317, 331 & 332
Edward W. Nolte, 39, 331, 333 & 334
Cullen F. Pilker, 39

Ex-Officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM, 134 & 19

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

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

The lodges within the state of Nebraska have a large number of very dedicated and hard-working Masons, they continue to work diligently to improve the quality of ritual work performed within our jurisdiction. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for putting your time and effort into making masonry better in Nebraska. Our ritual work is the one thing that separates us from all other organizations, and if not done well we will be no different than a service club.

I also want to thank the Committee on Nebraska Work for their dedication to keeping the Nebraska Work true. We cannot have wholesale changes in the ritual work of Masonry or we will lose the ground work of this organization. I know there are some brethren within our grand jurisdiction who are pushing for the revision of the Masonic ritual; I pray the Committee on Nebraska Work will continue to stand it's ground and not let them destroy this wonderful organization. We all can see the results of making Masonry easier for our new members. It has had a devastating negative effect. I will assure you that the removal of lectures and parts of the ritual will produce the same negative effect.

Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen, Worshipful Brother Roger A. Deininger, and Worshipful Brother Steve Green, please keep up the good work as the Committee on Nebraska Work.

For the year 2014, we had 44 of the 134 lodges in Nebraska fully certified; 31 lodges are certified in open and close only. The fully certified lodges are as follows:

Name	No	City	Years
Nebraska	1	Omaha	1
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	57
Omadi	5	South Sioux City	65
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	91
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	60
Covert	11	Omaha	45
Fremont	15	Fremont	84
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	80
Washington	21	Blair	26
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	61
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	81
Papillion	39	Papillion	8
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	69
Hastings	50	Hastings	91
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	93
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	90
Keystone	62	Phillips	59

Name	No	City	Years
Osceola	65	Osceola	12
Hooper	72	Hooper	90
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	64
Albion	78	Albion	24
Utica	96	Utica	86
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	83
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	64
North Bend	119	North Bend	56
Superior	121	Superior	0
Jachin	146	Holdrege	57
Custer	148	Broken Bow	71
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	81
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	60
Landmark	222	Herman	62
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	36
North Star	227	Lincoln	82
Comet	229	Ceresco	62

Name	No	City	Years
Hickman	256	Lincoln	27
Geo W Lininger	268	Omaha	1
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	6
John J Mercer	290	Omaha	83
Cotner	297	Lincoln	73
Liberty	300	Lincoln	66
Mizpah	302	Omaha	65

Name	No	City	Years
Victory	310	Valley	65
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	91
Mid-West	317	Hastings	67
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	3
Shiloh	327	Omaha	50
Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	7

We have 80 brethren eternally certified in the grand jurisdiction of Nebraska. And I commend them for their hard work and dedication. In addition to those eternally certified, we have 22 brothers who recertified in all three degrees in 2014.

In addition to the above, we have 5 brethren who certified in all three degrees for the first time in 2014; 23 brethren who are newly certified in the EA and FC degrees; and 3 brethren who are newly certified in the EA degree. Most of these brothers are certifying through the new Proficiency Class started in 2014. I want to thank them for all the hard work they put into learning the work correctly. I encourage interested brothers to look into certifying in the 2015 Proficiency Class.

The following brethren are served as Deputy Grand Custodians for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 2014:

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| District 1 - Roy L. Smith, Plattsmouth | District 21 - Wayne E. Beatty, Stromsburg |
| District 2 - Augustine S. Scolaro, Bellevue | District 24 - Delmar A. Jones, Kearney |
| District 3 - Anthony T. Johnson, Bellevue | District 25 - Philip E. Darby, Jr., Elwood |
| District 4 - Brian K. Sandall, Blair | District 26 - Arthur J. Ferguson, Wood Lake |
| District 5 - Ronald D. Grass, Tekamah | District 27 - Bill Lichtenberger, Callaway |
| District 8 - John C. Sierks, Brownville | District 29 - Leslie A. Evert, Gordon |
| District 9 - Edward W. Nolte, Papillion | District 30 - Richard H. Cooper, Morrill |
| District 10 - Steven A. Green, Lincoln | District 32 - Roger L. Shillington, Max |
| District 11 - Suman Vallabhbai, Lincoln | District 33 - Kent D. Priest, North Platte |
| District 15 - Randall L. Hart, Tekamah | District 34 - Frank Veverka, Fremont |
| District 17 - Roger A. Deininger, Hastings | District 35 - James R. Taylor, Omaha |
| District 18 - Patrick D. Barger, Lincoln | District 36 - Carl C. Plants, Lincoln |
| District 19 - Dean Papenhagen, Hastings | District 37 - Albert A. Wise, Geneva |

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

I regret to inform you that W.:B.: Jack D Nichols, W.:B.: Glenn R Mulholland and W.:B.: Halsey D. Phillips laid down their working tools and were called to that Celestial Lodge above. I know they will be missed by all of us.

W.:B.: James R. Taylor of District #35 and W.:B.: Augustine S. Scolaro of District #2 have both chosen to resign their post as Deputy Grand Custodian. They both have put in a great deal of time and effort in to helping further Nebraska Masonry and I want to thank both of them for all their service.

Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth G. Fleming Past Grand Master & Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus, is no longer able to serve the fraternity as a Deputy Grand Custodian for District #31. He will be sorely missed. I want to thank Ken for all his work in this great fraternity of ours.

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

Glenn W. Binder
Michael G. Birnstihl
Arthur S. Dye
Kenneth G. Fleming
Richard W. Linnemeyer
Richard L. Mauch

Ralph E. McNulty
Harold C. Mueksch
Harold W. Noble
Vincent L. Rosenberger
Augustine S. Scolaro
Eugene Sibley

The Annual Custodian School was held this year in Hastings on October 25, 2014. We continue to have a fair turnout at the school, but need to stress that all DGCs should plan to attend. I think we should continue to extend to all interested brethren an invitation to attend the Annual Custodian School. I firmly believe that the more interested brethren we get involved, the better the school will be.

I would like to take a moment to thank Most Worshipful Brother Joe D. McBride and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support and contributions this year. They put in countless hours for Masonry and I for one certainly appreciate it.

My thanks to the Hastings Masonic Temple Board and all of the brethren who have made it possible for us to hold our Annual Custodian School at the Hastings Masonic Center. A special thank you must go to M.:W.:B.: Don Rasmussen, and W.:B.: Phil Odom for all their assistance with the school. I know I speak for all the brethren – we certainly appreciate your hospitality.

The following were in attendance at the Annual Custodian School: Most Worshipful Brother Joe D McBride, Grand Master; R.:W.: John T. Maxell, Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Dennis E. Rix, Grand Senior Warden; W.:B.: James A. Carlton, Grand Orator; W.:B.: Patrick D. Barger, Grand Senior Deacon; W.:B.: Robert W. Moninger, Grand Junior Deacon; W.:B.: John B. Ferguson, Grand Senior Steward; W.:B.: Kevin R. Lindly, Grand Junior Steward; W.:B.: Stephen C. Kennedy, Personal Representative of the GM; W.:B.: Richard Cooper, District #30; W.:B.: Philip Darby, District #25; W.:B.: Roger Deininger, District #17; W.:B.: Ronald Grass, District #5; W.:B.: Roy Smith, District #1; W.:B.: Frank Veverka, District #34; W.:B.: Albert Wise, District #37; W.:B.: James Taylor, District #35; W.:B.: Dean Papenhagen, District #19; W.:B.: Steven A. Green, District #10; W.:B.: Carl C. Plants, District #36; W.:B.: Kent D. Priest, District #33; W.:B.: Arthur S. Dye, Deputy Grand Custodian Emeritus; W.:B.: Charles Monter, Apprentice Custodian; W.:B.: Ernest Lehmkuhler, Apprentice Custodian; Adam Thayer, Apprentice Custodian; W.:B.: Joe Huskey, Apprentice Custodian; W.:B.: Jonathan Paz, Apprentice Custodian; W.:B.: David A. Kipp, Apprentice Custodian; W.:B.: Ron Nielsen; W.:B.: Bob Summers; W.:B.: Bill Thummel; W.:B.: Dave Wetrosky; W.:B.: L. Cecil Smith; W.:B.: Charlie Odorizzi; Br. Kevin Johnson.

As per section 1-202 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the Deputy Grand Custodians who have been absent from the Annual Custodian School for three years or more must show cause to the Grand Master. I ask that those of you with three year absence please contact the Grand Master as soon as possible.

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

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

It has been an enjoyable experience serving the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as your Grand Custodian; I certainly hope the Deputy Grand Custodians and the Lodge officers will continue to work diligently to maintain the quality of work within Nebraska Lodges. Without a continued effort on the part of all involved this magnificent work, which has been handed down for the last 300 years will be lost.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott J. Krieger Sr., PGM, 317, 332, & 32

M.:W.: Grand Custodian Scott Krieger moved for the acceptance of the printed report. The motion was approved and the report of the Grand Custodian was adopted by vote of the Masons assembled.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.:B.: Joe D. McBride made a few remarks about the Address before moving for its approval:

“Over thirteen years ago I received a phone call from Most Worshipful Mike Jones who was Deputy Grand Master at the time. He asked me if I would be willing to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer. After I took a little time to discuss this with my wife, Lori, and to repair my jaw after it hit the floor, my family set out on a journey that has brought us many great memories and experiences.

I’ve always been a strong believer in training and instruction. Your Grand Lodge, its officers, custodians and committees have provided schools and training and mentoring to teach individuals and lodges how to operate and to properly do the work of our great fraternity. Brethren, you have the tools available to you. Take them home and make good things happen. It comes down to you.

Growing up in my parents’ western store, my dad always had a sign posted, and it said ‘The trouble with opportunity is that it comes disguised as hard work.’ A year ago, I stood before you and challenged all of your lodges to go home and get to work. Many of you have met that challenge, and the fraternity has benefitted from that hard work. New brothers have been raised, the work is improving, proof form this last group of gentleman that were up here, and many others, and the hard working lodges are seeing a new spark of life. There was another sign that my dad had up in the store and I still have both of these signs there. It says, ‘I love work. I could sit and watch it for hours.’

Brothers, we all have opportunities. Which one of us are willing to go home and sacrifice with a little bit of sweat and blood and hard work. Are you the ones who are going to sit on the side and watch or are you going to take those

opportunities and go home and seize the moment, make your lodges improve. Those that do seize the opportunity will come and see success in the end. It just takes a little bit of hard work and tenacity. One person can make that difference. Become that person. Go home and make your lodges better. You can do it.

I'd like to challenge all of you to take my original challenge, carry it throughout your next years; not just this year, but for years and years and years, to take those tools that are available. Get them out of the tool box and put them to work. Charles Degall once said, 'Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men and men are only great if they are determined to be so.' It's my hope that some of the good men in our fraternity will be determined to be great and the achievement of their labors in leadership will help move our craft forward to greater success and the success will be your reward for those labors.

Cornerstones and visitations, pin presentations, centennial celebrations, marching bands and football games, schools of instruction and spaghetti feeds, late night travels and conference calls, 10,000 emails, and grand custodian schools. The list goes on and on and on of the many things that we have done. All of these things combined to make for a really cool trip. Though it hasn't been without trial and tribulation, and required a lot of personal sacrifice, the journey to this point has been the chance of a lifetime for a small town boy from the Sandhills. Never in my wildest dreams would I think I'd be sitting here.

Everytime that I've put on this ancient and honorable jewel, and this beautiful apron, I've stopped to reflect on the meaning of the lambskin and the white leather apron. As much as I've enjoyed wearing the emblems of this office, there's nothing that can compare with the beauty and the meaning of the lambskin or white leather apron. The respect and honor afforded to this office are truly humbling and, please don't get me wrong, I have enjoyed all of the aspects of being your Grand Master. I will always feel that these things pale in comparison to the time, title and honor of being called a Brother. No greater honor can ever be bestowed upon us, any of us, than the simple white piece of leather. And as proud as I am to have served as your Grand Master, I'm not near as proud as being your Brother.

Brothers, the leaders of your Grand Lodge are an extremely talented, intelligent, diverse, and committed group of individuals. They have all agreed to work together under the directorate style of leadership to ensure that the best ideas for the greater good of the fraternity are always their goals. And I thank all of the Grand Lodge officers for serving with me and helping me keep the Masonic spirit alive in Nebraska. I thank you Past Grand Masters for your guidance and for believing in me, and I thank all of you for your Brotherly love and friendship. It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Grand Master and I now leave you, in the words of our Masonic Brother Red Skelton, 'Good night and may God bless.' Thank you."

