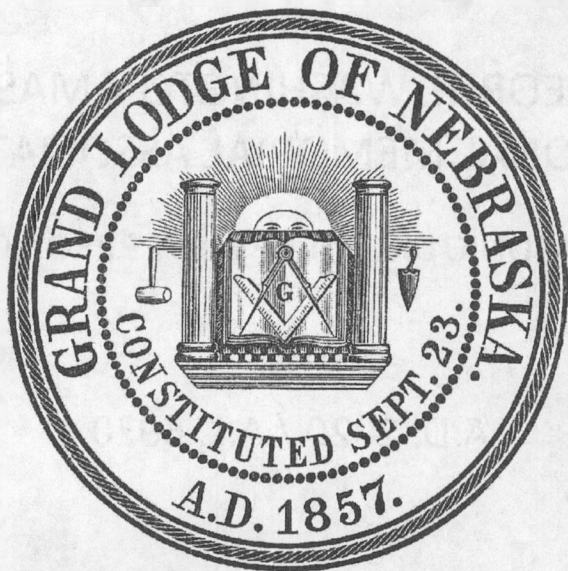


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Dennis E. Rix

**Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska
2016-2017**

Masonic History of the 150th Grand Master

Dennis E. Rix

Dennis E. Rix was initiated on January 21, 1974, passed February 4, 1974, and raised April 8, 1974 in Waveland Park Lodge No. 654 in Urbandale, IA. Dennis stepped away from 1976 through February of 1999, when he was reinstated into Fremont Lodge No. 15. He served as Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15 in 2003 and 2010. Dennis became a dual member of Victory Lodge No. 310 in 2014; and is also a charter member of special purpose Renaissance Lodge No. 334.

Dennis was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star at Grand Chapter in May 2000, and served as Worthy Patron of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in 2003 and 2005.

He is also Past Chapter Dad of Keene Chapter of the Order of DeMolay.

On April 29, 2000, Dennis received the 32^o of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite on April 29, 2000 in the Omaha Valley. He served as Degree Director for the 8th Degree. Dennis was awarded the 32^o K.C.C.H. of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Omaha Valley on October 23, 2015.

Dennis became a Tangier Shrine Noble on May 13, 2000.

He belongs to Florence Chapter 61 RAM.

On June 9, 2011, he became a member in perpetuity of National Sojourner Chapter No. 19. Dennis was inducted into the Joseph Warren Camp of the Heroes of 76 Omaha Chapter No. 19 on March 2, 2016.

Dennis has earned his individual proficiency pin, which was awarded on February 6, 2015.

Since 2009, Dennis has been involved with the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. He was appointed to the Band Committee in 2011 and has found great pleasure working with the Instrument Team caring for the student's instruments.

Dennis served as Grand Tyler in 2007 for M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan; served as a Personal Representative to the Grand Master in 2008 for M.:W.:B.: Reg Kuhn and 2009 for M.:W.:B.: Russ Reno; served as Grand Chaplain in 2010 for M.:W.:B.: John Parsons; served as Grand Tyler, Pro Tem in 2011 for M.:W.:B.: Bruce Baker; and served as Grand Senior Deacon in 2012 for M.:W.:B.: Rex Moats. Dennis was elected Grand Junior Warden in 2013 for M.:W.:B.: Thomas Hauder; and elected Grand Senior Warden in 2014 for M.:W.:B.: Joe McBride. In 2015, Dennis was elected Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master elect in 2015 for M.:W.:B.: John Maxell. Dennis was installed as the 150th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska on February 6, 2016.

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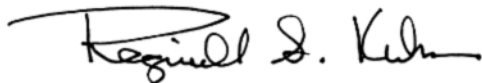
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Certification of Authenticity

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the following is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Kearney, Nebraska, February 3-4, 2017, 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, 2017.



Reginald S. Kuhn
GRAND SECRETARY

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Grand Master

Grand Lodge Awards Breakfast
Friday, February 3, 2017
7:30 a.m.

The 2016 awards were presented at the Awards Breakfast held Friday morning.

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 recipients of the award in the Masonic Family category were Robert Sanford of Cotner Lodge No. 297 and Delbert Rogers of Franklin Lodge No. 264.

An award was not given in the Non-Mason category for 2016.

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 throughout the year.

The recipient of the Large Lodge Rock Maul Award was Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln.

The recipient of the Small Lodge Rock Maul Award was Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill.

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 Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva.

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 following lodges received the Pillar Award:

East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln; Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill; Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln; and Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue.

GRAND MASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

The following 2016 Masters earned the Grand Master's Leadership Award:

Jon C. Cerny, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274
S. Hal Cottrell, Bellevue Lodge No. 325

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

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 Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield.

The winner in the Small Lodge division was Washington Lodge No. 21 in Blair.

MASONIC VETERANS PARTNERSHIP (MVP) AWARDS

The Change for the Troops Program was started in 2010 by M.:W.: John Parsons. In 2014, administration of the program was moved to the Nebraska Masonic Foundation and the name was changed to the Masonic Veterans Partnership. Awards are given in two categories for the 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. Geneva Lodge No. 79
3. Franklin Lodge No. 264
4. Centennial Lodge No. 326
5. Plainview Lodge No. 204

Top Total Per Capita Contributions

1. Seneca Lodge No. 284
2. Plainview Lodge No. 204
3. Franklin Lodge No. 264
4. Geneva Lodge No. 79
5. Centennial Lodge No. 326

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 14 qualified recipients in 2015, 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 - Andrew M. Loudon, Lincoln Lodge No. 19
- 3 - John R. Fairlie, Nebraska Lodge No. 1
- 4 - Merlin G. Zoucha, Sr., Oshkosh Lodge No. 286
- 5 - Robert L. Schapp, Jr., Shiloh Lodge No. 327
- 5 - Kenny S. Soejoto, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 6 - Jay H. Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
- 6 - Paul A. Kult, Washington Lodge No. 21
- 7 - Rex J. Moats, Waterloo Lodge No. 102

- 7 - Keith A. Simonsen, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
- 7 - Randall J. Gathje, Springfield Lodge No. 112
- 7 - Casey S. Van Helten, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6

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.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Washington Lodge No. 21
Fairbury Lodge No. 35
Hiram Lodge No. 52
Friend Lodge No. 73
Springfield Lodge No. 112
Long Pine Lodge No. 136

Franklin Lodge No. 264
Olive Branch Lodge No. 274
Wallace Lodge No. 279
Oshkosh Lodge No. 286
Bellevue Lodge No. 325
Albert Pike Lodge No. 333

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Secretary of the Year award is awarded to the Lodge Secretary whom, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge Office staff, has met all of the requirements for lodge secretaries during the year and performed his duties to the highest degree.

The Secretary of the Year for 2016 is Kent L. Neumann of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill.

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Grand Master

First Day – Public Opening
Friday, February 3, 2017

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 9:15 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2017.

Most Worshipful John T. Maxell, Past Grand Master, presided.

A request was made by Past Grand Master Maxell that all in attendance silence their cell phones.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge Officers entered in reverse order, followed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Dennis E. Rix and his Lady Nan. Past Grand Master Maxell led grand honors for Most Worshipful Rix.

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



Very Worshipful John Ferguson, Grand Chaplain, invoked the blessing of Deity.

“Grand Master of the Universe, our Heavenly Father, thank you for permitting us to gather again in Your name. The time we spend together is important for

Freemasonry, so we acknowledge Your presence with us that we may be open and sensitive to Your leadership on the important matters we will discuss and decide. As we experience the friendship we have for each other, may we be truly united in our commitment to the high ideals and the work we do for the good name of others. We begin this time together in Your name and dedicate what we do to You and to Your purposes. In Your name we pray, Amen.”



Grand Master Rix asked that all remain standing for the presentation of the colors. The Colors were presented by active duty service members from the Kearney area.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited, and Grand Master Rix introduced and thanked the members of the color guard – SFC Caleb A. Bright, United States Army, SSG Raymond G. Campbell, United States Army, SSgt Ricardo Perez, United States Air Force, and Sgt William R. Gwin, United States Marine Corps.



Most Worshipful Rix welcomed everyone to the 160th Annual Communication and thanked them for attending.



Grand Master Rix asked all grand officers and representatives from other grand jurisdictions to assemble to prepare for introductions. The Grand Master then asked Deputy Grand Master Rick Myers to cover before escorting his Lady Nan to the front with him to greet the visitors. R.:W.: Myers asked the Grand Marshal to escort to the East the grand officers and representatives visiting from other grand jurisdictions.



Grand Junior Deacon James A. Carlton introduced the representatives:

From the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska

M.:W.: Rodney Wheeler, Sr., Grand Master
R.:W.: Freddie L. Clopton, Senior Grand Warden, and his Lady Karen
Karen is Prince Badoura of Sat-ra Temple No. 59, Daughters of the Nile
R.:W.: Terry Underwood, Grand Secretary, and his Lady Trish
Trish is Grand Worthy Matron of Amaranthus Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
M.:W.: Doysa L. Whitaker, Past Grand Master and Grand CCFC
W.: Russell Hobson, Grand Lecturer Emeritus, and his Lady Anne-Marie

From the Grand Lodge of Colorado

R.:W.: Ralph Newby, Senior Grand Warden, and his Lady Margaret

From the Grand Lodge of Iowa

M.:W.: Kenneth Hurmence, Grand Master, and his Lady Connie
R.:W.: Bill Post, Senior Grand Warden, and his Lady Tammy Van Horses-Post

From the Grand Lodge of Kansas

M.:W.: Lyn E. Byer, Grand Master, and his Lady Linda

From the Grand Lodge of Montana

R.: W.: Lewis Smith, Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge of New Mexico

R.: W.: Ralph Easley, Junior Grand Warden, and his Lady Tisch

From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

M.: W.: Ronald A. Aungst, Jr., Past Grand Master, and his Lady

Norma From the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

R.: W.: Mike Rodman, Grand Master
R.: W.: Yancey Smith, Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: DaNiel Wood, Senior Grand Warden

From the Grand Lodge of Washington

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

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



Most Worshipful Dennis asked that all representatives of the Youth Groups, Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and Social Order of the Beauceant assemble for introductions.