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

Brethren:

It is with a mixture of emotions that I submit my official address as your Grand Master. It has truly been a wonderful experience. I have been amazed at the hospitality, friendship and Brotherly Love that has been shown to me and my wife, Lori. You have

welcomed us into your lives and made not only this year, but the past 13 years, a truly wonderful chapter in our life that will always stand out as a highlight of our lives.

PREFACE

I present this address for the 158th Annual Communication in compliance with Article X, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. The Grand Masters Recommendation have been submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee as required by Sec.1-307 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws. This recommendation is put forth in the interest of Freemasonry in Nebraska and throughout the world.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to make a special acknowledgement to all of the Past Grand Masters from the State of Nebraska for your guidance and support throughout this year, and all of the years of my Grand Lodge tenure. Your examples and leadership have been an inspiration and a guidepost for my performance of the duties that have been set before me.

I would also like to thank all of the officers who have served with me this past year. Your dedication and hard work have left the Craft in a stronger and better position to take on the challenges that face this great Fraternity.

YEAR IN REVIEW

At the Installation of Officers last February, I told the Brothers present that we were going to pull on our boots and get to work. We did that from day one with a 50-year pin presentation, along with a petition for membership presented to my son, Whitley McBride. This attitude was passed on to the local Blue lodges for their dispensation of duties. We have seen many of these lodges pick up their working tools and set the Craft to work. Trestle Boards were full across the state and the lodges were active both in and out of the lodge rooms. Although, not all lodges are in good condition, many that hadn't been active for years have had activities in 2014.

There have been some new events that have been very positive for the brethren and lodges that have been either directly or indirectly involved. These include the Artificer Awards, Individual Proficiency program, Ritual Contest, Rusty Nail Degrees and many other events that have been put into action by the individual lodges.

I am extremely pleased by the interaction and cooperation that is shared in our great state by all of our appendant bodies. We have had a great year of interaction among all the different bodies, their members and leaders. We have had great relationships with the Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Eastern Star, along with the Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Rainbow, and all of the bodies involved with these organizations. Masonic Unity is alive and well across Nebraska and I am confident that this will continue in the foreseeable future in our great state. We are able to accomplish great things when we all work together. I thank each of you for the opportunity to work with you, and for the courtesies and friendship shown to Lori and me, and all of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

For years, our Grand Lodge has been a member of the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges. This year, we have the honor of also joining our brothers to the west as a member of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Grand Lodges. This has been in the

works for several years and will benefit our jurisdiction through the interaction with these Grand Lodges and their leadership. The learning experiences available through these associations directly benefit all of the jurisdictions involved in these conferences.

One of the highlights of the entire year for me was the opportunity to Raise my son, Whitley McBride, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This was done in an outdoor lodge, conducted south of Ainsworth at the Mike Hitchcock ranch. With the assistance of the Grand Lodge officers, several Past Grand Masters, Shrine Potentates, Past Potentates, members and officers from Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, and many other great Brothers from the area and across the state, we had a degree that will remain one of the most memorable moments in my Masonic history.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

This year was the 20th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, hosted at the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus in conjunction with the Shrine Bowl of Nebraska. We owe many thanks to our deceased brother, M.:W.: Jerry Rittenburg, for his vision and hard work in making this dream a lasting legacy.

My wife Lori and I were honored to accompany the Shrine Bowl players on a visit to the Shrine Hospital in St. Louis. We were very impressed with the players that traveled to the hospital with us; they are definitely a "Class Act." Even more impressive was the staff and patients that were our hosts and guides during our visit.

On returning to Nebraska, I was able to head off to Kearney to attend the band camp and Shrine Bowl, along with all the great volunteers who spend their vacations chaperoning and cheering on the band and football teams. The efforts of these great individuals make this event one of the outstanding activities in Nebraska Masonry. I tip my hat to each of you.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

There continues a strong tradition of serving our communities and youth across Nebraska by conducting CHIP events across the state. These events require the help of volunteers not only from our fraternity, but also from the communities where they are conducted. Hopefully these kits will never need to be used by their families, but if they are the help provided by them is priceless.

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

In Nebraska we are very lucky to have two of the best homes in the nation, providing care for our brothers and their loved ones, and for youth in need of a very special place to call home.

It has been an honor and a privilege to attend the board meetings of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont and The Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. The staff and board members of both of these homes have worked diligently to ensure that these facilities not only provide the best care available today, but remain on solid ground to continue this care into the future. As with any facility, these homes require foresight, commitment and lots of hard work to remain solvent and ready for the changes that the future brings.

Each of us must remain committed financially to supporting these world class homes in order for them to provide the care that is needed. Please consider both of the homes in your charitable contributions and in your estate planning.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please consider a visit to both of these great facilities. It is hard to imagine the great care and love that is provided by our homes for their residents. We are truly blessed to have them within our borders.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Thank you to all of the members of the Grand Lodge committees for your hard work and commitment to make the committees work. As with all things, there is always more work to be done and your continued involvement will ensure that the tasks set before you are handled in the best possible manner.

VISITATIONS

February

- 1 Meeting w/Imperial Shrine Jeff Sowder - Tangier in Omaha
- 5-8 Annual Communication - Kearney
- 8 Installation of Grand Lodge Officers - Kearney
- 8 Presented 50 year pin to Mike Hitchcock, Silver Cord No. 224
- 8 Presented membership petition to my son Whitley Mark McBride
- 9 Grand Lodge Officers meeting - Kearney
- 10 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 meeting; presented Traveling Gavel - Ainsworth
- 12 Loup Valley Shrine Club meeting, Ill. Sir Charles Haskell and members from Burwell, Loup City, Broken Bow, Callaway, Kearney and Burwell
- 15-19 Grand Masters Conference of North America - Baltimore, MD
- 24 Grand Lodge Office visit - Lincoln

March

- 1 Tangier Shrine Circus - Omaha
- 1 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Chili Feed - Fremont
- 3 CHIP event hosted by Long Pine Lodge No. 136 - Atkinson High School
- 5 Accompanied Long Pine Lodge to Loup City for Traveling Gavel
- 6 Garfield Lodge No, 95 - O'Neill
- 8 One-Day Conferral hosted by G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 - Scottish Rite Center, Omaha
- 8 Dodge County Masonic Banquet -North Bend
- 11 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 proficiency - Ainsworth
- 12 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting - Fremont
- 15 Masters and Wardens Club - Omaha
- 15 Albert Pike Lodge No. 333 Constituting - Scottish Rite Center, Omaha
- 15 Rusty Nail Degree, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 - Omaha
- 20 Entered Apprentice Degree, Ashlar Lodge No. 33 - Grand Island
- 22 All committee Meeting - Fremont
- 31 Washington County Masonic Banquet; presented year pins and 2 Bronze Jordan Medals - Blair

April

- 1 Bethany Chapter #113 OES Initiation - Ainsworth
- 3 Advancing Line Officers meeting - Lincoln
- 3 Liberty Lodge No. 300 regular meeting - Lincoln

- 4 Grand York Rite Banquet - Kearney
- 7 Lebanon Lodge No. 323 banquet honoring John Lippert, 31-yr Secretary and 50-yr pin to Bob Jacob - Columbus
- 8 Masonic Home Board meeting - Plattsmouth
- 11 Funeral of Gus Kontras, Gold Jordan Medal Holder - Lincoln
- 12 Grand Lodge office parking lot clean-up - Lincoln
- 12 Sesostris Shrine Center Nobility Ball; presented Potentate aprons to Ill. Sirs Keith Houfek, Sesostris, Daryl Finley, Tangier, and Charles Haskell, Tehama - Lincoln
- 15 G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 Table Lodge - Omaha
- 23 Scholarship Banquet Custer Lodge No. 148 - Broken Bow
- 24 Thistle Lodge No. 61 Lodge Banquet; presented 50-yr pins - Bertrand

May

- 1 Samaritan Lodge No. 158 visitation - Chadron
- 1 Alliance Lodge No. 183 Master Mason degrees with members from Samaritan Lodge No. 158 - Alliance
- 3 Presented WB Glenn Mulholland with DGC Emeritus Certificate - Grand Island
- 6 Presented Gold Jordan Medal to W.:B.: Al Knott from Zion Lodge No. 234 of Hyannis - Sutherland
- 10 Outdoor Masters Degree by Hastings Lodge No. 50; Grand Lodge Officers conferred first section - Doniphan
- 12 Grand Chapter OES; presented the US Flag, greetings and provided entertainment - Kearney
- 16 Cornerstone, McCook Community Hospital Oncology Center - McCook
- 20 Long Pine Lodge No. 136 Master Mason Degrees - Long Pine
- 21 Scottish Rite Spring Outing - Papillion Gun Club
- 26 Cornerstone, Hemingford Veterans Memorial Wall - Hemingford
- 29 Silver Cord No. 224 Fellow Craft Degrees: Whitley McBride & Joe Caulfield - Ainsworth
- 31 Rededication Ceremony of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 - Omaha

June

- 3-4 St. Louis, Mo with Shrine Bowl team for hospital visit
- 5 Visit by Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers - Century Link Center, Omaha
- 6-7 Shrine Bowl and Masonic All-Star Marching Band - Kearney
- 9 Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 Master Mason Degrees: Josh and Brady Graff – Wood Lake
- 10 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 - Ainsworth
- 11 Zion Lodge No. 234 Masonic Family Awards Night - Hyannis
- 13-14 Rainbow Grand Session - Crete
- 19-20 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of South Dakota - Chamberlain, SD
- 21 Cornerstone, Beatrice Lodge Lodge No. 26 - Beatrice
- 22 Pawnee Lodge No. 23 Steak Feed and 50-yr pin Presentations - Pawnee City
- 24-29 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Montana – Polson, MT

July

- 5-9 Imperial Shrine Session - Minneapolis, MN
- 12 Demolay Conclave - Lincoln
- 17-20 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference – Reno, NV

- 24 Wayne Lodge No. 120 Fellow Craft Degrees and Northeast NE Masons Meeting - Wayne
- 26 Rusty Nail Degree conferred by GL officers hosted by Mosaic Lodge No. 55 - Norfolk
- 26 Sandhills Shrine Friendship Night with Tangier Divan - Ainsworth
- 27 Cornerstone, Alliance Lodge No. 183 - Alliance

August

- 2 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 Outdoor Master Mason Degree: Whitley Mark McBride, Conferred by GL Officers w/GM presiding - Hitchcock Ranch south of Ainsworth
- 5 Presented 50-yr pin to member from South Dakota - Ainsworth
- 5 Bethany Chapter#113 OES - Ainsworth
- 7 Long Pine Lodge No. 136 Entered Apprentice Degree - Long Pine
- 8 North Bend Lodge No. 119, 70-yr pin presentation to M.:W.: Paul Eveland, PGM - North Bend
- 9 Masonic-Eastern Star Home 4-H Achievement Day - Fremont
- 10-12 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Wyoming – Sheridan, WY
- 14 Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 Master Mason Degree - Central City
- 22-24 Grand Lodge Officers Retreat - Omaha
- 23 Tangier Shrine Center 125th Anniversary - Omaha
- 28 Visited W.:B.: Tom Gallagher in hospital - Bassett
- 29 Cornerstone, North Bend Central High School - North Bend

September

- 3 Bellevue Lodge No. 325 Awards Banquet, presented 50-yr pins - Bellevue
- 8 Masonic Charities Golf Tournament - North Bend
- 9 Springfield Lodge No. 112 - Springfield
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Home Board - Fremont
- 10 CHIP event hosted by Long Pine Lodge No. 136 - Long Pine
- 12-13 Masonic Leadership Conference - Hastings
- 13 Funeral for W.:B.: Glenn Mullholland, DGC - North Platte
- 17 Northeast Nebraska Masons Annual Banquet - Stanton
- 19 Funeral for Br. George Bloom - Wood Lake
- 20 Nebraska Masonic Ritual Competition - North Platte
- 20 CHIP event, Railfest - North Platte
- 26 Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 Rib Feed for Junk Jaunt - Burwell
- 27 Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference - Kearney
- 28 Masonic Home Caring Club Banquet, GM provided entertainment - Plattsmouth
- 29 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 Master Mason Degree - Ainsworth

October

- 4 Nebraska Masonic Ritual Competition - Lincoln
- 6 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Awards Night, presented 50-yr pins - Plattsmouth
- 7 G.W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 - Omaha
- 8 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board meeting - Fremont
- 14 Masonic Home Board meeting - Plattsmouth
- 14 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 Master Mason Degree - Ainsworth
- 16 Long Pine Lodge No.136 Fellow Craft Degree - Long Pine
- 18 One-Day Conferral - Scottish Rite Center, Omaha
- 21 North Central Area Masonic meeting - Long Pine
- 25 Annual Custodians School - Hastings

- 28 Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 Master Mason Degree, GM conferred 1st section – Wood Lake

November

- 1 Lancaster Lodge No. 54 - Lincoln
- 9-11 Grand Lodge of Nevada Annual Communication - Reno, NV
- 12 Masonic Eastern-Star Home board meeting - Fremont
- 21-22 100th Anniversary of the Omaha Scottish Rite, Reunion and Celebration - Omaha
- 23 Amaranthus Chapter PHOES - Scottish Rite Center, Omaha

December

- 9 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 Master Mason Proficiency - Ainsworth
- 10 Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board Meeting - Fremont
- 11 Fidelity Lodge No. 51 Banquet - David City
- 13 Long Pine Lodge No. 136 Master Mason Degree - Long Pine

January

- 2 Tangier Shrine Installation and Reception - Omaha
- 3 Advancing Line Officers Meeting - Omaha
- 3 Sesostris Shrine Installation and Reception - Lincoln
- 4 Tehama Shrine Installation and Reception - Hastings
- 9 Advancing Line Officers Teleconference
- 10 Lone Pine Lodge No. 136 Installation of Officers - Long Pine
- 13 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 Installation of Officers - Ainsworth

NECROLOGY

As of this date, it has been reported that 345 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home in 2014. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain Wayne Andreasen 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:

McCook – May 16 – McCook Community Hospital Oncology Center
Host Lodge: McCook Lodge No. 135
Master: D. Gregory Fyn

Hemingford – May 26 – Veterans Memorial Wall
Host Lodge: Alliance Lodge No. 183
Master: James D. Karell

Omaha – May 31 – Rededication of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Host Lodge: John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Master: David M. Long

Beatrice – June 21 – Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Host Lodge: Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Master: Lance R. Brinkman

Alliance –July 27 – Alliance Lodge No. 183
Host Lodge: Alliance Lodge No. 183
Master: James D. Karell

North Bend – August 29 – North Bend Central Middle/High School
Host Lodge: North Bend Lodge No. 119
Master: Thomas J. Begley, Jr.

GRAND MASTER’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

Amend **Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP** by adding a paragraph in between the current fourth and fifth paragraphs, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized:

Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP–

Fourth paragraph:

In the event that a member of a lodge in this Jurisdiction holding plural membership in another lodge of said Jurisdiction shall become suspended or expelled, by either his parent or plural lodge, he shall be automatically suspended or expelled in his other lodge without further action being required by said other lodge than noting the fact upon the minutes thereof. Provided, that if said suspension or expulsion shall be for the non-payment of his dues to one of said lodges, his standing in his other lodge shall not be affected thereby. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the lodge inflicting any such penalty to immediately report the same to the other lodge in which such member holds membership. In the event that a member holding his parent membership in another Grand Jurisdiction and his plural membership in a lodge in this Jurisdiction, is suspended or expelled by his lodge in this Jurisdiction, such fact shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of his parent lodge.

New paragraph:

If a member holding plural membership in this Jurisdiction and another Grand Jurisdiction is suspended from membership in the other said Jurisdiction, for anything other than non-payment of dues, it will automatically be referred to the Grievance Committee for review and forwarded to the Grand Master for further action as may be warranted, including suspension or expulsion from the Fraternity.

Fifth paragraph:

Any member of a lodge holding plural membership in another lodge, who shall be suspended or expelled for any cause other than non-payment of dues, shall upon restoration to membership by the lodge so suspending or expelling him, be automatically restored to membership in his other lodge, unless a protest is filed by a member thereof with the Worshipful Master.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On May 12, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 to remove the provision relevant to festive boards being held with the regular communication.

On June 23, 2014, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill.

On June 23, 2014, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont.

On July 10, 2014, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Oliver Lodge No. 38 in Seward.

On July 10, 2014, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln.

On July 21, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of North Bend Lodge No. 119 in North Bend to add an Article relative to the moneys of the lodge being held in three funds: general, reserve and benevolence.

On July 21, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Parian Lodge No. 207 in Callaway to change the date and time of the regular communications.

On July 21, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Parian Lodge No. 207 in Callaway to increase the annual dues.

On September 29, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to increase the degree fees.

On September 29, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to increase the annual dues.

On October 22, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Osceola Lodge No. 65 in Osceola to increase the annual dues.

On October 22, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 in Lincoln to increase the annual dues and change the date of automatic suspension to bring the lodge bylaws in compliance with the Grand Lodge bylaws.

On December 3, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to add an Article relative to the corporate business of the lodge.

On December 3, 2014, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Olive Branch Lodge No. 275 in Walthill to increase the annual dues.

On January 12, 2015, I approved a complete revision to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha.

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:

On December 9, 2014, Monument Lodge No. 293 in Arapahoe, Nebraska, was declared extinct, 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 Monument Lodge were to be returned to the Grand Lodge A.:F.: and A.:M.: of Nebraska.

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 of Conferral	Host Lodge	Location of Conferral	No. of Candidates
March 8, 2014	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	Omaha	4
October 18, 2014	Covert Lodge No. 11	Omaha	5

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.

PERMISSIONS, DISPENSATIONS AND ORDERS

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

On February 10, 2014, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to install their 2014 Officers out of time.

On February 11, 2014, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Plainview Lodge No. 204 in Plainview to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On February 18, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to an Omaha lodge to obtain a list of the Omaha area lodge secretaries and contact information for the purpose of sending information regarding a project with the Boy Scouts.

On February 19, 2014, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On February 26, 2014, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell to install their 2014 Officers out of time.

On March 3, 2014, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to install their 2014 Junior and Senior Stewards out of time.

On March 10, 2014, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Oliver Lodge No. 38 in Seward to elect and install their 2014 Secretary out of time.

On March 20, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation to solicit the subordinate lodges for donations in support of the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

On April 3, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Hastings Lodge No. 50 in Hastings to obtain a list of names and contact information for members in central Nebraska who have been raised within the last five years for the purpose of inviting them to Masonic friendship dinners and other lodge activities.

On April 10, 2014, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-207 to permit Pawnee Lodge No. 23 of Pawnee City to receive on loan the cancelled charters of those lodges consolidated therewith.

On April 15, 2014, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Friendship Lodge No. 239 in Chapman to install their 2014 Officers out of time.

On April 15, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff to obtain a list of names and contact information for members of lodges in western Nebraska for the purpose of sending information about circus ticket sales.

On April 16, 2014, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to install their 2014 Junior Warden and Junior Deacon out of time.

On April 24, 2014, 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 April 24, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Cement Lodge No. 211 in Wood River to obtain a list of Nebraska lodge secretary names and contact information for the purpose of sending information about a golf tournament.

On April 30, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln to move their charter on May 7, 2014, to the lodge building of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus for the purpose of holding a regular communication to allow their Bronze Jordan medal holding to attend.

On April 30, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to allow information to be sent to lodges in western Nebraska regarding an outdoor Masonic meeting in Wyoming.

On May 2, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Mid-West Lodge No. 317 in Hastings to move their charter on May 10, 2014, to a property near Doniphan for the purpose of conducting a Master Mason degree in an outdoor setting.

On May 6, 2014, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 8, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha to send information to Nebraska lodges regarding their 100-year celebration.

On May 20, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney to send information to Nebraska lodges regarding a golf tournament.

On May 19, 2014, 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 21, 2014, 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 10, 2014, to a

ranch located at 16600 N Johnson Road in North Platte for the purpose of holding the June communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 29, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to move their charter on June 3, 2014, to a location 2 miles east and ½ mile north of Geneva for the purpose of holding the June communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 29, 2014, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Seneca Lodge No. 284 in Thedford to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On June 16, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the York Rite Bodies of Sioux City, Iowa to obtain a list of names and contact information for Nebraska members within 62 miles of South Sioux City for the purpose of sending information regarding a York Rite Friendship Night.

On June 17, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Grand Lodge of Kansas to obtain a list of secretaries of Nebraska lodges in close proximity to the Kansas for the purpose of sending information regarding their 100-year celebration.

On June 28, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Daughters of the Nile to obtain a list of names and contact information for secretaries of lodges east of Hastings/Grand Island for the purpose of sending information regarding a Nile Husker tailgate.

On June 17, 2014, pursuant to provisions of 2-614, I granted permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to obtain appropriate financing and incur debt in the name of Florence Lodge No. 281, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska for the purpose of purchasing a building and vacant lot in the Florence neighborhood of Omaha to be used as a lodge building in the future.

On July 20, 2014, in the interest of fragile health, I requested that the Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth make a presentation of a 60-year membership award on my behalf to a member living at The Home.

On August 1, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 8, 2014, to a vineyard at 17260NW 12th Street in Davey for the purpose of holding a pasture lodge meeting.

On August 15, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha to send correspondence to Florence Lodge No. 281 for the purpose of inviting members to an annual picnic.

On August 20, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to send correspondence to the Masters of Lincoln lodges for the purpose of inviting members to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

On August 21, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Scottish Rite to send correspondence to obtain a list of names and contact information for Masters of Nebraska lodges within a 40-mile radius of zip code 68102 for the purpose of sending complimentary tickets to the Fall Outing.

On August 22, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island 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 26, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-610, I granted permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill and Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to establish Masonic Charitable institutions.

On August 27, 2014, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 28, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Tangier Shrine in Omaha obtain a list of names and contact information of the top line petition signers for the past five years for the purpose of sending information regarding the Medallion program.

On August 28, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to a member of Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha that lives in Ashland to obtain a list of names and contact information for members living in Ashland and Gretna for the purpose of contacting them regarding the possibility of starting a new lodge in that area.

On September 4, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-610, I granted permission to Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn to establish a Masonic Charitable institution.

On September 12, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to a member of Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha to obtain a list of names and contact information for Secretaries of Nebraska lodges for the purpose of requesting historical information about the lodge for a compilation in writing a book about the lodges of Nebraska.

On September 15, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to send correspondence to other Lincoln lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a soup supper.

On September 17, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-905, I denied the request of a lodge to ballot on a petition received less than 28 days prior.

On September 18, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Greater Omaha to obtain a list of all Nebraska 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 October 1, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue to obtain a list of emails for all Nebraska lodges for the purpose of sending electronic correspondence inviting them to a dance hosted by the lodge.

On October 28, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-601, I denied the request of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus for the Grand Lodge to remit the per capita and special assessments on three members for whom the lodge remitted dues who have dementia or are destitute, citing that it should be the responsibility of the lodge to take care of its members in those conditions.

On November 17, 2014, 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 18, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on January 10, 2015, to the Lincoln Scottish Rite for the purpose of holding the Installation of Officers.

On November 25, 2014, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to move their charter on January 11, 2015, to

Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus the purpose of holding the regular communication and Installation of Officers.

On December 2, 2014, 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 2015 officers out of time.

On December 11, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, upon request from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, I granted permission for a member of the Grand Lodge of Kansas to contact the Grand Lodge of Nebraska regarding the Midwest Historic Lodge Association, Inc.

On December 30, 2014, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Lincoln Valley Scottish rite to obtain a list of names and contact information for members raised in Lincoln and the surrounding area in the past three years for the purpose of sending information about membership in the Scottish Rite.

On January 12, 2015, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 in Omaha to move their charter on January 17, 2015, to Papillion Lodge No. 39 for the purpose of holding the Installation of Officers.

On January 13, 2015, I ruled that a candidate that signed his petition, and such petition was read by the lodge, prior to his eighteenth birthday must submit a new petition.

On January 14, 2015, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 in Ainsworth to move their charter on February 6-7, 2015, to the Younes Conference Center in Kearney for the purpose of opening a lodge of Master Masons for the conduct of Annual Communication.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 in Brownville to elect and install their 2015 Secretary out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to install their 2015 Junior Warden, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal and Tyler out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in North Platte to install their 2015 Junior Steward out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion to install their 2015 Marshal and Tyler out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to install their 2015 Junior Deacon and Senior Deacon out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jachin Lodge No. 146 in Holdrege to install their 2015 Treasurer, Senior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Wayne Lodge No. 120 in Wayne to install their 2015 Junior Deacon out of time.

On January 14, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to install their 2015 Junior Steward out of time.