Grand Master Rix then asked Right Worshipful Myers to cover and returned to the floor with his Lady Nan in preparation to greet the next group of visiting dignitaries. Deputy Grand Master Myers asked the Grand Marshal to escort the representatives to the East.

For the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Sarah Mooney, Grand Worthy Advisor, and her father Michael
Betty Garwood, Supreme Patriotism and Supreme Inspector in Nebraska

For Nebraska Job's Daughters

Hannah King, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Ashton Stuart, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter
Courtney Edelmaier, Miss Nebraska Congeniality
Elizabeth Grazier, Grand Guardian
Dustin Everitt, Associate Grand Guardian

R.: W.: Rick Myers asked all other officers of Nebraska Job's Daughters to stand and be recognized.

For Nebraska DeMolay

Dakota Wells, State Master Councilor
Kyle Barchus, State Senior Councilor
Jacob Leeper, State Junior Councilor
Kevin D. Grazier, Executive Officer

For Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband Bernard
Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron, and his Lady Pam

Deputy Grand Master Rick Myers asked all other officers of Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star to stand and be recognized.

For the Social Order of the Beauceant

Brenda McGuire, Worthy President of North Platte Assembly #177

For The Nebraska Masonic Home

Mary Stockton, Executive Director
Jo Peters, Foundation Executive Director
Lisa Davis, Foundation Administrative Assistant

For the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director



Grand Master Rix returned to the East called on Miss Sarah Mooney, Grand Worthy Advisor, to bring greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



Miss Ashton Stuart, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, was asked to bring greetings from Nebraska Job's Daughters.



M.:W.: Rix invited State Master Councilor Dakota Wells 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

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 Dakota Wells introduced the recipient for DeMolay Mason of the Year chosen by the Grand Master:

“The DeMolay Mason of the Year was initiated, passed and raised in a one-day conferral eighteen years ago. Since that time, he has been active in his lodge, serving as Worshipful Master in 2005. He is a Noble of the Tangier Shrine and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in Omaha Valley. He has been a police officer for the past 32 years and he is currently working part time to stay in touch with the community. From 2000 to 2008, he was the youth director at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. He became Director in 2008 and serves in that capacity today. He has devoted a lifetime to helping youth of all ages improve themselves and become adults we can be proud of. It is my pleasure to announce the DeMolay Mason of the Year-Ron Giesselmann of North Bend Lodge No. 119.”

State Master Councilor Wells introduced State Senior Councilor Kyle Barchus and State Junior Councilor Jacob Leeper to present the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award.

“This sponsoring body is vital to the local chapter’s success. They are actively involved in the chapter activities and fundraising. They are providing significant monetary support, which is very important. They provide a friendly hand and a smile as they interact with DeMolay members. We could not be more proud of these Masons. Would the Potentate of the Tangier Shrine come forward to accept the award? Thank you for all you do for DeMolay.”



M.:W.: Rix invited Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron, and Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron, to bring greetings from Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.



Brenda McGuire, Worthy President of North Platte Assembly No. 177, was then invited by Most Worshipful Rix to bring greetings on behalf of Social Order of the Beauceant.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Ronald Giesselmann, Executive Director

Grand Master Rix asked Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to bring greetings from the Home.

The printed report is as follows:

A lot of great things happened at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in 2016. This is a report of the highlights of the year.

For over 100 years Nebraska Masons and members of the Eastern Star have helped support the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. At the Children’s Home’s Centennial Celebration, in 2015, it was announced that an additional residence would be added to the campus. The membership stepped forward, and by the end of 2016 the walls of the basement were poured! If there are no interruptions, Paden Cottage should be ready for use by the end of the summer in 2017. The additional cottage will increase the census from 24 to 30 residents.

Seven students from the Children's Home were among the Fremont High School Class of 2016. Four of the graduates went to a four-year college, two are attending a trade school, and one entered Job Corps.

Extracurricular school activities were very popular this year. Students participated in 21 different after-school activities. Some of the highlights consisted of Martin P. participating in the State Track Meet, Michael N. being part of the State Runner-up basketball team, and Rebekah S. singing in the high school talent show.

Over 100 people and organizations helped finance the Children's Home's 4-H animal projects through the Purple Ribbon Club. A few years ago we started a small herd to help with the expense of this very important project. Four calves were born at the beginning of the year and eleven are expected to be born at the end of the year. This is a great learning experience for the 4-Hers.

It was a successful year for the Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club. 49 projects went to the Nebraska State Fair; four girls competed at the Aksarben Cattle Show – three earned purple ribbons; 19 4-Hers earned awards for their record books; and one 4-Her earned the privilege of attending the National 4-H Convention in Georgia because of his supreme work on his science project. The total 4-H project count was down because the garden was destroyed by a flood.

It was a challenging year for the band because most of the children had never played an instrument before moving to the Children's Home. Even with that challenge, the band performed at the Louisiana Kitchen in Omaha, Nebraska, O.E.S. Grand Chapter in Kearney, Nebraska, played Christmas songs at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and performed for four lodges/chapters.

After 20 years of helping girls find their way in life, Houseparent Mary Lerseth retired. Her caring personality, sewing expertise, chocolate chip cookies, and corned beef will be missed.

The Investment Advisor search culminated with the election of Union Bank and Trust from Lincoln, Nebraska.

2016 high school graduate Michael N. gave a speech at the Cornerstone Ceremony for Paden Cottage that was the pinnacle of the day. His testimonial gave us a chance to refocus on our purpose and our mission at the Children's Home.

I would like to thank the membership for their support, the Children's Home's Board of Directors for making great decisions, and the Children's Home's staff for their patience with the children and families that they work with. It is my honor and privilege to work and live at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director

Most Worshipful Rix thanked Ron for his report and for his hard work at the Home. The Grand Master asked the Grand Senior Deacon to escort Lady Nan Rix to the East. Nan then presented Ron Giesselmann with a check in the amount of \$12,500. The funds were raised through Nan's 2016 ladies fund raising project of selling magnets and note cards depicting her "Life is Short, so Dance in the Kitchen" design, for the purpose of helping to purchase kitchen appliances for the new Paden Cottage.

PRESENTATION OF CHECK TO DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FROM MASONIC VETERANS PARTNERSHIP FOR DONATION OF VAN

Grand Master Dennis asked AJ Johnson, Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Partnership Committee for the Nebraska Masonic Foundation, and the representatives present from the Disabled American Veterans, to come forward for a presentation.

A check in the amount of \$16,500 was presented to the representatives of the DAV toward the Need a Ride program to assist with the purchase of a new Ford Flex. The donations were made by Nebraska Masons and lodges, Nebraska Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Omaha Scottish Rite and the rest of the Nebraska Masonic appendant bodies donating to the Masonic Veterans Partnership initiative over the last three years. The vehicle will be used throughout the state of Nebraska to transport disabled veterans to and from the VA medical facilities as needed, which allows them to receive the care that they require. This is the second van that the Nebraska Masonic Fraternity has the pleasure of providing to the DAV. The original vehicle purchased was on display near the entrance to the Younes Conference Center. The Square and Compass is proudly displayed on the vehicle.

Most Worshipful Rix thanked AJ for his work with the Masonic Veterans Partnership



Deputy Grand Master Rick Myers was invited to the podium to speak about the 2017 Conference of Grand Masters of North America that would be held in Nebraska for the first time in Omaha in mid-February. R.:W.: Myers encouraged all members of the Nebraska Masonic Family to attend or volunteer for the conference.



M.:W.: Rix 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 2016.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Rix asked John Ferguson, Grand Chaplain, to present the Necrology Report.

NECROLOGY

John B. Ferguson, Grand Chaplain

M.W. Grand Master, Officers, Past Grand Masters, Brethren, Ladies and guests:

During the year just passed, 290 of our brethren have broken the mystic tie with us and completed their spiritual temple for the Supreme Architect, who appraises all our works. Their working tools lay unused, and we are left with only the works of their existence.

Psalms chapter 118: verse 24 tells us, *“This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”*

Thus, my brethren, even our most sorrowful days are made good by our Creator-the giver of perfect love who is compassionate and has no bounds. There is goodness in every day. Where there is sorrow, there is comfort. Where there is no hope, He gives hope. Where there is darkness, He shines his everlasting light on us so we can find our way. On those days when the column of a friend or loved one is broken, there is hope of a tree, even if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and the tender branches will not cease. We live with joy and comfort of our faith in the promise of our Creator; who promises that we too will be resurrected to sit with Him in that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect forever presides.

Our departed brethren have left the light of our Craft and are now elevated to a greater light of existence. They have stood at the gate of eternal light and have passed through.

Early this year, our great fraternity suffered the loss of M.W. Brother Donald R. Swanson, our 109th Grand Master, who led Nebraska Masonry in 1974.

This year we also mourn the loss of our 125th Grand Master, M.:W.: James N. DeMoss. M.:W.: Brother Jim personally taught me, by example, much about supporting a brother in time of sorrow, and I'll never forget that resounding, deep voice saying "The apron stays with the officer: the jewel stays with the chair."