On January 16, 2015, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Tekamah Lodge No. 31 in Tekamah to elect and install their 2015 Secretary out of time.

On January 20, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to install their 2015 Chaplain out of time.

On January 21, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln to install their 2015 Junior Warden, Senior Steward, Marshal and Tyler out of time.

On January 22, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn to install their 2015 Senior Deacon and Tyler out of time.

On January 22, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 332 in Lincoln to install their 2015 Senior Deacon out of time.

On January 22, 2015, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha to move their charter on February 21, 2015, to the Omaha Scottish Rite for the purpose of holding the Installation of Officers.

On January 23, 2015, 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 27, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha to install their 2015 Junior Deacon and Senior Steward out of time.

On January 22, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City to install their 2015 Senior Deacon out of time.

REINSTATEMENTS

The following brethren were reinstated during the past year, showing the names of the reinstated brethren, his lodge, and the date each was reinstated to membership. 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 any of the following for reinstatement, a criminal history public records verification was performed.

April 3, 2014	Dennis Mace	Corinthian Lodge No. 83
April 3, 2014	Walter L. Peterson	Omadi Lodge No. 5
April 12, 2014	Jim D. Hixon	Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205
April 22, 2014	Donald M. McHugh	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
June 23, 2014	James L. Wagner	Omadi Lodge No. 5
August 23, 2014	Paul L. Eisenhower	Franklin Lodge No. 264
August 23, 2014	Tim J. Colwell	Hickman Lodge No. 256
September 17, 2014	Charles Meader	Capitol Lodge No. 3

September 26, 2014	William K. Mizell	Alliance Lodge No. 183
November 3, 2014	Jerome G. Nelson	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
November 3, 2014	Robert J. Rockwell	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
December 9, 2014	Jerry Sullivan	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
December 14, 2014	Leonard J. Mattsen	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
January 8, 2015	Scott D. Houston	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
January 8, 2015	Gene J. Koci	College View Lodge No. 320
January 21, 2015	John S. Shipp	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

A new trial commission was appointed for an appeal from the lodge on a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. After review by the jurisprudence committee, it was determined that the order appointing the trial commission should be rescinded.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

March 12, 2014	Vladimir Landman
	Landmark Lodge No. 103, Iowa
April 3, 2014	Arjen G. Snow
	Cobia Lodge No. 631, Iowa
August 26, 2014	Steve S. Robeson
	Lathrop Lodge No. 506, Missouri
September 5, 2014	James F. Willoughby
	Corpus Christi Lodge No. 189, Texas
	A member initiated in Swisher Lodge No. U.D. in 2011

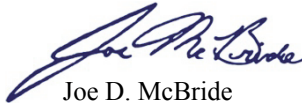
CONCLUSION

It is with humility and respect that I present this report to the Grand Lodge and its members. I sincerely appreciate the opportunities that have been given to me to serve as your Grand Master. The courtesies and friendship shown to Lori and I throughout our Masonic travels are priceless and will be carried with us throughout all of our lives. For all of these blessings, I am eternally grateful.

Our gentle craft is a very important part of my life and will always be held in highest esteem. This is reinforced by all of the brotherly love and hard work that goes into the continuation of the work across our state. This is only possible through efforts put forth by each and every brother in each and every lodge. We truly must all work together or else we will all fall apart. Let no contentions separate us from the performance of the duties that are necessary to continue in our good works.

Once again, I thank all of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for your support and trust. May you all be blessed by the love and friendship which you have shown me.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe D. McBride
Grand Master

Grand Master McBride 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.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.:B.: Grand Master McBride asked R.: W.:B.: John T. Maxell for his Address in anticipation of serving as Grand Master in 2016.

Deputy Grand Master John Maxell addressed the brethren, thanking them for their confidence in him to serve as Grand Master and summarized the programs planned for 2015, including the One Lodge/One Goal and Lodge Matching Grants programs.

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.: John T. Maxell and Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

M.:W.:B.: McBride 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
- Public Relations
- Lodge Leadership
- Membership
- Grievances
- Awards
- Internet and Computer Technology
- 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.

As in previous years, the committee begins the year at the Annual Communication with the Masonic Education Breakfast. The support of the Brethren attending fuels the energy for the committee to the new Masonic year. 2015 marks the 15th year the Masonic Breakfast will be held. In the past and hopefully in the future, the committee has produced an education presentation unequaled in Nebraska.

M.:W.:B.: James F Brown, in his year as Grand Master, requested that the Education Committee make a recommended reading list for the Masons of Nebraska. That request is still being honored, and 2015 is no exception. This year another list of recommended books will be announced at the Annual Communication. These books are mostly Masonic related, but sometimes promote leadership, changing, promotion, philosophy and organization. Many books are offered by Macoy Masonic Supply Company.

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. This year marks the retirement of the full time editor of this section, Larry Jacobsen. His unique abilities and fortitude produced excellent articles that many jurisdictions and publications admired and sometimes used. The new editor of the “To Light” section is Jonathan Paz. Jonathan is one of the Masonic Education leaders in his own Lodge in Papillion. The Education Committee and hopefully all Nebraska Masons who write papers, will support Jonathan in his new role and perhaps assist by producing papers for this section.

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 can be obtained from the Worshipful Master, Dennis Brydl, or the Secretary, Jeffrey Coleman.

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education for 2014 was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Due to the close proximity to Nebraska, 8 committee members attended. The presentation and discussions were held at the Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids. Many ideas have evolved from attending this conference, and 2014 was no exception.

M.:W.:B.: Tom Hauder, in 2013, gave the committee a charge to produce a Masonic Education paper for the business meetings each month of the year. M.:W.:B.: Joe McBride requested that this continue in his year. 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.

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. The old saying is, “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink it.” The

2014 Education Committee has led the Brethren to the waters of Masonic Education, but the committee does not have the manpower, time or resources to make them drink it. The Champion of Masonic Education in each Lodge needs to step up and utilize the tools given them. With the declining membership, it is more important than ever that the Masons in Nebraska be aware of history, traditions, organization, symbolism, etc., so that they can answer any and all questions posed to them by potential initiates.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman, 287, 317, 332 & 331
 George J. Harrison, 5, 103IA, 508IA & 643IA
 W. Larry Jacobsen, 327 & 331
 Donald R. Kavalec, 11 & 333
 Michael J. Webb, 46
 Jonathan L. Paz, Ad Hoc, 39
 James M. Stull, Ad Hoc, 96, 38, 54 & 332
 Adam M. Thayer, Ad Hoc, 54 & 38

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

M.:W.: Russell G. Reno, Chairman

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial stands as a testament to the tenets of our fraternity and the American President, hero and brother who best exemplifies those high standards – George Washington. His fame throughout the world attracts thousands on thousands of visitors each year to learn more about our fraternity and Washington’s affiliation with Freemasonry. This is why it is important for Nebraska Masons to support this Memorial, which was conceived, funded and perpetuated by this nation’s Masons.

Necessary maintenance has been delayed for too long. The Board of the Memorial commissioned an assessment of the building in 2009. It revealed that not only is the building in need of maintenance, but also that some of the original plans were never completed to adequately and properly protect and complete the structure. Since then, the Board has authorized the expenditure of nearly \$4 million in repairs, restoration and upgrades. Some of the most expensive and intense restoration has been completed, but we have at least three more years of work to fully complete the building according to its original designs and plans.

A new LED-based lighting system has been installed, all stone joints are re-mortared and a weather-cap was installed to preserve the new mortar. The surface of the granite was cleaned to restore its original appearance.

This ongoing work deserves our financial support also because of the daily good efforts of the Memorial to educate and inspire the public through greater understanding of our foremost Freemason, Brother George Washington.

Among these projects are:

- The Quarry Project is a conference on Masonic research methods and the best practices for use in Masonic libraries and museums. More than 100 Masonic researchers, writers, librarians and curators gathered at the Memorial for the conference. Writing and research presentations were designed to serve as a primer for new Masonic researchers and a refresher course for the more experienced. The Masonic museums and libraries track covered procedures to

catalog, inventory, display, preserve and photograph a variety of artifacts and collections. The annual conference is brainchild of a member of the Memorial Board.

- Each February 22nd, the Memorial celebrates the birthday of Washington and the second observance in 2014 was sold out to capacity. The events surrounding the occasion included participation in the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon, an annual symposium at the Memorial about Washington featuring lectures by guest scholars, a gala reception where Washington's rarely seen Mt. Nebo Lodge apron was displayed, and concert by the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association playing words by famous Masons. Afterward, the Memorial presented the George Washington Memorial Award to a scholar. The theme of the 2015 Symposium is Liberty Alliance: Washington, Lafayette and Europeans' Support of American Independence.
- Archaeology students of the George Washington University are excavating the Memorial's grounds where a plantation once stood and Fort Ellsworth. The foundation of a house was found and the students educated a gathering about their work and findings at the site.
- The Memorial's Masonic Digital Archives were upgraded by selecting a different service provider who will scan pages faster as well as a faster search function. Nebraska's Proceedings are available on the Memorial's web site at www.gwmemorial.org by clicking on Digital Archives on the home page. This includes the years 1857-1905 and 1949-1995.
- Providing accurate information about Freemasonry to news media and researchers.
- Serving as a research center on Masonic topics.
- Public education through tours, exhibits, the web site and social media.
- A Master's degree student spent three months studying the historical landscape of the Memorial, including 1,500 pieces of correspondence from 1921-1950. He made a presentation at the Memorial which has been incorporated in the Tree Dedicatory Program planning.
- The Memorial provides many opportunities to support its work, including:
- Charter Membership in the George Washington Memorial Society is open to any Mason for a donation of \$1,000 and annual contributions of \$250 or more. They receive a unique patent of membership and a high-quality medal and lapel pin and their name on a permanent plaque. Application is available on the Memorial's web site at: www.gwmemorial.org.
- Regular Membership in the Society is available for a \$500 donation and an annual \$250 donation.
- A new Perpetual Remembrance program makes it easier to remember the Memorial in your Will, Revocable Living Trust, or other trust documents by providing support to make a planned gift. For more information, send an email to: seyer@gwmemorial.org or call 703-400-4950.
- Donors can have a tree planted on the Memorial's grounds dedicated to you, an individual or organization for only \$750 accompanied with a stone marker with engraving. The Dedicatory Tree Program seeks to complete the original landscaping plans for the building that were waylaid by the Great Depression

and World War II. Go the Memorial's web site at www.gwmemorial.org for more information.

- Lodges making a \$2,500 donation become a member of the Society of Washington Lodges. A high-quality print of the Memorial's centennial portrait of Washington on canvas is presented to each lodge that joins, as well as a special patent, hand-printed and finished with the Memorial Association's seal, and the brethren of participating lodges are eligible to wear a unique pin available only to them. Finally, the name of each of these lodges is displayed on a plaque near the entrance of the Memorial for all who visit to see.
- Also, see the Memorial's web site for levels recognition of contributions beginning at \$100. All donations over your lifetime are cumulative as each donation counts toward a higher recognition and reward. Go to www.gwmemorial.org for more information.

Besides all these activities, the Memorial continues to encourage Grand jurisdictions to adopt the \$1 per member donation. Nebraska is the only Grand Lodge that contributes \$1.50 per member. A total of 26 states have adopted the \$1 per member donation program.

Our thanks are extended to the following for making donations in 2014: Cotner Lodge No. 297, John Quinn, Philip Darby, Jr., Randy Fleming, Leonard Steiner, Calvin Dale, and Thomas Newman and M.: W.: B.: Russ Reno.

Please consider helping out the George Washington Masonic Memorial with your donation.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell G. Reno, 297, 183, 332, 54 & 331, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerrell F. Gerdes, Chairman

This being my fourth year on this committee and also serving on the Leadership Committee, I have seen the struggles in establishing goals for the year. I, and most of the committee, were not able to attend the All Committee Meeting on March 22 at Fremont. I sought guidance from the Grand Master, who being under medical care at the time of the March meeting, had limited direction for us to follow. A Committee needs a mission, objective, and goals to succeed.

In searching for reports for the Nebraska Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee, Google reveals an April 2008 plan submitted by Curtis Edic, Chairman. No other media reports are located for Nebraska. By using e-mails and telephone, the 2014 Committee has pursued the social media presence for Nebraska lodges.

We can agree that most of the public is unaware of our great Fraternity, noting the vacant building with strange signs and lights turned on one or twice a month. Recently, we had the Shrine begin television and radio media use in seeking outside contributions and communicating the importance of our Shrine Hospitals. Yet, the local Blue Lodge remains quiet, while we see a decline in the number of men seeking to join the fraternity, much different than the 1940's and 1950's.