We also mourn the loss of our Brother Lloyd Vrtiska, Deputy Grand Custodian; his dedication and love for the fraternity will be long remembered.

Do not let the meaning of the passing of our brothers escape us! Let us pick up their tools and continue their work as a tribute to them, and for the good of our fraternity and mankind. Remember that we must walk in the light while we have the light; for the darkness of death may come upon us at a time when we are not prepared. Like our departed brethren, ever build your temple, refine it and rectify its imperfections so that when you stand at the gates of eternal life, the Supreme Architect will reward you with his most profound gift, saying, "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter now into the joy of thy Lord."

Let us now pause and offer up our personal prayers to those who have meant so much to us and our fraternity. Let us pray:

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing us with the time and talents of these brethren who are now with thee. May those who grieve for our departed brethren find peace and comfort in the knowledge of your everlasting love for them. Help us to ever remember them and their contributions to the fraternity. And in so doing, open our eyes to their work that we may use their idle tools to continue their labors for the benefit of our gentle Craft and Your glory. Forgive us our sins, Oh Lord, that we may be received into Thy everlasting kingdom to enjoy a reunion with the souls of our departed friends. Amen."

[The Powerpoint showing the names of all departed brothers was unable to be shown due to technical difficulties.]

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Ferguson, 294
Grand Chaplain

M.:W.: Rix thanked V.:W.: Ferguson for his moving tribute to the departed Brethren.



Most Worshipful Phil Lorenzen, a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, was asked to bring greetings from The Home. He summarized information about The Home and events of the past year and referenced the printed report of the Executive Director as follows:

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Mary Stockton, Executive Director

2016 started out with a wonderful celebration honoring Mary C. Stapp's many years of service and dedication to The Home. I am grateful to Mary for being my mentor since starting at The Home in 2004.

I am so honored to have been chosen to follow in her footsteps as the Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is my privilege to continue providing the high quality of care for the residents of The Home and my commitment to making The Nebraska Masonic Home the excellent facility it is and will continue to be.

The Masonic Home offers every level of care as a Continuing Care Retirement Community. This includes 29 Independent/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 wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and grandmothers. The excellent care given throughout The Home by all departments helps our residents to be able to enjoy their life in comfort.

The end of year census is 77 residents which include 35 Regular-way and 42 Pay-basis residents. There are 6 couples, and 10 residents that pay an additional fee for a private room in the 24-hour nursing care center.

Every summer we are honored to have delicious picnic dinners hosted by Narcissus Chapter #269 in June and Home Chapter #189 of Plattsmouth in July. The residents really look forward to these picnics and the fellowship that follows due to the friendships that have been developed over the years. Your commitment to continue these traditions is greatly appreciated.

We love to have the faithful yearly visits from Masonic Lodges, Shrine units, Eastern Star Chapters, Rainbow Girls and the many other individuals dedicated to making visits to our residents throughout the year.

We were honored to be the first stop in The Tehama Shrine "I'm an Owner" Bus Tour. There were 36 guests that shared an enjoyable lunch with our residents and a tour of The Home. It is always wonderful to show off The Home to those who have not been here before. It was a fun day for all.

This past year many have chosen to hold one of their regular monthly meetings at The Home enabling our residents the chance to attend. Many lodges and chapters were also able to enjoy a delicious meal and then a tour of The Home, which we are very proud to show off. Visiting groups included: Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Arbor Shrine Club, Florence Lodge No. 281, Beauceant Group of Omaha, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Papillion Chapter No. 114, Trinity Chapter No. 200, Home Chapter No. 189, College View Lodge No. 320, Allied Masonic Degrees and Athena Assembly No. 24. The residents were given a special treat with the visit of the Widows Sons & Iron Nobles Shrine Motorcycle Group. After enjoying lunch together, the residents were able to get a close look at the many beautiful motorcycles the group rode in on. It has been wonderful

having so many new people come through our doors to learn more about their Masonic Home.

The annual Boon Memorial Food Truck continues to be a greatly-appreciated tradition. Special thanks go to Richard Schlaman from Ashlar Lodge No. 33 for his continued devotion to coordinating this worthy project. A special thank is extended to the lodges that contribute monetary support to this very generous fundraiser for The Home and our residents.

The holiday season once again started off with a visit from Tangier Shrine Chanters. Their wonderful voices bring good cheer to our residents as they perform their annual holiday musical program. Prior to the program, the Chanters enjoyed a home cooked meal with us.

Thanks are extended to the Masters and Wardens Club of the Greater Omaha Metro area for their generosity each year at Christmas. They provide the funds for each resident to receive a special gift at Christmas. A big thank you is extended to Dan Wellendorf for all his hard work and dedication to chairing this wonderful project.

The residents enjoyed being entertained with music before Christmas by the Band from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. They also visited this summer and brought their 4-H animals to show the residents. It is always a fun event to have the children visit The Home and we are very thankful for their continued trips to bring smiles to our residents. Everyone enjoys it when they share a meal with the residents on their trips. Thank you, Ron Giesselmann, for making these trips to The Masonic Home possible.

To Grand Master Dennis Rix, the Grand Lodge officers, and the Grand Lodge staff, a very special thank you for your continued support and commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home. A special thank you is also given to Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius and Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel and the Eastern Star Grand Family. Both Grand families and the subordinate lodges and chapters have been very supportive of The Home and our residents with monetary donations, visits, and a variety of other ways you faithfully remember the residents throughout the year.

My special thanks is extended to the administrative staff, department supervisors, and all employees for their hard work and commitment in making The Masonic Home a leader in the long-term care industry. I am truly blessed to have such a fine team. All employees strive to provide the high quality of care that our residents deserve. Without their hard work, dedication and concern for our residents, The Home would not be where it is today. I commend every employee for their loyalty and continuing commitment.

A sincere thank you to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation's staff Jo Peters, Executive Director, and Lisa Davis, Administrative Assistant, for their hard work and commitment to The Nebraska Masonic Home and our residents. It has been an honor to work with them this last year.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is very fortunate to have such a dedicated Board of Trustees. On behalf of the residents and employees, I thank you for your dedication and commitment to the betterment of The Home. The support and guidance given to me in 2016 during my first year as Executive Director is appreciated and valued. It is an honor and a privilege to have been given this opportunity to serve as Executive Director. I look forward to the future of The Nebraska Masonic Home as we continue to work together in the fulfillment of our mission.

This concludes my annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Stockton, Executive Director

GRAND ORATION

John R. Fairlie, Grand Orator

Good morning, in preparing the Grand Oration for this 160th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I first spent some time researching orations in different venues and their purposes. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, rhetoric, classically the theoretical basis for the art of oratory, is the art of using words effectively.

I would dare say that rhetoric is something that most of us only associate with obstinate politicians, but yet, we learn about rhetoric in Freemasonry. So plainly put, rhetoric is the art of public speaking and it can take many forms. I am not here to educate you all on the finer points of public speaking or to go through the Fellow Craft Middle Chamber Lecture, but I do want you to know that orations are often times persuasive. So, no big surprise, I plan to orate a persuasive message that will hopefully strengthen your convictions and perhaps give you a new found perspective towards leadership.

Throughout this past year, I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve Freemasonry in the state of Nebraska, and through this service I have come to hold a respected and very humbled opinion of our Grand Lodge Officers, our dedicated support staff in Lincoln - without whom none of this would likely happen, and the Brethren of Nebraska Masonry. Each of which have displayed their own unique forms of leadership.

There are several examples of this leadership, far too many to cover in this Oration, but there are two primary examples I would like to briefly cover with you today because of their relevancy and impact on our beloved Fraternity.

But first, to frame the discussion I will quote Andrew Carnegie, considered to be one of the richest Americans of all time, Carnegie stated: “No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it.”

When I think about this, this statement takes me back to my experience when I was Worshipful Master of my Lodge. During that time it was amazing to me how little I could accomplish being the only person working towards a goal; and just as surprised to how much we could accomplish when everyone in the Lodge was working towards the same goal. Sometimes leadership is hard and very rarely consists of telling people what to do, but rather it is to inspire and encourage those who will actually be doing the work.

With this introduction, I think an excellent example of leadership and the success of groups working together towards the same common goal is our renewed program to learn and improve proficiency in the Ritual. This program and the new learning structure were developed by Grand Lodge Officers and Committees all working together to improve the overall proficiency in the Ritual throughout the state. Part of the real success of this effort is also due to the eager and honest yearning among Nebraska Masons to connect the teachings and wisdom of yesterday to the understandings and knowledge of today. However, it took leadership to identify the need, the desire, and put in place a plan of action that not only encourages learning, but inspires a fervent dedication towards taking a Brother through the full proficiency.

The reason I use this as an example of leadership is because of my realization of the enormous amount of time, preparation, hard work, and dedication it took to not only get this program up and running, but then to keep it going in order to turn out measurable results. Albeit with the assistance of the Brethren, the individual Brother had to dedicate

substantial time and resources to complete this task and shows a willingness to embody and project good leadership traits.

As we have seen over the last few years, these renewed efforts have resulted in dozens of new Deputy Grand Custodians and Apprentices who are able to go back into the Blue Lodges and help increase the proficiency in the Ritual. This increased proficiency not only helps to pass along the teachings of Freemasonry, but it elevates the caliber of our Degree work and gives something really special to our candidates when they see it.

The second example I want to share with you today is the Most Worshipful Grand Master's theme for this past year, "Leading by Example." I personally and genuinely cherish this trait in leadership and I know it is shared by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers, and many of the Brethren throughout the state as I have come to witness it firsthand. In order to lead by example I believe one of the principal aspects is that of being present and accessible. Another is empowering those around you through your encouragement and faith in their ability.

As your Grand Lodge Officers travel back and forth across the state of Nebraska and into other jurisdictions, the phrase "being present" takes on a whole new meaning. We are talking about attending multiple events every week, driving thousands of miles a year, covering several out-of-pocket hotel stays, and in most cases, a serious amount of sleep deprivation.

In a similar fashion, look around the room to all the people who have traveled to be here today at this event. Some driving hundreds of miles if not more, taking time off work, and bearing the out-of-pocket expenses just to attend this event. I believe the people who are here today stand as a living testimony that "Leading by Example" and "Being Present" are alive and well in Freemasonry, but we must take this dedication back to our Lodges and impart it to those Brothers who are not here today. We need to continue to inspire that same level of dedication to the Fraternity.

Empowering those around you can certainly have a variance from person to person. Giving a person the responsibility and encouragement they need to accomplish their job can have immeasurable impact on your Lodge, and it applies to Officers and Brethren alike regardless of their tenure or professional qualifications. Undoubtedly, this is yet another notable tool from our leadership kit-bag and it should be passed down to the next generation of Masonic leaders, for without it we will surely find ourselves as the lonely worker surrounded by utter disappointment.

I believe it is important to acknowledge these efforts are usually easier said than done. Leading by example oftentimes requires a certain level of self-sacrifice and is not always the prevalent thing to do.

- How many times have each one of us taken that long road trip to help a Brother or a Lodge;
- Missed a meal at home in order to attend a Lodge meeting or a Lodge event;
- Made a decision that hurt someone's feelings or was considered unpopular at the time; or
- At the last minute learned a part in the Ritual so as to fill in on a Degree?

These are all illustrations of leading by example, but there other ways to lead by example that can have just as much impact. I ask you to consider the following:

- Dressing professionally for degrees. This can become an infectious behavior, as it makes a Brother feel like they are part of something important, making it worth their time.

- Being properly prepared for Lodge business, be it a Regular Business meeting or an Investigation Committee – I would challenge you to take charge and own the responsibility you have been given.
- Learning a part of the Ritual, a lecture, or a Charge.

These are aspects of Freemasonry that you can take on today without asking for permission or forgiveness and I encourage you to take these steps to become a leader in your lodge.

By this time you have noticed there are a few common threads throughout this oration. They are service, duty, humility, and self-sacrifice. These are all traits of good leadership and when we lead by example we inspire others to get the job done, resulting in more than just a simple accomplishment, but in a sense of teamwork, a sense of fulfillment, a sense of belonging. These are the reasons why candidates and new Brothers come back to Lodge. These are the feelings we should be trying to encourage with our actions as good leaders.

It only seems appropriate, since we are on the eve of Super Bowl Sunday, to quote all-time great NFL Head Coach Tom Landry who said “Leadership is getting someone to do what they don’t want to do, to achieve what they want to achieve.” In an all-volunteer organization such as Freemasonry, dedication to duty and inspiration are the primary methods, and oftentimes the only ones available, to get stuff done.

As we near the end of my rhetoric, I want to provide an observation to the audience. Most of you here today are the leaders of your lodge, the leaders in your community, or the leaders in your profession. As such, I offer you these three questions for your consideration:

1. Are you taking ownership of your leadership position and the responsibility that you bear?
2. Are you well prepared for Lodge Business and the Ritual?
3. Are you leading by example and empowering those around you?

Your answers to these questions may differ, but they share an impact of commonality across every Lodge in the state. When good leadership, inspiring others and leading by example are present, then success is sure to follow. As the leaders of your Lodges, the leaders of committees, and the leaders of your community, it is your actions that will directly foster failure or encourage accomplishment. Which will you choose?

I want to thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this topic. I thank you for your time and your attention.

Most Worshipful Dennis thanked Worshipful Brother Fairlie for his oration.



M.:W.: Rix introduced and thanked Mike Berger for serving as photographer throughout the session, as well as Paul Rutherford for his dedicated service as audio specialist to record, preserve and document the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

Most Worshipful Dennis 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 in five minutes. A current dues card would be required for admittance to the Formal Session, and Deputy Grand Custodians were asked to assist at the door.

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One Hundred Sixtieth
Annual Communication

Held in Kearney, Nebraska
February 3-4, 2017

Most Worshipful Dennis E. Rix
Grand Master

First Day – Formal Opening Session
Friday, February 3, 2017

Prior to the Public Opening, a tyled Lodge of Master Masons was opened by Brothers of Fremont Lodge No. 15 in Fremont and Victory Lodge No. 310 in Valley.

The Grand Lodge Officers assumed their stations. Deputy Grand Master Rick Myers accepted the gavel from the Lodge Master. Deputy Grand Master Myers led grand honors. He then presented the gavel to Grand Master Dennis E. Rix.

M.:W.: Grand Master Rix welcomed everyone and reminded them that they are in a tyled lodge, urging them to conduct themselves as Master Masons, and to please turn off cell phones and other electronic means of communication.

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 John B. Ferguson invoked the blessing of Deity.

“Merciful Father, we ask you to bless this assembly and our time together. Grant us a spirit of reasonableness in all of our dealings with each other. Keep us lighthearted and help us be constructive and not critical. Keep us from unkindness in words or silence. Help us to be quick to understand and rise to the needs of others and to rise above any unkindness or slight. Grant us the brightness of Your presence and direct our proceedings that harmony will ever prevail. Amen.”

The Grand Master then declared the 160th 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.: Rix thanked the members of Fremont Lodge No. 15 and Victory Lodge No. 310 for opening of lodge.



Grand Master Rix 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 Grand Senior Deacon to place Worshipful Brother Ron Giesselmann at the altar 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 him in the re-obligation, which was administered by Most Worshipful Grand Custodian Scott Krieger.

M.: W.: Krieger administered the obligation to W.: B.: Giesselmann. The Grand Master thanked the Brethren for their participation.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.: W.: B.: Rix 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 2, 2017 in its annual meeting with all committee members, all of the Grand Lodge Officers, and four Past Grand Masters present. A motion was made, seconded and adopted that Grand Master Recommendations 1 and 2 were approved as to form and may be submitted to be balloted upon at this annual session. With regard to the member Resolution, the committee determined, by a motion made, seconded and adopted, that Resolution No. 1 was approved as to form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this annual session. The final report will be presented on Saturday morning.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight Smith, 286, 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, February 4. The motion was made, seconded and approved.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Rix announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as tellers for this session, with W.:B.: Roger Deininger as Chairman.



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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – OPENING OF BALLOT

Grand Master Rix 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.



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

RECEPTION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.: W.: Rix 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.

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
Les Seiler.....	2004
Ivan A. Vrtiska	2005
Scott J. Krieger, Sr.....	2006
Dean Skokan.....	2007
Reginald S. Kuhn.....	2008
Russell G. Reno	2009
John T. Parsons.....	2010
Bruce A. Baker	2011
Rex J. Moats	2012
Thomas L. Hauder.....	2013
Joe D. McBride.....	2014
John T. Maxell.....	2015

Grand Master Rix returned to the podium and led the grand honors.



M.: W.: Rix 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.



Grand Master Rix appointed M.: W.: Dean Skokan as Parliamentarian for the 160th Annual Communication.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gene F. Wehrbein, Chairman

W.:B.: Wehrbein referenced the location of the report. He mentioned the Grand Lodge academic scholarships for members of the youth groups and encouraged members to promote them among the youth group members. He touched on the Silent Auction that is being held in conjunction with the 2017 Annual Communication, encouraged everyone to bid generously and thanked those who donated items to the auction. The money will be divided among the three Nebraska Youth Groups – DeMolay, Job’s and Rainbow.

Brother Wehrbein reminded everyone that the 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Conference will be held on September 23 & 24, 2017 in Kearney.

The printed report is as follows:

One of the duties of the Youth Committee is to award scholarships to outstanding young people in our three Youth Groups. This year the Youth Committee received several scholarship applications (all well qualified) from the three Youth Organizations. This allowed us to give four \$1,000.00 scholarships. Ryan Birner (Fort Sidney Chapter, Sidney) received the DeMolay Scholarship, Hailey Mayo (Bethel 56, Tekamah) received the Job’s Scholarship, Abigail Dreibelbis (Lincoln Assembly 6, Lincoln) received the Rainbow Scholarship, and Abigail Heller (Bethel 25, Sidney) received the Grand Master’s Scholarship. Please help us to spread the word to our Youth that these monies are available and encourage them to apply.

The Silent Auction held in conjunction with the 2016 Grand Lodge Annual Communication was again a success. Over \$3,000.00 was raised and divided among the three Youth Groups. This money is greatly appreciated by our youth. A big Thank You for your help and donations.

The 6th Tri-Annual Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, with the theme, “To Infinity and Beyond,” will be held in Kearney, Nebraska on September 23-24, 2017 at the Holiday Inn. This will be a reunion of the past 15 years with invitations extended to everyone who has attended the past six Conferences. We would appreciate your help to get the word out about the upcoming Conference and encourage our young people to attend. Remember too that this is open to non-Masonic affiliated young people. We thank everyone for their support to continue this Conference every three years. The adults and youth who attend continue to tell us how outstanding this event is.

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 our 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

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

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

M.:W.: Rix 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, Southern Jurisdiction

Charles V. Sederstrom..... Sovereign Grand Inspector General
John T. Maxell.....General Secretary, Valley of Omaha
Bruce Wood.....General Secretary, Valley of Lincoln
Gene Gatti.....General Secretary, Valley of Alliance

Grand York Rite of Nebraska

Anthony “AJ” Johnson ...Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Carl Plants Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons
Brett R. BennettGrand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar
Bruce T. Anderson..... General Secretary and Recorder, Grand York Rite

From the Red Cross of Constantine

James F. Brown, Jr. Intendant General

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Nebraska

James Hirl Potentate, Tangier Shrine
Wayne Vian Potentate, Tehama Shrine
Keith Will Potentate, Sesostris Shrine

Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Iowa

David Krogh Past Potentate, Abu Bekr Shrine

National Sojourners, Inc.