The Committee searched out the Nebraska lodges using the Internet, finding a mixture of timely and current presence with outdated material. Eighty of the Lodges have

a web site. www.masonpost.com, is a third-party site that provides a physical address for the local lodge and lots of national links, but could be useful for visitation information. Michelle Fulmer, Grand Lodge, indicated the website owner, Bro. Don Butler, put up the basic information but to her knowledge no one has subscribed. She thought local lodges had the ability to list their officers, but mentioned that we have no way of knowing that the information is kept current by the site owner.

Facebook pages are free, but do require local posting, pictures, and updating. In reviewing the Grand Lodge web based listing of Lodges, only Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 at Walthill had a direct link to Facebook. Again, Michelle stated that M.:W.:B.: Tom Hauder is working on a new web site for Grand Lodge, a direct link to Facebook will be available, but not a Facebook picture. Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and Franklin Lodge No. 264 have operating Facebook sites, however, Hastings Lodge No. 50 is down and has been for some time.

For those wanting a web page, I suggest you visit www.longpinelodge.org and see how a smaller, rural Lodge has such an active site.

56% of the Nebraska Masonic Lodges have a presence on the Internet; of that group, less than 15% have up-to-date and functioning web presence. Some Lodges have a closed group, meaning only members can access the site—not a visitor!

Recommendations for 2016:

1. Grand Lodge be provided Lodge web site addresses for reference.
2. Grand Lodge has a subscription to Constant Contact for event hosting, not e-mail. The subscription could be expanded to e-mail as this has been successful for the Tehama Shrine and Tangier Shrine. This would require a Lodge Secretary to submit e-mail addresses for their membership and maintain the same so that Grand Lodge could manage the 11,000 addresses. This is internal, delivering information immediately, rather than after the fact or in short notice depending on the date of your meetings. There is cost! A better plan might be to provide each Secretary the information and they forward the same electronically, which should already be happening with the monthly emails from Grand Lodge.
3. Each Lodge establish a Facebook page;, this is free. We recommend establishing the page as an organization page, allowing anyone to like the same. A local administrator would maintain the text and pictures. Digital cameras are very reasonably priced, another improvement, and pictures and video can also be posted from smartphones.
4. Education be provided to interested Lodge representatives in regards to establishing Facebook, updating etc. Maybe this could be a workshop at Annual Communication or Spring-Fall Educational meetings. Have a Brother from Long Pine Lodge and perhaps Bro. Micah Evans lead the program.
5. Establish an award system for Public Relations, we recommend that a Lodge website, social media, or online presence be part of the criteria for the Gold Pan/Rock Maul Award based on how active the site is and if it has been updated.
6. All Committee Meeting in 2015, establish a 3 to 5 minute Grand Master's video. Several Brothers have the ability to create the video and make it available to members from the Grand Lodge. This could be a YouTube message. Feature other Grand Lodge Officers, also. Bro. Adam Thayer of Lincoln Lodge No. 54 is identified as a facilitator.

7. Include the Grand Lodge Facebook and Twitter page as a permanent feature within the Nebraska Mason to remind members that it is there. Encourage the members to like the page and increase the Facebook page.
8. Consider a monthly Grand Lodge trivia contest, using information obtained from online or website research. Winner gets a lapel pen and their name in the next Nebraska Mason. Bro. Evans suggested "What year was Robert Furnas Grand Master?" "Name three Lodges named after people".

Respectively submitted
 Jerrell F. Gerdes, 264
 Edward W. Bennett, 61
 Brett R. Bennett, 6
 Brent R. Elder, 227
 Micah I. Evans, 281, 268 & 333

REPORT OF THE LODGE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

John R. Fairlie, Chairman

The Lodge Leadership Committee met this year at the All Committee Meeting in Fremont and at the Masonic Leadership Conference in Hastings.

We not only met and participated at the Masonic Leadership Conference in Hastings, but we presented the Committee's Lodge Leadership presentation which focuses on the tools, techniques and resources based on the Grand Lodge "10 Steps to Lodge Renewal" and the Lodge Leadership manual. This presentation is easy to use, can be understood by all members of each Lodge, and is designed to be practical by addressing common problems while providing realistic solutions.

The Committee again worked with several lodges this year as they were identified by the Grand Lodge Officers as experiencing difficulty, and considering consolidation or closing. The Committee continues to feel it can 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.

The Leadership 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. Finally, the Leadership Committee is recruiting new members in order to enhance our effectiveness and extend our reach to those Lodges in need.

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 & 36DE, Ad-hoc

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jeffrey M. Coleman, Chairman

The Membership Committee decided to work on two projects and complete the posting of the presentations that were created last year. The presentations were written and approved in 2013, but the voice over took longer than anticipated. The presentations were completed and posted within the first quarter of 2014.

This year the Committee worked on an elevator speech and one day degree discussion guide. The two items were ones the committee thought were important to create this year. Part of the committee worked on the discussion guide and the other half on the elevator speech.

We feel these two items will assist our members in growing our fraternity. The Committee is open to any ideas our brothers have or believe the committee should work on. The elevator speech is provided below; the one day guide will be available on the web site.

“Freemasonry is the world’s oldest and largest fraternal organization for men over the age of 18. We are dedicated to serving our members and their families through building relationships, social networking, and activities with our members and in the community. Freemasonry is not a religion, but our members profess a faith in a higher power or Supreme Being. We leave how your belief is practiced to you.

Freemasonry is not a volunteer organization or a charity, but our members work together to improve themselves and make our community a better place. <Insert specific Lodge program> The Grand lodge of Nebraska, which is the governing body within the State of Nebraska, sponsors the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP), academic scholarships for local high school students and the Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, a five-day band camp during the annual Shrine Bowl.

Personally, my closest friends have become members or are members. We are a brotherhood with a common experience of being initiated into this great organization.”

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey M. Coleman, Chairman, 302, 268 & 331
John L. Millington, 54 & 332
Christopher S. Nigro, 268 & 331
Zachery A. Sinsheimer, 302
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 2014 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 2014 and approved the awarding of eleven Masonic Individual Achievement Awards. The committee congratulates the recipients and would like to encourage more submissions by all lodges in 2015.

The committee conversed via e-mail and phone during January to review the applications for the major awards. We were pleased 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 2014. The Rock Maul had eleven (11) submissions compared to twelve (12) in 2014. There were nine (9) submissions for the Nebraska Pillar / Grand Master's Leadership awards compared to ten (10) in 2014.

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 Artificer Award Program was launched this past year and there are several new brothers who are working to accomplish this goal. We are looking forward to the presentations by the Grand Master to each of the individuals at the end of their 14-month program.

The Committee would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Joe McBride and the Grand Lodge Officers for their support during the past year. We especially want to thank Michelle and Debbie in the Grand Lodge Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin R. Lindly, Chairman, 148, 200 & 331
Maynard L. Smith, 102
Barry Frerichs, 136
Kevin O. Scheele, 54 & 96
F. Graham House, 54 & 332

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tarl W. Carpenter, Chairman

The major project for the Internet committee in 2014 was to rehab the Grand Lodge web site. This project was part of the strategic planning carried out in 2013, but the project slipped to 2014 due to unforeseen events. The project was headed up by R.:W.: Dennis Rix as part of his strategic plan goals.

The then current web site, while functional, was not up to current design standards, did not allow us the flexibility that we needed to take advantage of the newer technologies and was not quite as user friendly as it could be. We first polled the Craft to find out what they liked and disliked in the current design, what kind of things they'd like us to offer in the future. That information was then rolled into a planning session where a new web site was designed that would roll out in several phases. Phase 1 (replace the current web site functionality) is complete and online. The next two phases will roll out in 2015 and 2016. The new site is responsive to screen size, making it perfect for tablets and phones. It also is better organized and includes several new features for the Craft.

We welcome any feedback that anyone might have on the new design and appreciate everyone's patience as we fine tune the site. I'd also like to thank R.:W.: Dennis Rix and Michelle Fulmer for their help in this project.

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

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 6, 2014. Eighty-three golfers enjoyed themselves. The men of the North Bend Lodge were assisted by brethren of area lodges. New sponsor levels and incentives were introduced this year, Platinum (\$1000), Gold (\$500), Hole Sponsor (\$250) and Grand Prize (\$100). The sponsorships were well received, and after expenses, the profit was \$17,179.05 – the largest ever recorded. This will allow us to give \$5,726.35 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
Beverly Donham, OES
Dee Schuetz, OES

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

Past Grand Master Michael E. Jones made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master’s Apron and Jewel to M.:W.:B.: Joe D. McBride.



Grand Master McBride asked R.:W.: Rick Myers to approach the microphone where Brother Myers moved for approval to hold the 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska on February 1-3, 2018. The motion was seconded and carried.

Right Worshipful Dennis Rix, was invited to the podium and announced that, as approved at the 157th Annual Communication in 2014, the 160th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will be held at the Younes Center in Kearney, Nebraska in February, 2016.

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.: and A.:M.: of Nebraska was called to order on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM by M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith, Chairman. The following members were present: Most Worshipful Brothers Steven F. Mattoon and Dean Skokan, and the following Grand Lodge Officers: M.:W.: Joe D. McBride, Grand Master; R.:W.: John T. Maxell, Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Dennis E. Rix, Grand Senior Warden; R.:W.: Richard D. Myers, Grand Junior Warden; M.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary; V.:W.: Wayne A. Andreason, Grand Chaplain; W.: James A. Carlton, Grand Orator; W.: Dennis H. Brydl, Grand Historian; W.: Donald E. Rife, Grand Marshal, W.: Patrick D. Barger, Grand Senior Deacon; W.: Robert W. Moninger, Grand Junior Deacon; W.: John B. Ferguson, Grand Senior Steward; W.: Kevin R. Lindley, Grand Junior Steward; as well as Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters: Thomas L. Hauder; Rex J. Moats; and John T. Parsons.

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 February 6, 2014 were reviewed and approved.

Pursuant to Section 1-304 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the Jurisprudence Committee is to review all Resolutions delivered to the Grand Secretary, including a request for Bylaw revisions and determine within 45 days of delivery whether the Resolutions are in proper form. Section 1-304 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge provides that at least 15 days prior to the opening of the session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence shall meet and submit to the Grand Master an agenda and report. The entire Jurisprudence Committee met on January 15, 2015 and submitted to the Grand Master an Agenda and Report.

The Committee considered the Grand Masters Recommendation for amendments to the Grand Lodge Bylaws, and the following action was taken:

On motion by M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Steven F. Mattoon, Recommendation One was approved as to form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to the Member Resolution, the Committee determined as follows: On motion by M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Steven F. Mattoon, Resolution One was approved as to form and can be submitted 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.: Steven F. Mattoon and seconded by M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan, the other Permissions, Dispensations and Orders were approved.

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

The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Joe D. McBride 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 Debbie in the Grand Lodge Office for all their help.

Codification of the Law:

As a result of the approval of Grand Master's Recommendation One, the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Paragraphs of Section 2-408 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws are amended to read as follows:

Section 2-408 – PLURAL MEMBERSHIP–

Fourth paragraph:

In the event that a member of a lodge in this Jurisdiction holding plural membership in another lodge of said Jurisdiction shall become suspended or expelled, by either his parent or plural lodge, he shall be automatically suspended or expelled in his other lodge without further action being required by said other lodge than noting the fact upon the minutes thereof. Provided, that if said suspension or expulsion shall be for the non-payment of his dues to one of said lodges, his standing in his other lodge shall not be affected thereby. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the lodge inflicting any such penalty to immediately report the same to the other lodge in which such member holds membership. In the event that a member holding his parent membership in another Grand Jurisdiction and his plural membership in a lodge in this Jurisdiction, is suspended or expelled by his lodge in this Jurisdiction, such fact shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of his parent lodge.

Fifth Paragraph:

If a member holding plural membership in this Jurisdiction and another Grand Jurisdiction is suspended from membership in the other said Jurisdiction, for anything other than non-payment of dues, it will automatically be referred to the Grievance Committee for review and forwarded to the Grand Master for further action as may be warranted, including suspension or expulsion from the Fraternity.

Fifth paragraph:

Any member of a lodge holding plural membership in another lodge, who shall be suspended or expelled for any cause other than non-payment of dues, shall upon restoration to membership by the lodge so suspending or expelling him, be automatically restored to membership in his other lodge, unless a protest is filed by a member thereof with the Worshipful Master.

As a result of the approval of Resolution One, the Third Paragraph of Section 2-601 of the Grand Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

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 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, 2016, each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge an assessment of \$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. 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.

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.

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

This proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.:&A.:M.: 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.



Right Worshipful Dennis E. Rix, 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 2014-2015.”

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 McBride thanked the brethren for their participation in the Annual Communication.

By virtue in the power and authority in him vested as Grand Master, Joe D. McBride then declared the 158th 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 Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Long Pine Lodge No. 136 and Wood Lake Lodge No. 221.

2015 Proceedings
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One Hundred Fifty-eighth
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2015

Most Worshipful Joe D. McBride
Grand Master

Grand Lodge Awards

The 2014 awards were displayed in the lobby during the session for all attendees to view, including a PowerPoint presentation featuring the winners.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AWARD

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 Gary and Jaynette Keim, Franklin Lodge No. 264 and Eastern Star, and Barry Frerichs, Long Pine Lodge No. 136

The recipient of the award in the Non-Mason category was Creighton University Dental School (Gary Westerman).

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 recipient of the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award was Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln.

The recipient of the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award was North Bend Lodge No. 119 in North Bend.

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.

The Gold Pan was awarded to Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha.

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.

The following lodges received the Pillar Award:

George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha
Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln
College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln

LODGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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 Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha.

The winner in the Small Lodge division was Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha.

CHANGE FOR THE TROOPS AWARDS

The Change for the Troops Program was started in 2010 by M.:W.: John Parsons. Awards are 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 receive a sculpture featuring the flag and bald eagle, and the top five lodges in each category receive certificates for their participation in and contribution to the program.

Top Total Contributions

1. Geo. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
2. Cotner Lodge No. 297
3. Plainview Lodge No. 204
4. Geneva Lodge No. 79
5. Papillion Lodge No. 39

Top Total Per Capita Contributions

1. Plainview Lodge No. 204
2. Geo. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
3. Franklin Lodge No. 264
4. Cotner Lodge No. 297
5. Geneva Lodge No. 79

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 20 qualified recipients in 2014, with several points ties. All recipients will receive a trowel lapel pin. First and second place recipients also receive a plaque; and the first place winner receives a badge, and his picture is displayed on a plaque in the Grand Lodge Office.

- 1 - Charles J Odorizzi, III, John J Mercer Lodge No. 290
- 2 - Jerry L. Pigsley, Cotner Lodge No. 297
- 3 - Larry L. Drews, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
- 4 - Roger A. Mlady, Capitol Lodge No. 3
- 5 - Christopher S. Nigro, George W Lininger Lodge No. 268
- 6 - David L. Rose, Florence Lodge No. 281
- 7 - Arthur J. D'Amico, III, Bellevue Lodge No. 325
- 8 - John R. Fairlie, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
- 9 - Travis R. Bader, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
- 9 - Grady A. Wells, Fremont Lodge No. 15
- 10 - John C. Barrett, James L Eatmon Lodge No. 294
- 10 - Martin C. McGuire, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
- 10 - William G. Nottage-Tacey, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274
- 10 - Curtis E. Wolbert, College View Lodge No. 320
- 11 - Jacob C. Barna, Mizpah Lodge No. 302
- 12 - Paul H. Bohannon, Jr., Miloma Lodge No. 328
- 12 - David M. Long, John J Mercer Lodge No. 290
- 12 - Scott C. Nielson, Wahoo Lodge No. 59

- 12 - Shane T. Rhian, Lancaster Lodge No. 54
- 12 - John Warnhoff, III, Florence Lodge No. 281

PLUS CLUB CERTIFICATES

All lodges that achieved a net increase in membership 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.

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| Capitol Lodge No. 3 | North Bend Lodge No. 119 |
| Beatrice Lodge No. 26 | Plainview Lodge No. 204 |
| Fairbury Lodge No. 35 | Florence Lodge No. 281 |
| Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 | College View Lodge No. 320 |
| Hiram Lodge No. 52 | Miloma Lodge No. 328 |
| Wahoo Lodge No. 59 | Albert Pike Lodge No. 333 |
| Aurora Lodge No. 68 | |

GRAND MASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

The following 2014 Masters earned the Grand Master's Leadership Award:

- Michael D. Ingram, Franklin Lodge No. 264 in Franklin
- Jerry L. Pigsley, Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln

From among the recipients, Jerry L. Pigsley was selected as the Master of the Year.

Organization

of

Grand Lodge

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



Kearney, Nebraska
February 6-7, 2015

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R.: W.: John T. Maxell	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Dennis E. Rix	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.: Richard D. Myers.....	Grand Junior Warden
M.: W.: Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM	Grand Secretary
V.: W.: Wayne A. Andreasen	Grand Chaplain
W.: James A. Carlton.....	Grand Orator
W.: Dennis H. Brydl.....	Grand Historian
M.: W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr.	Grand Custodian
W.: Donald E. Rife.....	Grand Marshal
W.: Patrick D. Barger	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Robert W. Moninger	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: John B. Ferguson	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Kevin R. Lindly.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Michael D. Beall	Grand Tyler

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

W.: Stephen C. Kennedy.....Personal Representative of the Grand Master

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CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	(120th).....	1986
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PAUL R. EVELAND, 119	(122nd).....	1988
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JOHN M. McHENRY, 19.....	(124th).....	1990
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V. KAYE RAMSEY, 290 & 317.....	(130th).....	1996
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District #1 – Roy L. Smith , 6, 12200 24th St., Plattsmouth 68048, 402-298-8570 roy@soyroy.com	1989
Western Star #2, Nebraska City; Plattsmouth #6, Plattsmouth; Mt Moriah #57, Syracuse; Euclid #97, Weeping Water; Springfield #112, Springfield	
District #2 – Augustine S. Scolaro , 3, 801 5th St. N., Bellevue 68005, 402-733-6249 lms733@hotmail.com.....	Emeritus
Capitol #3, Omaha; Covert #11, Omaha; Florence #281, Omaha; John J. Mercer #290, Omaha; Mizpah #302, Omaha	
District #3 – Anthony T. Johnson , 268, 2613 Alberta Ave., Bellevue 68147, 402-232-5306 tjark@cox.net	2014
Bee Hive #184, Omaha; George W. Lininger #268, Omaha; Centennial #326, Omaha; Shiloh #327, Omaha; Miloma #328, Omaha	
District #4 – Brian K. Sandall , 21, 1063 N 17th Ave., Blair 68008, 402-426-4890 bsandall@abnnebraska.com.....	2010
Washington #21, Blair; Tekamah #31, Tekamah; Oakland #91, Oakland; Landmark #222, Herman; George Armstrong #241, Craig	
District #5 – Ronald D. Grass , 31, 420 N. 13th, Tekamah 68061, 402-374-2689 ronaldgrass@yahoo.com	1990
Omadi #5, So. Sioux City; Northern Light #41, Stanton; Magnolia #220, Emerson; Olive Branch #274, Walthill	
District #6 – To be Appointed	
Corinthian #83, Wakefield; Wayne #120, Wayne; Laurel #248, Laurel	
District #8 – John C. Sierks , 4, 64708 730 Rd., Brownville 68321, 402-825-6061	1969
Nemaha Valley #4, Falls City #9, Falls City; Brownville; Peru #14, Peru; Pawnee #23, Pawnee City	
District #9 – Edward W. Nolte , 39, 4702 Windcrest Dr., Papillion 68133, 402-592-0184 ewn@centurylink.net.....	2010
Wahoo #59, Wahoo; Waterloo #102, Elkhorn; Comet #229, Ceresco; Victory #310, Valley	
District #10 – Steven A. Green , 54, 2635 S. 12th St., Lincoln 68502, 402-477-9055 bearlyflyin@windstream.net.....	1988
Lincoln #19, Lincoln; Blue River #30, Milford; Lancaster #54, Lincoln; East Lincoln #210, Lincoln; Hickman #256, Lincoln; Cotner #297, Lincoln	

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District #11 – Suman Vallabhbai , 314, 6200 Eureka Dr., Lincoln 68516, 402-420-7616 sgvalla@windstream.net.....	2004 Beatrice #26, Beatrice; Oliver #38, Seward; Highland #194, Cortland; George Washington #250, Lincoln; Union #287, Palmyra; Craftsmen #314, Lincoln
District #15 – Randall L. Hart , 222 & 31, 412 S 12th St., Tekamah 68061, 402-374-1278 randy.hart@huntel.net.....	2008 Mosaic #55, Norfolk; Albion #78, Albion; Cedar River #89, Fullerton; Newman Grove #305, Newman Grove
District #16 – To be Appointed	
Garfield #95, O'Neill; Plainview #204, Plainview; Wausa #251, Wausa; Diamond #291, Orchard	
District #17 – Roger A. Deininger , 317, 1319 W. 11th, Hastings 68901, 402-462-8146 r.dein@yahoo.com.....	1998 Ashlar #33, Grand Island; Lone Tree #36, Central City; Keystone #62, Phillips; Aurora #68, Aurora; Cement #211, Wood River; Friendship #239, Chapman; Cairo #324, Cairo
District #18 – Patrick D. Barger , 54,332,5,268, 2800 Manse Ave., Lincoln 68502, 402-421-7139 patrick@nebraskagrاندlodge.com.....	2014 Harvard #44, Harvard; Hastings #50, Hastings; Charity #53, Red Cloud; St. Paul #82, St. Paul; Guide Rock #128, Guide Rock; Franklin #264, Franklin; Mid-West #317, Hastings
District #21 – Wayne E. Beatty , 126, 12429 P Rd., Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-3950 judysbells@gmail.com.....	1984 Fidelity #51, David City; York #56, York; Utica #96, Utica; Stromsburg #126, Stromsburg; Solar #134, Clarks; Lebanon #323, Columbus
District #24 – Delmar A. Jones , 46 & 65, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234 jonesdelmar@ymail.com.....	1992 Rob Morris #46, Kearney; Osceola #65, Osceola; Jachin #146, Holdrege
District #25 – Philip E. Darby, Jr. , 61, 1801 Plum Creek Ln., Lexington 68850, 308-324-4548 darbyek@msn.com.....	2006 Thistle #61, Lexington; McCook #135, McCook; Bartley #228, Bartley; Monument #293, Arapahoe
District #26 – Arthur J. Ferguson , 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221, 402-967-3361.....	1979 Long Pine #136, Long Pine; Minnekadusa #192, Valentine; Wood Lake #221, Wood Lake; Silver Cord #224, Ainsworth
District #27 – Bill Lichtenberger , 207, 42634 Callaway Rd, Callaway 68825, 308-836-4492 billich@gpcom.net.....	2003 Porter #106, Loup City; Custer #148, Broken Bow; Blazing Star #200, Burwell; Parian #207, Callaway
District #28 – Jack D. Nichols , 265, 702 W. 15th St., Scottsbluff 69361, 308-635-0404 jnichols_2@charter.net.....	2000 Alliance #183, Alliance; Zion #234, Hyannis; Robert W. Furnas #265, Scottsbluff; Camp Clarke #285, Bridgeport