Edward Nolte..... National 1st Vice President
Carl Diamond National Chief of Staff, Heroes of ‘76

All other officers of the appendant bodies were asked to stand and be recognized following their individual leaders.

Grand Master Dennis Rix returned to the East and asked all to thank and welcome the leaders and representatives of the appendant bodies. Brother Chuck Sederstrom, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska Scottish Rite was asked to bring greetings on behalf of the Nebraska appendant bodies.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

W.:B.: Jack Lorenzen referred the brethren to the Report of the Finance Committee and the proposed budget for 2017 in the Annual Communication book, and announced that

the Finance Committee met in 2016 to conduct its assigned duties as prescribed in Section 1-318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The committee found all records to be in order, and he was pleased to report that it was not necessary to utilize any of the investment funds in order to meet the budget. 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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

Philip A. Lorenzen, Chairman

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

“The report of the Committee on Nebraska Work appears on page 28 of the Annual Communication book. I have no comments to make other than these three: First, we appreciate the leadership of the Grand Lodge officers in promoting proficiency. I think that’s fantastic and marvelous. The proficiency is so important to what we accomplish as lodge officers. The second is to commend Scott Krieger on the recruitment of deputies and the work that they have done. And the third would be simply to compliment the deputies on their proactive status and how they work with all of the lodges. I think that Most Worshipful Brother Scott and the deputies will be applauded later but they deserve applause now.”

The printed report is as follows:

The continuing highlights for Nebraska Freemasonry included three key elements in 2016.

First, the renewed interest in individual proficiency. Grand Lodge leadership is to be commended for encouraging and providing the structure, format and discipline to enroll Nebraska Masons in a formal process for attaining proficiency. Working in a group setting instills competition in reaching a pinnacle not just in memorization but in presentation, self-esteem, and comfort of delivery. While the self-satisfaction it provides is remarkable, perhaps the greater value gained is that of delivery of Masonry to not just the new candidate, but all lodge attendees. Ritual well delivered such that its lessons are fully understood, not just words parroted back, is a powerful force.

Second is the recruitment, commissioning and assigning of Deputy Grand Custodians. M.:W.: Scott Krieger sets the pace and our Nebraska Deputies rise to the challenge and responsibilities assigned to them. Attainment of Proficiency of each subordinate Lodge in opening/closing and in degree work is of key importance in each lodge’s comfort, attitude and its level of activity and growth. The role of each subordinate lodge in its community is important and it begins with (a) one’s own self-esteem, (b) the self-esteem of the lodge itself, and (c) comfort in encouraging membership and sharing with each new petitioner the basic lessons and obligations which each and every Mason holds so firmly and seeks to follow.

Third is that of the witness that each Mason should strive to in carrying out the obligations and principals of Freemasonry is his daily life, in his communion with God, and in his obligations to his family, his Country, his neighbor and himself. Acting not just

as Masons, but as well-governed individuals, illustrates the best way to understand who we are and what we should demand and expect of ourselves in our day-to-day conduct.

While we all know vividly that Freemasonry is not a substitute for one's obligations to religion, Freemasonry can be a strong partner of religion and each Mason's church affiliation. Every Mason at his initiation into the fraternity professes a belief in God and the fact that he, as a new initiate, places his trust in God. Yet too often some of us seem to drift away from that important professing of our belief in and trust of God. Masonic membership and our obligations, it might logically follow, place Freemasons in a position to share that understanding with those around us by example and by our communications with those we refer to as the profane.

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 our 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – CLOSE OF BALLOT

Grand Master Rix declared the ballot for Election of Officers closed. The key for the ballot box would be presented to W.:B.: Roger Deininger and directed the tellers to collect and count the ballots, to be reported on Saturday morning.



Grand Master Rix announced that the afternoon workshops would be held following lunch in the lodge room and would feature the Master Mason 1st Section Degree being performed by Cotner Lodge No. 297, the winning lodge of the Ritual Competition held in 2016.

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



The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment, to reconvene Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 8:30 am.

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Grand Master

Membership Banquet
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7:00 p.m.

After dinner, Grand Master Rix 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.: Rix invited Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Mary Stockton, 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 15th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament. Each was presented a check in the amount of \$7041.84. A total of \$21,125.51 was raised at the Grand Master's Masonic Charities Golf Tournament – the highest amount ever raised for the tournament. It was Chairman Don “Pete” Peterson's goal to reach \$20,000 in profits and he exceeded it this year. The Grand Master thanked Pete and all members of the Masonic Charities Golf Tournament committee and volunteers who have continued to make it a successful endeavor for the charities. Most Worshipful Rix then asked Brother Peterson to join him on stage and presented him with a gift card in thanks of his efforts.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD PRESENTATION

Most Worshipful Dennis Rix presented the Grand Master's Humanitarian Award to Brother Larry Ludvigsen of Fremont Lodge No. 15.



Most Worshipful Dennis Rix then introduced the Tangier Chanters as the featured entertainment for the evening.

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V.: W.: Grand Chaplain John Ferguson invoked the blessing of Deity.

“We ask Your grace and wisdom, oh Lord, as we meet together. Lead and guide us all, prepare our hearts and minds to hear and receive. Grant us clear minds to perceive the reflections of Your wisdom and counsel and help us maintain the harmony which is so vital for our fellowship. Giving this time to You and Your service, we thank You for Your grace. Amen.”

R.: W.: Rick Myers, Deputy Grand Master, called the 160th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from Refreshment to Labor at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017, and Grand Master Rix covered in the East.



Most Worshipful Grand Master Rix announced the appointment of the Deputy Grand Custodians as Tellers for this session, with W.: B.: Roger Deininger as Chairman.

VOTING ON GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

M.:W.:B.: Dennis Rix asked Deputy Grand Master Rick Myers to assume the lectern and preside over the discussion of the Grand Master's Recommendations.

Recommendation No. 1

Amend Section 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – by adding and deleting such language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language stricken.

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

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

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Rix moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was seconded.

R.:W.:B.: Myers gave the general instructions, announcing to the delegates that a written ballot would be cast.

After discussion was held on the matter, R.:W.:B.: Myers called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. After counting by the Tellers, it was announced that Recommendation No. 1 passed with the required two-thirds majority vote.

VOTING ON GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Recommendation No. 2

Amend Section 2-605 – LODGE DUES – by adding such language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, the dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On March 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before April 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand suspended for non-payment of dues upon approval of the Grand Master, and an entry noting said approved suspension shall be made in the minutes of the lodge. Approval of a suspension for non-payment of dues shall be given by the Grand Master upon submission by the lodge of satisfactory evidence of compliance with Section 2-513 of the Bylaws. *Subordinate lodges will be responsible for per capita payments of all members listed on any Annual Report of Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues received after June 10. Members listed on Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues reports received after June 10 will not be suspended.* It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member approved for suspension for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

After explaining the recommendation and giving his rationale for presenting it, M.:W.:B.: Rix moved for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2. The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was seconded.

After discussion was held on the matter, R.:W.:B.: Myers called for the question and the written ballot was collected and counted by the Tellers. After counting by the tellers, it was announced that Recommendation No. 2 passed with the required two-thirds majority vote.

Following the ballot on Recommendation No. 2, Grand Master Rix returned to the East.

PRESENTATION OF ARTIFICER AWARDS

Most Worshipful Rix asked the 2016 recipients of the Artificer Award to rise and approach the East with their sponsors, and Kevin Scheele, a member of the Grand Lodge Awards Committee. The certificates and lapel pins for the award were presented to Danny R. Schall of Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow, and William Raffloer of Miloma Lodge No. 328 in Omaha.

FINAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John E. Lorenzen, Chairman

The 2016 Committee on Finance met during the past year to conduct its assigned duties as outlined in Section 1–318 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. At a meeting held on November 16, 2016, the Committee approved the following budget for

2017 to be proposed for approval by the delegates at the Annual Communication in February 2017.

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 2016 are as follows:

	Actual	Budgeted
Revenue	557,022	\$550,700
Expenses	517,191	598,401
Net Difference	39,831	(47,701)

After other activities affecting cash flow, such as cash on hand on January 1, prepaid Annual Communication and Conference of Grand Masters Registrations, prepaid expenses, and purchases of inventory assets, \$67,850 in cash was on hand in the general fund on December 31, 2016, 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 2016. 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 being held under budget; and the office staff keeping budget items for operating expenses, equipment, printing, supplies, computer and general expenses under budget.

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. Bucharadt, 52 & 256
 Jack G. Frahm, 204
 Andrew M. Loudon, 19 & 317
 Rick E. Nelson, 317
 Steven S. Nichols, 102
 Charles V. Sederstrom, III, 290, 333
 Stuart W. Sprick, 10

Account	2017 Budget
Lodge Income	
4100.000 Membership Dues	250,848.00
4100.000 Membership Dues - from Perp	11,000.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home	9,648.00
4110.000 Dues-Fremont Home - from Perp	417.50
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home	24,120.00
4120.000 Dues-Masonic Home - from Perp	1,716.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington	14,472.00
4130.000 Dues-Geo Washington - from Perp	461.00

4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason	4,824.00
4140.000 Dues-Educ. Pub. - NE Mason - from Perp	284.00
4175.000 GL Admin Fee - from Perp	1,500.00
4200.000 Initiation Fees	3,900.00
4210.000 Reinstatement Fees	1,000.00
4640.000 CHIP Assessment	15,607.50
4670.000 Youth Assessment	15,607.50
4300.000 Surety Bond Premium	2,100.00
4350.000 Liability Ins Premium	30,100.00
Subtotal - Lodge Income	\$387,605.50
Sales Income	
4400.000 Donations for Supplies	9,000.00
4620.400 Sale of GM Banquet Tickets	4,375.00
4620.600 Sale of Memb. Banquet Tickets	9,625.00
4625.400 Sale of PGM Ladies Lunch	345.00
4625.500 Sale of Secretaries Luncheon Tickets	1,050.00
4625.600 Sale of Men's Luncheon Tickets	2,100.00
4625.700 Sale of Ladies Luncheon Tickets	1,600.00
4625.800 Sale of Veteran FM Luncheon Tickets	315.00
4631.400 Sales of Men's Sat. Ed. Breakfast Tickets	1,600.00
4632.400 Sales of Ladies Saturday Brunch Tickets	0.00
4633.400 Sale of Red Cross Breakfast Tickets	352.00
4634.400 Sale of Awards Breakfast Tickets	1,360.00
4633.500 AC Registration Fee	4,000.00
4335.400 Sale of Installation Reception Tickets	1,575.00
XXXXXX 300th Anniv Speaker Income 2013-2016	0.00
4875.000 Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00
4910.000 Interest - General Fund	300.00
Subtotal-Sales Income	\$39,597.00
Program Income	
4440.000 Conf GM 2017 Income	26,500.00
4450.725 Band Clinic Registration	70,125.00
4460.725 Band Clinic Supplies	6,000.00
4900.000 GL Education Programs	0.00
4465.000 GM Program Income	8,000.00
Subtotal-Program Income	\$110,625.00
Participatory Income	
4500.000 SR Feasibility Study Reimb Loan Pmt	3,896.09
4600.000 Rental Income	9,000.00
4650.000 NE Masonic Home-Admin	5,000.00
4641.000 CHIP Foundation Admin Fee	14,400.00

4655.000 NE Masonic Home-Paper	5,000.00
4660.000 OES & Fremont -Paper	5,000.00
Subtotal-Participatory Income	\$42,296.09
TOTAL REVENUE	\$580,123.59
Annual Communication	
5104.400 Guest Room Rental	1,500.00
5110.400 Grand Master's Banquet	7,031.25
5111.400 Entertainment - Grand Master's Banquet	1,000.00
5130.400 Membership Banquet	6,652.25
5131.400 Entertainment - Membership Banquet	500.00
5150.400 Ladies Program	300.00
5170.400 Misc Incidental Expense	6,000.00
5172.400 Grand Lodge Officer Breakfast	0.00
5174.400 Mens' Lunch	2,027.00
5175.400 Ladies Lunch	1,459.20
5175.410 Veteran FM Lunch	304.05
5176.400 PGM Ladies Lunch	333.45
5177.400 Secretaries Lunch	1,013.50
5178.400 Men's Saturday Education Breakfast	1,563.00
5179.400 Ladies Saturday Brunch	0.00
5180.400 Red Cross Breakfast	343.86
5181.400 Awards Breakfast	1,328.55
5440.400 Printing & Copying - Ann. Comm.	2,500.00
5120.400 Proceedings	3,500.00
Subtotal-Annual Communication	\$37,356.11
Installation	
5170.425 Misc. Installation	2,500.00
5220.425 Installation Meals	4,060.00
5440.425 Printing & Copying - Installation	350.00
Subtotal-Installation	\$6,910.00
Travel & Related	
5210.000 Auto Allowance	1,000.00
5210.100 In-State Travel-Grand Master	5,000.00
5210.150 In-State Travel-Dep Gr Master	2,000.00
5210.200 In-State Travel-Gr Secretary	950.00
5210.250 In-State Travel-Gr Custodian	650.00
5210.350 In-State Travel-Other Officers	5,000.00
5210.300 Auto Allow- DGC's	400.00
5220.000 Meals-GL Office Staff	150.00
5220.100 Meals-Grand Master	0.00

5220.150 Meals-Dep Gr Master	400.00
5230.300 Motels-DGC	0.00
5235.150 Retreat-Dep Gr Master	1,500.00
5240.100 Conf & Conv -Gr Master	600.00
5240.150 Conf & Conv-Dep GM	1,500.00
5240.200 Conf & Conv-Gr Secretary	1,000.00
5240.350 Conf & Conv-Other Officer	6,000.00
5240.500 Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries	37,097.46
5240.550 Midwest Conference	7,900.00
5240.600 Rocky Mountain Conference	2,850.00
5240.700 Shrine Membership Seminar	1,000.00
5260.300 School of Instruction	1,000.00
Subtotal-Travel & Related	\$75,997.46
Occupancy & Related	
5410.000 Utilities	10,750.00
5412.000 Trash Removal	300.00
5413.000 Grounds Maintenance	3,500.00
5414.000 Building Maintenance	10,775.00
5415.000 Telephone	5,000.00
5420.000 Equipment Maintenance	9,600.00
5425.000 Equipment Rental	3,900.00
5430.000 Equipment Purchase	4,000.00
5435.000 Postage	5,000.00
5440.000 Printing & Copying	750.00
5440.250 Printing & Copying-GC	100.00
5445.000 Office Supplies	4,500.00
5450.000 Office Maintenance	1,100.00
5455.000 Computer Supplies	3,000.00
5460.000 Computer Repair & Maint	2,000.00
5465.000 Computer Software Sup	4,852.95
5470.000 Dues & Subscriptions	1,200.00
5475.000 NE Mason Pub Exp	29,200.00
5480.000 Bank Service Charge-Unrestricted	25.00
5481.000 Credit Card Fees	800.00
5485.000 Professional Fees - Accting Audit	5,000.00
5490.000 Corporate/Legal Fees - Sect'y of State, etc.	50.00
5500.000 Lodge Supplies-Printed	4,000.00
5505.000 Lodge Supplies-Other	2,500.00
5505.250 Supplies Lodges-GC	500.00
5510.000 Supplies Lodges-Pins	1,000.00
5515.000 Lodge Ofcrs Directory Printing	2,000.00
5525.000 GL Jewels, Aprons & Collars	3,450.00
Subtotal-Occupancy & Related	\$118,852.95

Insurance & Administrative	
5600.000 Workers Compensation	760.00
5605.000 Group Ins for GL Employees	19,539.68
5610.000 Surety Bond	2,097.00
5620.000 Directors & Officers Ins	3,318.00
5625.000 Liability Insurance	33,623.00
5635.000 Office Contents & Equipment	3,671.00
5650.000 Other Admin Exp-General	4,500.00
Subtotal-Insurance & Admin	\$67,508.68
Committees and Programs	
5650.450 Masonic Education	350.00
5240.450 Conv & Conf Education	1,500.00
5650.600 Trial Commissions	500.00
5220.650 Gr Lodge Office Comm-Meals	150.00
5650.700 Public Relations Committee	1,500.00
5650.710 Grand Marshal Exp - Office Expenses	100.00
5650.720 Band Camp Expenses	74,125.00
5650.750 Youth Committee	2,500.00
5875.750 Youth Scholarships Awards	4,000.00
5650.800 Membership committee	50.00
5650.900 Awards Committee - Awards & Misc	550.00
5650.950 Lodge Leadership Committee	500.00
5650.960 GW Memorial Committee	0.00
5650.970 All Committee Strategic Planning Exp	200.00
5650.980 Internet and Computer Committee	750.00
5800.000 GL Education Programs	500.00
5801.000 GM Program Expense	8,600.00
Subtotal-Committees	\$95,875.00
Contributions	
5820.000 Masonic Service Assoc Dues/Hosp	3,200.00
5830.000 Other Masonic Promotion - Cornerstones	1,000.00
Subtotal-Contributions	\$4,200.00
Salaries & Related	
6561.000 Salary-GL Office Staff	104,324.86
6560.000 Performance Incentive	2,400.00
6562.100 FICA-Employer Share	8,164.45
6562.200 Unemploy Tax-Fed	150.00
6562.300 Unemploy Tax-State	150.00
6560.000 Payroll Expenses-Other	150.00
6570.000 Employer's Share Sep/IRA	3,129.75

6681.000 Grand Custodian Contract Amt	6,000.00
6680.000 Contract Labor	1,000.00
6580.000 GL Office Staff-Training	500.00
Subtotal-Salaries & Related	\$125,969.06
Pass Through	
5704.000 Fremont Home Dues	10,065.50
5705.000 NE Masonic Home Dues	25,836.00
5706.000 Geo Washington Mem Dues	14,933.00
5650.100 CHIP Expense	15,607.50
5810.000 NE DeMolay Donation	5,202.50
5811.000 Job's Daughters Donation	5,202.50
5812.000 Rainbow Donation	5,202.50
Subtotal-Pass Through	\$82,049.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$614,718.76
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES (Net Loss)	(\$34,595.17)
Investment Income	
4700.000 Int & Div FNB (2.522% of investment balance of \$1,371,755 on 11/30/2016)	
Subtotal-Investment Income	\$34,595.17
ADJ. BALANCE WITH INVEST. INCOME	\$0.00

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

REPORT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Russell G. Reno, Chairman

M.:W.: Rix invited M.:W.: Russ Reno, Past Grand Master, to the podium to present the report from the George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee. Past Grand Master Reno described what has happened to one of the murals at the Memorial. The interior wall behind the painting of George Washington laying the cornerstone for the US Capitol has fallen and has damaged the painting. There is some restoration that needs to be done at a significant cost and he encouraged members to contribute additional support to the \$750,000 project. Additionally, the Memorial will begin the first ever major restoration in the eighty-five year history, called the Landmark Century Campaign, in the amount of \$6.5 million. Members may make a monthly donation to the Memorial to assist with the campaign, and Most Worshipful Reno encouraged members to do so.