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District #29 – Leslie A. Evert , 195, 508 N. Ash St., Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214 levvert@gpcom.net.....	1984
Samaritan #158, Chadron; Arcana #195, Gordon	
District #30 – Richard H. Cooper , 263, 706 E. Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-2238.	1996
Scotts Bluff #201, Gering; Mitchell #263, Mitchell	
District #31 – To Be Appointed	
Frank Welch #75, Sidney; Golden Fleece #205, Chappell; Oshkosh #286, Oshkosh; James L. Eatmon #294, Kimball	
District #32 – Roger L. Shillington , 180, 71562 Avenue 343, Max 69037, 308-423-2547 rns@bwtelcom.net	1976
Robert Burns #173, Stratton; Justice #180, Benkelman; Purity #198, Imperial	
District #33 – Glenn R. Mulholland , 32, 3020 S. Willow St., North Platte 69101, 308-532-0270 grmld@msn.com	2005
Platte Valley #32, North Platte; Ogalalla #159, Ogalalla; Wallace #279, Wallace; Seneca #284, Thedford	
District #34 – Frank Veverka , 15, 331, 1525 E. 5th St., Fremont 68025, 402-721-9529, vev571@q.com	2005
Fremont #15, Fremont; Acacia #34, Schuyler; Hiram #52, Arlington; Hooper #72, Hooper; North Bend #119, North Bend; Scribner #132, Scribner	
District #35 – James R. Taylor , 327, 711 N. 92nd Ct. Apt. 307, Omaha 68114, 402-493-2854 ijrtaylor36@cox.net.....	2002
Nebraska #1, Omaha; Solomon #10, Fort Calhoun; Papillion #39, Papillion; Omaha #288, Omaha; Bellevue #325, Bellevue	
District #36 – Carl C. Plants , 54, 6124 NW 6th St., Lincoln 68521, 402-477-9464 cplants@inebraska.com.....	2001
Crete #37, Crete; Blue Valley #64, Wilber; Bennett #94, Lincoln; North Star #227, Lincoln; Liberty #300, Lincoln; College View #320, Lincoln; Tabula Rasa #332, Lincoln	
District #37 – Albert A. Wise , 79, 824 H St., Geneva 68361, 402-759-3869 aw05040@windstream.net.....	1992
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1 - Nebraska	10	0	7	0	147	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	-6	141
2 - Western Star	2	0	0	0	129	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	7	-5	124
3 - Capitol	15	0	12	0	82	14	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	8	9	91
4 - Nemaha Valley	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	-2	46
5 - Omadi	1	0	1	0	127	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	8	-6	121
6 - Plattsmouth	8	0	9	0	296	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	10	6	0	0	0	0	16	-8	288
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	35
10 - Solomon	1	0	1	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	74
11 - Covert	8	0	6	0	407	5	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	16	7	0	1	0	0	24	-12	395
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	28
15 - Fremont	6	0	3	0	186	4	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	16	-3	183
19 - Lincoln	2	0	2	0	150	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	12	0	0	0	0	21	-19	131
21 - Washington	2	0	2	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	-3	58
23 - Pawnee	0	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	8	-8	116
26 - Beatrice	2	0	2	0	160	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	161
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	-2	29
31 - Tekamah	2	0	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	-4	110
32 - Platte Valley	0	0	1	0	197	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	-2	195
33 - Ashlar	0	0	0	0	128	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	12	-9	119
34 - Acacia	1	0	1	0	61	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	-2	59
35 - Fairbury	2	0	2	0	44	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	47
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22
37 - Crete	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	-1	49
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	36
39 - Papillion	4	0	3	0	187	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	7	7	0	1	0	0	17	-13	174
41 - Northern Light	1	0	1	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	46
43 - Hebron	1	0	0	0	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1	41
44 - Harvard	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
46 - Rob Morris	3	0	5	0	194	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	17	0	0	0	0	20	-11	183
50 - Hastings	4	0	4	0	142	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	14	0	0	0	0	24	-19	123
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	-4	47
52 - Hiram	1	0	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2	18
54 - Lancaster	5	0	4	0	281	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	2	12	0	0	0	0	15	-8	273
55 - Mosaic	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	1	10	-9	76
56 - York	3	0	0	0	76	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	-4	72
57 - Mt Moriah	2	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	-3	40
59 - Wahoo	3	0	3	0	60	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	64
61 - Thistle	0	0	0	0	113	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	8	6	0	0	0	0	14	11	124
62 - Keystone	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	-5	30
64 - Blue Valley	2	0	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	-1	49
65 - Osceola	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	-4	80
68 - Aurora	0	0	1	0	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	-4	42
73 - Friend	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	-3	43
75 - Frank Welch	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	102
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36
79 - Geneva	0	0	0	0	116	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	-4	112
82 - St Paul	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	30

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83 - Corinthian	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-2	37
89 - Cedar River	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	-2	15
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	-5	46
94 - Bennett	2	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	-1	31
95 - Garfield	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	0	0	0	23	-23	50
96 - Utica	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	-2	21
97 - Euclid	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	-5	77
102 - Waterloo	1	0	1	0	95	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	8	-6	89
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	7	-6	44
112 - Springfield	12	0	12	0	294	15	1	1	3	0	0	20	0	1	21	0	0	0	22	-2	292
119 - North Bend	2	0	2	0	89	2	3	2	1	0	0	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	6	95
120 - Wayne	3	0	3	0	88	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	-2	86
121 - Superior	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	3	11	0	1	0	17	-15	58
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	-3	23
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	14
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-1	29
135 - McCook	1	0	1	0	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	-9	123
136 - Long Pine	1	0	1	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	1	0	9	-8	33
146 - Jachin	0	0	0	0	94	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	-6	88
148 - Custer	0	0	0	0	83	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	83
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	-2	17
158 - Samaritan	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	-2	66
159 - Ogalalla	1	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	-3	64
167 - Elwood	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	-25	0
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2	23
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	28
183 - Alliance	2	0	0	0	128	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	4	5	0	0	0	9	-3	125
184 - Bee Hive	0	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	0	0	0	11	-11	113
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	-3	37
194 - Highland	1	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	36
195 - Arcana	1	0	0	0	71	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	-4	67
198 - Purity	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	35
200 - Blazing Star	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-4	45
201 - Scotts Bluff	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	13	-12	54
204 - Plainview	1	0	2	0	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	42
205 - Golden Fleece	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	-4	40
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	18
210 - East Lincoln	3	0	2	0	215	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	15	10	0	0	0	26	-23	192
211 - Cement	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	1	0	7	-6	41
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	46
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	60	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	60
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	31
224 - Silver Cord	3	0	3	0	55	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	57
227 - North Star	0	0	2	0	112	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	-2	110
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-4	46
229 - Comet	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	-3	98
234 - Zion	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	37
239 - Friendship	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	17

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241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	-1	24
250 - G Washington	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-1	45	
251 - Wausa	1	0	1	0	70	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	
256 - Hickman	5	0	6	0	195	5	1	0	4	0	0	10	1	3	10	0	1	0	15	-5	190	
263 - Mitchell	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	5	7	0	0	0	13	-11	67	
264 - Franklin	1	0	1	0	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	53	
265 - R W Furnas	4	0	3	0	79	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-2	77	
268 - G W Lininger	12	0	12	0	225	12	1	1	0	0	0	14	0	7	6	0	0	0	13	1	226	
274 - Olive Branch	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	-6	61	
279 - Wallace	1	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	35	
281 - Florence	14	0	13	0	102	11	5	4	0	0	0	20	1	7	2	0	0	0	10	10	112	
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-3	23	
285 - Camp Clarke	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	67	
286 - Oshkosh	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	28	
288 - Omaha	2	0	2	0	72	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	3	21	0	0	0	24	-18	54	
290 - John J Mercer	6	0	5	0	356	5	0	0	6	0	0	11	2	9	16	0	1	0	28	-17	339	
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	-4	29	
293 - Monument	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-2	27	
294 - James Eatmon	3	0	1	0	52	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	0	8	-6	46	
297 - Cotner	14	0	14	0	181	11	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	3	7	0	0	0	10	2	183	
300 - Liberty	6	0	4	0	204	7	0	0	2	0	0	9	2	6	18	0	1	0	27	-18	186	
302 - Mizpah	17	0	16	0	265	16	4	0	4	0	0	24	1	7	23	0	1	0	32	-8	257	
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
310 - Victory	2	0	2	0	64	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	
314 - Craftsmen	2	0	1	0	185	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	10	0	0	0	21	-20	165	
317 - Mid-West	2	0	2	0	155	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	14	5	0	0	0	19	-15	140	
320 - College View	7	0	5	0	56	6	1	0	1	0	0	8	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	4	60	
323 - Lebanon	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	-5	94	
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	14	
325 - Bellevue	12	0	10	0	210	10	0	2	2	0	0	14	5	8	10	0	0	0	23	-9	201	
326 - Centennial	1	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	1	0	0	10	-10	86	
327 - Shiloh	7	0	5	0	140	8	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	7	12	0	0	0	19	-9	131	
328 - Miloma	4	0	4	0	157	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	158	
332 - Tabula Rasa	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	
333 - Albert Pike	2	0	2	0	22	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	25	
	250		210		11427	222	36	24	83	25	1	391	42	401	435	2	13	26	919	-528	10899	

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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	Bradner 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.....	
147th.....	2013.....	Thomas L. Hauder.....	332.....	

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

- George Armstrong September 23, 1857 To June 2, 1858
- Robert W. Furnas June 2, 1858 To June 4, 1862
- Robert C. Jordan June 4, 1862 To June 24, 1863
- Stephen D. Bangs June 24, 1863 To June 24, 1865
- J. Newton Wise June 24, 1865 To October 27, 1869
- Robert W. Furnas October 27, 1869 To June 21, 1872
- William R. Bowen June 21, 1872 To May 6, 1899
- Francis E. White June 9, 1899 To June 11, 1925
- Lewis E. Smith June 11, 1925 To June 6, 1946
- Carl R. Greisen June 7, 1946 To June 6, 1968
- Robert W. Cook June 6, 1968 To April 5, 1969
- Norris W. Lallman June 4, 1969 To June 13, 1981
- Ralph W. Gerry June 13, 1981 To June 15, 1985
- Paul R. Pierce June 15, 1985 To December 6, 1986
- Edward M. Cummings December 6, 1986 To May 1987
- Albert T. Reddish May 1987 To September 1989
- Don E. Rasmussen September 1989 To November 1992
- Virgil L. Tubach November 1992 to August 1995
- Reginald S. Kuhn August 1995 to October 2003
- 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
- Bruce A. Watkins 2012-2014
- 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, 204	1977
• W. Dale Page, 15.....	1977
• Harry L. Saum, 308.....	1979
• DeVern A. Engberg, 26.....	1979
• Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....	1979
• Albert W. Watsek, 23	1979
• Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....	1979
• Arthur J. Ferguson, 221.....	1979
• Leslie G. Weber, 204.....	1979
• Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1980
• Augustine S. Scolaro, 3	1981
• David E. Menck, 15	1982
• Vincent Rosenberger, 183	1982
• Justin F. Fauss, 55	1982
• Augustus W. Clark, 33	1982
• Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....	1982
• Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1984
• Eugene C. Sibley, 314.....	1984
• Leslie Evert, 195.....	1985
• William Fogle, 135.....	1985
• Roscoe Malick, 297	1985
• R. Winton Wilson, 199.....	1985
• Robert E. Kyes, 36	1985
• W. Dale Page, 15.....	1985
• Gordon E. Richards, 75	1986
• Harold Noble, 325.....	1987
• Deon D. Eberly, 314.....	1988
• Steven A. Green, 54	1988
• Steven K. Jones, 265, 263	1988
• Lloyd Vrtiska, 23	1988
• Robert M. Littrell, 77	1989
• Roy L. Smith, 6	1989
• Daniel E. Spearow, 26	1989
• LeRoy Crye, 328.....	1990
• Ronald D. Grass, 31.....	1990
• Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317	1990
• Richard W. Linnemeyer, 135	1990
• Keith B. Leibhart, 148.....	1990
• Gordon L. Carley, 75	1990
• Gerald D. Verbeek, 15	1990
• Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 288	1991
• Delmar Jones, 46, 65	1992
• Don L. Jelinek, 54.....	1992
• Albert Wise, 79	1992
• Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....	1993
• John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33	1993
• Rodney L. Samp, 159.....	1994
• Robert L. Carter, 314	1995
• Richard H. Cooper, 263	1996
• Thomas R. Reed, 5.....	1996
• Monte K. Olmstead, 290.....	1997
• Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....	1997
• Roger A. Deininger, 317.....	1998
• Kenneth G. Fleming, 75	1998
• Bruce A. Watkins, 300.....	1999
• Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285.....	2000

- Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 722000
- Carl C. Plants, 542001
- Joseph D. Chrisman, 2792002
- Ashley H. Story, 314, 146.....2002
- James R. Taylor, 327.....2002
- Dean Papenhagen, 50.....2003
- R. William Lichtenberger, 207, 148.....2003
- Gordon L. Carley, 752003
- Suman Vallabhbai, 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
- Patrick D. Barger, 54, 332, 52014
- Anthony T. Johnson, 268, 3342014
- Kent D. Priest, 322014
- Dean Papenhagen, 50.....2014
- Charles J. Odorizzi, III.....2014
- John L. Brommer, 1.....2014

- 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
Large	2015	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2015	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
	2015	Centennial Lodge	No. 326	Omaha

**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
2014	Gene F. Wehrbein	Plattsmouth No. 6	Plattsmouth

EXISTING LODGES

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

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
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

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	
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
Barneston	No 165	Barneston	Gage	August 20,1886	June 21,1888
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
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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
Wallace	No 279	Wallace	Lincoln	February	25,1911	June	4,1912
Florence	No 281	Omaha	Douglas	January	17,1913	June	4,1913
Seneca	No 284	Theford	Thomas	September	29,1913	June	9,1914
Camp Clarke	No 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	October	16,1913	June	9,1914
Oshkosh	No 286	Oshkosh	Garden	November	25,1913	June	9,1914
Union	No 287	Palmyra	Otoe	December	15,1913	June	8,1915
Omaha	No 288	Omaha	Douglas	March	24,1914	June	8,1915
John J. Mercer	No 290	Omaha	Douglas	November	21,1914	June	8,1915
Diamond	No 291	Orchard	Antelope	November	23,1914	June	8,1915
Monument	No 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	December	18,1914	June	8,1915
Kimball	No 294	Kimball	Kimball	June	10,1915	June	7,1916
Cotner	No 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June	15,1917	June	5,1918
Liberty	No 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January	10,1918	June	5,1918
Mizzpah	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	February	8, 2014
Renaissance	No 334	Elkhorn	Douglas	October	28, 2013	February	8, 2014

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
Monument No. 293 – Arapahoe.....	December 9, 2014
Cowles No. 296 – Cowles.....	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 – Otoe.....	December 15, 1964
Roscoe Pound Lodge of Research No. 329 – Lincoln.....	September 10, 1993
St. John the Baptist Lodge of Research No. 330 – Geneva.....	June 3, 1998

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.:L.:) "in the year of light."