The printed report is as follows:

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is facing a significant restoration issue with the wall behind the mural in Memorial Hall of Washington laying the Capitol's cornerstone continuing to deteriorate. The terra cotta interior wall appears to have separated from the concrete and steel structural wall. It's become necessary to secure/brace the wall to prevent further damage to the painting.

They will remove the painting and rebuild the interior wall behind and around the painting. Staff is negotiating with conservators to obtain the best price possible for quality restoration of the painting.

The Memorial desperately needs to secure funding to remove and restore the painting at a cost of \$750,000. Your donations to help fund the restoration of this most obvious of our country's emblems of Freemasonry are critical to complete this work, restore an invaluable painting and preserve our heritage for coming generations.

Previous to finding out about this situation, the Memorial started The Landmark Century Campaign, which will help not only this critical situation but also the Memorial's long-term viability. This program will fund its first major restoration after 85 years of use since construction was completed. The \$6.5 million project includes:

- The Memorial's exterior. Work will proceed on restoration of the exterior of the fifth through seventh floors.
- The Memorial's interior. Restoration of the large murals in Memorial Hall of George Washington's involvement in major Masonic events, including the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.
- The Memorial's grounds. The long-planned granite cladding will be added to the pylons in front of the Memorial. Also, a new direct sidewalk through the plaza will be constructed, which will better connect the Memorial to the city of Alexandria to increase tourism and greater awareness of the program and its program.

To accomplish the re-building of the interior wall and to launch The Landmark Century Campaign, the Memorial started a new monthly giving option. Your monthly pledge will allow you to reach the various levels of recognition at a pace of your own choosing . . . either one, two, three, four or five years. For example, a pledge of only \$25 a month for less than three and one-half years will yield a \$1,000 donation.

Since last year's report, four more grand jurisdictions agreed to participate in the \$1 per member program bringing the total to 30 states. Nebraska is the only Grand Lodge to pay \$1.50 per member. Added to the list are California, Hawaii, Arizona and Pennsylvania.

Not one cent of public funds has ever been nor will ever be received by the Memorial Association. The Memorial belongs to the Freemasons of the United States and was conceived to honor the memory, character and legacy of Brother George Washington, our first and greatest President and our nation's foremost Freemason.

It is imperative that we not forget the sacrifices made, the great deeds done and the great example that is George Washington. We must not allow his name, his reputation, his legacy and his memory to fade away. We must keep him as our exemplar, our guide and our model of what a Man, a Mason and Citizen can and should be. The George

Washington Masonic National Memorial was created for that purpose and it is our duty and our honor to maintain and preserve this magnificent Memorial to this incredible man.

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

M.:W.:B.: Russ Reno moved for the adoption of the report of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Committee. With no discussion, the motion was seconded and carried favorably.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF COMMITTEE

Alvin O. Benemerito, Chairman

Grand Master Rix invited W.:B.: Alvin Benemerito, Chairman, to the podium to present the report from the Masonic Relief Committee. Worshipful Brother Benemerito referenced and summarized the following printed report:

This year, the Nebraska Masonic Relief Committee has been busy increasing its ability to assist our Worthy Brothers and their families in time of need. This has been achieved by new and innovative fund raising activities.

Firstly, we were able to work at the Concession Stand at Memorial Stadium during each home game of the Huskers. How this works is that each volunteer gets paid by the University and this check is in turn donated to the Nebraska Masonic Relief Fund. We therefore thank all those who volunteered, including our very own Grand Master Dennis Rix and his Lady, for their time and effort to sell and be on their feet at the concession stands. A very special mention should be given to the personal sacrifice of WBro. Troy Myers for being our contact with the University of Nebraska and for leading, recruiting and organizing the volunteers for each of the games which he himself attended all. Thank you Brother Troy.

Secondly, we have started the Patron Jewel Campaign. A donation of \$250.00 entitles a person to become a Patron of Masonic Relief and is encouraged to wear the Collectable Jewel for two years. I mention collectable as the Masonic Relief Committee plans on minting new jewels every two years or so. Do realize that each jewel is sequentially numbered. So, get them while they are hot and start your own collection with the thought in the joy of helping a brother in need.

On a personal note, my mother Lodge - Long Pine No. 136 - has decided to be a Patron and that our Worshipful Master will wear the Jewel as part of his badge during the Campaign season.

A Patron does not have to be a Freemason or a member of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. So on another personal note - my wife also became a Patron of Masonic Relief ... so can all of your Ladies, and anyone for that matter, that you wish to honor with this gift.

These are some of the ways your Masonic Relief Committee is doing for that tenet, which all Entered Apprentices are taught - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth - on this case we emphasize the Relief part.

The Masonic Relief Committee consists of: WBro. Troy Myers, WBro. Carl Rasmussen, WBro. Steven Barchus, WBro. David Long and myself.

On behalf of this committee, we thank you for allowing us to serve in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,
Alvin O. Benemerito, Chairman, 136 & 331

Steven R. Barchus, 302, 333
David M. Long, 290
Troy Myers, 297
Karl H. Rasmussen, 15

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

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOUNDATION

Stephen Kennedy, President

M.:W.:B.: Rix 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 described a new project of the CHIP Foundation Board to keep a volunteer database so that the CHIP coordinator from the lodge for each event can submit the volunteer names and information. The volunteers will be entered into the database from this point forward and volunteers will receive lapel pins for 5, 10, 15-plus events for which they have volunteered.

The printed report is as follows:

I always start my annual report by thanking everyone who helps to make NeCHIP a success, and once again I want to say, "Thank you." It is the efforts of all of the volunteers at each of these events that make NeCHIP possible. This is our twelfth year and we have reached 43,398 kits. That's 43,398 children ID's processed and given to parents in the last 12 years. This year there were 25 events held with 1925 kits completed. Lodges that held events include; Laurel 248; Long Pine 136; Shiloh 327 (2 events); Western Star 2; Superior 121; Robert W Furnas 265 (2 events); Covert 11; Minnehaha OES 246 and Minnekadusa 192; Samaritan 158; Cotner 297 (3 events); St Paul 82; Mosaic 55; Nebraska 1; Geneva 79; Mid-West 317; Wahoo 59; Comet 229. We also had much fun at the State Fair in Grand Island again this year. I also want to be sure to thank all the volunteers from outside our Masonic groups. We continue to have many dental personnel, local EMT's, nurses, school officials and teachers, and law enforcement personnel helping at events and helping to promote these events.

Fellowship and service are a major part of the cornerstone of Masonry. Working together to plan, fund, and complete these events brings Lodges and their communities closer together. Appendant bodies such as OES, Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay provide much support to this cause. At these events we see the interaction among the volunteers and the families of the children come together in a warm and caring fashion. Please consider helping at an event so you can also observe the fun and fellowship of helping others.

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 once again 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. The equipment used and the process of completing a

child's ID kit has evolved over the years. We continue to look at ways to make ours the most complete ID kit that parents can receive.

Starting with the 2017 year we will ask each applicant Lodge to record the actual list of volunteers so that a record of helping by individuals can be kept at the NeCHIP office. We will use this database for a new recognition pin to be given to those that help at multiple events. When a volunteer reaches 5, 10, or more events, we will present a lapel pin with the number of their event services milestones reached. I hope to see many of our Brothers and Sisters wearing these pins.

NeCHIP board meetings are held on the second Friday of the month. 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

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delmar A. Jones, Chairman

The Credentials Committee is pleased to report the following for this, the 160th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We have in attendance all Grand Lodge Officers, 20 Past Grand Masters, 19 Deputy Grand Custodians and 57 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 19 by proxy; there are 42 Senior Wardens in person and 24 by proxy; there are 26 Junior Wardens in person and 27 by proxy; and there are 58 Secretaries in person and 26 by proxy.

Again this year we are recognizing the Lodges that have all four elected delegate officers in attendance in person. They are Lodges: 46, 54, 256, 290, and 314. 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: 26, 43, 53, 61, 62, 73, 75, 91, 95, 97, 128, 154, 180, 192, 207, 221, 229, 248, and 324. There have been no Masters, Wardens or Secretaries Registered from the following lodges for two years Lodges: 61, 62, 73, 91, 95, 97, 128, 180, 192, 221, 248, and 324, and for three years Lodges: 73, 95, 97, 128, 192, and 248.

We are pleased to have dignitaries present representing the following jurisdictions: Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Grand Lodges of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Washington.

We are also pleased to have in attendance representatives from the following Masonic-related organizations: Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, York Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Sesostris, Tehama, Tangier and Abu Bekr Shrine Temples, National Sojourners, Daughters of the Nile,

Social Order of the Beauceant, The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Other attendance items that may be of interest are: There were 207 present at the Grand Master's Banquet Thursday evening, there were 289 at the Public Opening on Friday morning, and 287 at the Membership Banquet Friday night.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Credentials Committee this year for Most Worshipful Dennis E. Rix. I want to personally thank the other Brothers on the Committee who have spent many hours at the registration table to help make this a smooth and enjoyable Grand Lodge Communication. They are Frank Dougherty, Mike Hoagland, Karl Rasmussen, and Gordon Brown.