A.:A.:S.: RITE, same as Ancient Craft except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.:M.:) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.:I.:) "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.:Dep.:) "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (AO) "in the year of the Order."

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACTO (A.:Beo.:) "in the year of the Blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT	Add 4000 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 4000 = 6004.
A.:A.:S.: RITE	Add 3760 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 3760 = 5764. After September add another year.
ROYAL ARCH	Add 530 to the common era.	Thus, 2004 and 530 = 2534.
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS		Add 1000 to the common era. Thus, 2004 and 1000 = 3004.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR		From the Christian era take 1118. Thus, 1118 from 2004 = 886.
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD		To the Christian era, add 1913, the year of the blessing, B.C. Thus, 2004 and 1913 = 3917.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	* Denotes proxy Secretary
Nebraska #1	Martin C McGuire	Mark K Westadt	Tyler S Loontjer	John R Fairlie
Western Star #2	Edward L Reed			David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	Andrew L Freeman*		Frederick R Yates	
Nemaha Valley #4	Michael R Andrew*	Stephen C Kennedy	Mark A Caspers	
Omadi #5	Vandle A Phillips*	Wayne Benson*	Randall J Walsh*	
Plattsmouth #6	Lanny D Glup	Robert W Ford*	Charles J Marsh*	Jay H Speck
Falls City #9				
Solomon #10	Donald R Knight	Bradley Alan Larsen	Stuart W Sprick	Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Gregory D Hansen*		Phillip A Ricker*	David N Silver
Peru #14				
Fremont #15	Jimmy R Peterson			Dennis L Smith
Lincoln #19	Charles R Clark	Kent W Folsom	John P Sabby*	Charles A Burk
Washington #21				
Pawnee #23	Edward D Raper			Gary H Bedea*
Beatrice #26	Christopher N Dunker	Clayton E Wells	Scott A Knispel*	Jason M MacKichan
Blue River #30	Dwaine Fosler*			Richard T Dugdale*
Tekamah #31	Charles T Goll*			REPORTED-NOT
Platte Valley #32	Michael D Beall	John Ray Steele	Joshua M Gartrell*	Robert I Peal
Ashlar #33	Benjamin James			Verne L Hill*
Acacia #34		Craig Howard Jacobus		Dennis D Coufal
Fairbury #35	Thomas R Curry*	Kristofer M Buehler		
Lone Tree #36				Philip E Foulk
Crete #37				
Oliver #38	Adam Michael	Kent Raymond	Ralph Robert Rogers	
Papillion #39	William E Young*		Glenn Ray Lewis*	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41				
Hebron #43				
Harvard #44	Bruce W Schwenk			Steve E Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Charles K Kreis	Adam C Grazier	Kevin Todd Johnson	
Hastings #50	George W White	William G Nottage-Tacey*	Daniel G Deffenbaugh*	Michael L Small*
Fidelity #51	Jerome O Vavra			Lawrence C Griffiths*
Hiram #52	Troy L Clausen*	Sydney R Clausen*		
Charity #53				
Lancaster #54	F Graham House	James M Stull	Adam Michael	Russell G Reno
Mosaic #55				Rodrick R Hughes
York #56		Kevin E Leapley*		Ronald L Winquest*
Mt Moriah #57	W Jeff Walker			
Wahoo #59				
Thistle #61	Kent J Fischer*	Vance M Bricker*		Philip E Darby
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Osceola #65	Ricky A Jones	James M Winslow	Kevin W Peterson*	Mervin E Ransom
Aurora #68	Denton W Goertzen*			Ronald L Furse
Hooper #72		Kevin R Larson		
Friend #73				
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Albion #78		Merlin L Weber	Jeffrey J Noble*	

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Geneva #79	Albert Allen Wise	Robert R Saum	John M Jacobs*	
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Corinthian #83	Bradley A Jones*			Robert A Jones
Cedar River #89				
Oakland #91		Norman E Case*	Don A Johnson	Randall D Johnson*
Bennett #94		Roger W Miner	Richard D Harris	Douglas B Johnson
Garfield #95				
Utica #96		Mitchell J Vavra*	Robert O Rhodes	Kevin O Scheele
Euclid #97				
Waterloo #102	John A Hardy	Dick L Parcher*		Brad D Petersen*
Porter #106				Kenneth A Bills
Springfield #112	Joseph B Stom	Jeremy Myers*	Paul R Mason	Aaron R Taylor
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Ogalalla #159		Philip J Armstrong*	Bernard A Beckius	Richard H Roberts*
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Justice #180	Paul M Erdman			
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Landmark #222	Richard N Patterson*	Thomas C Kegler*		Randall L Hart
Silver Cord #224	Rick E Carr	Wilber C Saner	Michael E Hitchcock	Evan C Evans
North Star #227		Robert L Tooker	Albert L Chatfield*	
Bartley #228				Gary A Newcomb

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Laurel #248				
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Wausa #251	Harry E Sage	Richard H Lentz*		Lowell C Erickson*
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Bellevue #325	Lance R Molina*	Stewart Hal Cottrell*	Christopher J Davis*	James A Carlton
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Shiloh #327	Michael R Brooks	Robert L Schapp	Lawrence J Ruh	Matthew W Vandergriff
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Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Net Assets
December 31, 2014

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED - U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		49,702	49,702
BONDS			
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS			
Alcoa Inc., 5.400%, 4-15-2021	50,000	51,380	54,152
Bunge Ltd. Fin. Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	50,000	51,695	61,277
Domtar Corp., 4.400%, 4-1-2022	50,000	51,110	51,319
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	50,500
GTE Corp., 6.840%, 4-15-2018	50,000	54,285	57,689
Rpm Intl Inc., 3.450%, 11-15-2022	50,000	49,247	49,240
Southwest Airs Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	50,000	40,000	54,023
US West Communications, Inc., 7.125%, 11/15/2043	50,000	51,000	51,275
WM Wrigley Jr. Co., 4.650%, 7-15-2015	50,000	49,625	51,021
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	450,000	448,440	480,496
TOTAL BONDS	450,000	448,440	480,496

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
200	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	9,183	16,500
300	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	19,634	45,045
200	Boeing Co.	9,192	25,996
225	Cato Corp.	5,397	9,490
1,262	Cemex S A B De C V Sponsor ADR New	6,835	12,860
900	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	20,004	17,613
550	Chicago Bridge & Iron	15,806	23,089
300	Compass Minerals International Inc.	23,624	26,049
500	Conagra Foods Inc.	13,110	18,140
300	ConocoPhillips Com.	8,990	20,718
700	Constellium	20,073	11,501
1,250	Costamare Inc.	21,518	22,012
400	Direct TV	13,217	34,680
300	Disney Walt Co. Com.	6,007	28,257
250	Dominion Resources Inc.	9,472	19,225
500	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	19,911	11,680
1,000	Gencorp Inc.	4,266	18,300
2,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	20,400	16,340
250	Johnson & Johnson Com.	16,035	26,143
150	Kansas City Southern	2,125	18,305
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs, Inc.	16,362	25,242
900	Leucadia National Corp.	38,150	20,178
425	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	4,759	29,363
200	McDonalds Corp. Com.	18,001	18,740
700	Microsoft Corp. Com.	17,584	32,515
900	Pfizer Inc.	15,512	28,035
216	Phillips 66 Com.	2,545	15,487
400	Plum Creek Timber Co.	11,882	17,116
150	SPDR Gold Trust	15,015	17,037
675	St Joe Company	15,503	12,413
1,300	Symetra Finl Corp. Com.	23,435	29,965
300	Texas Pacific Land Trust	8,896	35,400
550	Verizon Communications Inc. Com.	26,261	25,729
400	Vulcan Materials Co.	16,306	26,292
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		495,010	755,455

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Supplemental Schedule of Temporarily Restricted and
Permanently Restricted Net Assets
December 31, 2014

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		143,668	143,668
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
U.S. Treasury Notes, 7.250%, 5-15-2016	25,000	28,117	27,311
Independence Kans Indl Dev Rev, 8.11%, 6-15-2020	50,000	52,165	50,489
Kansas City MO Spl Oblig Impt Bds, 4.55%, 8-1-2022	50,000	51,091	54,490
Total government securities	125,000	131,373	132,290
CORPORATE BONDS			
Alcoa Inc., 5.400%, 4-15-2021	50,000	51,380	54,151
Altera Corp., 4.100%, 11-15-2023	25,000	24,383	25,875
Anglogold Ashanti Hldgs., 5.125%, 8-1-2022	50,000	50,933	45,625
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	25,000	25,848	30,638
CA Inc., 4.500%, 8-15-2023	50,000	51,169	52,399
Domtar Corp., 4.400%, 4-1-2022	50,000	51,110	51,319
Donnelley R R & Sons Co., 5.500%, 5-15-2015	50,000	50,098	50,500
Halliburton Co., 6.750%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	30,789
Kohls Corp., 4.000%, 11-1-2021	25,000	25,080	25,960
Pitney Bowes Inc., 5.250%, 1-15-2037	50,000	51,000	53,564
Rpm Intl Inc., 3.450%, 11-15-2022	50,000	49,246	49,241
Southwest Aircls Co., 5.750%, 12-15-2016	25,000	20,000	27,012
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.100%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	56,086
Target Corp., 5.375%, 5-01-2017	50,000	49,112	54,597
US West Communications Inc., 7.125%, 11-15-2043	25,000	25,500	25,638
Zurich Reins Centre Hldgs., 7.125%, 10-12-2023	50,000	54,510	60,909
Total corporate bonds	650,000	647,493	694,303
TOTAL BONDS	775,000	778,866	826,593

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
550	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	31,666	45,375
500	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	75,075
450	Boeing Co.	20,683	58,491
475	Cato Corp.	11,393	20,035
2,277	Cemex S A B De C V Sponsor ADR New	12,303	23,203
1,650	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	6,143	32,290
1,000	Chicago Bridge & Iron	11,570	41,980
500	Compass Minerals International Inc.	38,742	43,415
850	Conagra Foods Inc.	22,287	30,838
550	ConocoPhillips Com.	20,275	37,983
1,300	Constellium	37,210	21,359
2,075	Costamare Inc.	35,721	36,541
500	Direct TV	16,521	43,350
700	Disney Walt Co Com.	19,990	65,933
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	49,985
600	Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Cl B	23,805	14,016
2,000	Gencorp, Inc.	8,532	36,600
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	24,510
475	Johnson & Johnson Com.	30,447	49,671
300	Kansas City Southern	4,250	36,609
200	L-3 Communications Hldgs, Inc.	16,362	25,242
1,000	Leucadia National Corp.	38,322	22,420
825	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	9,222	56,999
400	McDonalds Corp Com.	36,002	37,480
1,400	Microsoft Corp. Com.	36,149	65,030
2,000	Pfizer Inc.	49,974	62,300
198	Phillips 66 Com.	2,333	14,197
600	Plum Creek Timber Co.	17,824	25,674
250	SPDR Gold Trust	22,809	28,395
1,100	St. Joe Company	24,078	20,229
2,400	Symetra Finl Corp.	43,137	5,320
525	Texas Pacific Land Trust	15,452	61,950
1,050	Verizon Communications Inc. Com.	50,121	49,119
650	Vulcan Materials Co.	26,445	42,724
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		856,837	1,354,338

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