I also give a huge thank you to Michelle and Debbie at the Grand Lodge office who work so hard to make the Grand Lodge session run smoothly.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Delmar Jones, 65 & 46, Chairman
Gordon L. Brown, 146
Frank S. Dougherty, 297
Robert M. Hoagland, 46 & 146
Karl H. Rasmussen, 15

The motion was seconded and carried favorably. M.:W.:B.: Rix thanked Delmar and the Credentials Committee for the work they do at Annual Communication each year.

Following his report, Worshipful Brother Delmar was escorted to the East to receive his 25-year proficiency certificate and pin from M.:W.: Scott Krieger, Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Baker, Chairman

M.:W.: Rix 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 highlighted a few items in the report. Firstly, that Carol Schroeder officially retired in June 2016. She served the office for many years. The final two years, she worked from home part-time to input all historical membership records into the database. Secondly, the office of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star moved into the upstairs space at the Grand Lodge office building in Lincoln. It is a win/win/win situation for all organizations involved as the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, who owned the building where the Grand Chapter office was, had an opportunity to expand their education facilities. The Grand Chapter office staff and the Grand Lodge Office committee thought that it made sense for them to move into the vacant space at the Grand Lodge building. It benefits the Grand Lodge by having them there because, though they are embraced as family, they are tenants and paying for the space. Most Worshipful Baker thanked R.:W.: Rick Myers for his work on the contract, M.:W.: Tom Hauder for his guidance, as he is on the Board at the Children's Home, and Michelle Fulmer for her assistance throughout the process of the move.

The printed report is as follows:

Per section 1-361 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: 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 Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Office Committee met several times during 2016 via phone & email, and twice formally. The following report highlights the actions taken by this committee.

The mileage reimbursement rate for eligible Grand Lodge official travel remains at \$0.40 per mile for the 2017 Masonic year.

The Committee reviewed the list of “Grand Lodge fixed assets” and noted that the previously listed postage machine was replaced with a new leased machine. Additionally, a new trailer was approved by the Grand Master, and purchased for storage of the Grand Lodge furniture used at Annual Communication. The two other trailers were serviced during 2016 and new tires and spares purchased. The list also included a new server, two new computers and monitors purchased at the end of 2015. Michelle noted that new color printers would be needed in the not too distant future.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee budget will remain at \$150.00 for 2017.

The Grand Lodge office staff consists of two full-time employees (Michelle & Debra). Carol, a long time Grand Lodge office employee, retired midyear 2016 after completing her requested task for the Grand Lodge. Our sincere thanks and best wishes go out to Carol for her many years of service to the Grand Lodge. The employee evaluation process implemented last year was utilized again in 2016; the Committee reviewed the evaluations, and the responsibilities of the employees to determine compensation commensurate with their experience and responsibilities. A great deal of discussion was held to determine the requirements of, and fairest way to implement a new “overtime” law signed by the President and scheduled for implementation on December 1 of 2016. A Federal Court halted its implementation; the Committee will revisit the affected employee’s compensation after a final decision has been reached.

The insurance package for the two full-time employees was reviewed and approved. It should be noted that a change to a new dental/vision plan was approved to replace the old dental only plan at an annual savings of over \$500.00. Also, the health care coverage with BC/BS renews on February 1, and it is anticipated to increase by 8%; that increase returns our cost to near 2015 rates and is reflected in the monthly premiums listed as follows:

Healthcare with BC/BS	\$1550.82
Dental/Vision with KC Life	\$75.04
Life with United States Life	\$72.17

The Committee established the CHIP administrative fee at \$1200.00 per month. This amount is based on Michelle’s CHIP salary and the percentage of the office space, utilities and Grand Lodge resources used by the CHIP program.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the continuing efforts of the Nebraska Masonic Heritage Committee with the Grand Lodge Library & Museum.

The Office Manager’s goals set and completed for 2016 were reviewed, and additional and continuing goals discussed and set for 2017.

The Grand Chapter office of the Order of the Eastern Star moved from Fremont to the Grand Lodge office building in July, and is now housed on the second floor. This is a very positive and beneficial move for all concerned, and was achieved by the

contributions and forward thinking of all those involved. The Committee acknowledges and thanks Michelle Fulmer, Tom Hauder PGM, Jan Thoman PGM, the MESH Board, the OES Grand Chapter Board of Trustees, the Grand Lodge Line Officers, John Maxell PGM, M.:W.: Dennis Rix, R.:W.: Rick Myers, Brenda McGuire PGM, the Grand Lodge Office Committee and the many individuals involved in the actual move.

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; as always, you are encouraged to stop by for a visit when in Lincoln. You are always welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Baker, Chairman, 317 & 334
Wayne A. Andreasen, 204
Christopher M. Carter, 268 & 281
Rex J. Moats, PGM, 290, 102 & 334
Howard R. Fairbairn, 134 & 200
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 NEBRASKA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Michael E. Jones, President

In the absence of Most Worshipful Mike Jones, W.:B.: Ed Nolte, Vice President, was asked to bring the report of the Nebraska Masonic Foundation.

Worshipful Brother Nolte noted two activities that the Foundation is currently working on, 1) members of the Foundation are working on cataloging all items of the Museum and Library, and 2) the Foundation is seeking donations to the Nebraska Masonic Museum and Research Library. All members who donate \$20 will receive a coin.

The printed report is as follows:

The year ending 2016/17 has been an uneventful year for the Foundation. Aside from the updates submitted by the committee chairs, no progress has been made in securing donations tied to naming rights for the museum/library. The same concerns and topics elevated at prior annual meetings remain.

It should be the goal of the leadership, committees, and members to devote time and make a stronger effort to further the objectives set forth so that progress can be reported at the 2018 annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Jones, PGM
President

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

**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

The Heritage Committee focused on collecting and reviewing donated items to the Museum and Library, and reviewing policies and procedures to ensure the Masons of Nebraska, for generations to come, have a Masonic repository for artifacts and a research library for the ages.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher M. Carter, Chairman, 268 & 281
Devin D. Charles, 201
Carl J. Diamond, 326 & 334
Micah I. Evans, 281, 268 & 333
Christopher S. Nigro, 268
Adam M. Thayer, 54, 38
David N. Silver, 11
Michala Stricklin, Ad Hoc

REPORT OF THE MASONIC VETERANS PARTNERSHIP 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 like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting this program. This has included all the Brothers from the Lodges, the youth groups and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for their generous contribution to the Masonic Veteran's Partnership (MVP).

This was our third year as the MVP and again we were working towards purchasing another van/Ford Flex for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in Nebraska. We finished 2015 with \$11,099.14 in the MVP coffers falling just short of what we require to assist in purchasing another vehicle for the DAV. Since our last Annual Communication, we have collected \$5339.32, making our grand total \$16,532.04 – right at the amount of our goal needed to purchase the Ford Flex requested.

I would like to remind all that the program is a 501c3 program and I highly encourage your donations in the upcoming year as there are two other programs we can support besides purchasing a vehicle that can help homeless Veterans and provide them an opportunity to get back on their feet. As the chairman of this program I greatly appreciate your generosity and consideration to help those who have served their country.

There was an article early in this year in the Nebraska Mason and I know the Grand Lodge Officers have been mentioning the program throughout the year. There are still thoughts and work being coordinated to advertise this program beyond Masons in conjunction with the DAV and get it more into the mind of the general public.

Not being able to make the purchase for the DAV in this 2016 year, I am looking forward to making our vehicle purchase goal in 2017 for the DAV with additional money to provide to the other two Veterans programs for the homeless Veterans that come through the VA hospital in Omaha and Clinics in Lincoln and Grand Island.

Lastly, I would again like to thank my fellow committee members, Most Worshipful Brother John Parsons and Worshipful Brother Gary Unger. With this I conclude my report for the Masonic Veteran’s Partnership Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson, Chairman, 268
John E. Lorenzen, 10, 314
William H. Nelson, 256
John T. Parsons, 268, 6, 333
Gary S. Unger, 112

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT OF BALLOT

The Chairman of Tellers, W.:B.: Ron Grass 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-ElectR.: W.: Patrick D. Barger
- Grand Senior Warden R.: W.: Robert W. Moninger
- Grand Junior Warden R.: W.: Ronald D. Stites
- Grand SecretaryM.: 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 Rix asked R.: W.: Rick Myers to approach the lectern and announce the slate of appointed officers for the 2017-2018 term, when he will serve as Grand Master.

- Corey L. Bergstrom, Grand Chaplain
- Ronald D. Grass, Grand Orator
- James J. Jones, Grand Historian
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM, Grand Custodian
- John B. Ferguson, Grand Marshal
- James A. Carlton, Grand Senior Deacon
- Alexander F. Straatmann, Grand Junior Deacon
- John L. Millington, Grand Senior Steward
- Charles J. Odorizzi, Grand Junior Steward
- Karl H. Rasmussen, Grand Tyler
- Alvin O. Benemerito, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Anthony “AJ” Johnson, Personal Representative of the Grand Master
- Tyler S. Loontjer, Personal Representative of the Grand Master

A motion was made for the approval of the aforementioned appointed officers for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded and, with no discussion, motion carried.

Right Worshipful Myers announced that the installation of officers would take place that afternoon at 4:00 pm in the lodge room. A reception for those who had pre-registered would be held following the installation.

VOTING ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following proposed Constitutional Amendment was presented at the Annual Communication in February 2016 and thereafter submitted to the chartered subordinate lodges for their approval or rejection of bringing the question for ballot at the following session. A majority of the subordinate lodges approved thereof.

Proposed Amendment No. 1

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

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward, Grand Tyler, *Grand Master's Personal Representative(s), limited to a maximum of three appointed at the discretion of the Grand Master*, and, if appointed, Grand Musician, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or the proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; provided however, no member shall hold more than two proxies for any and all subordinate lodges of which he is a member; and such past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

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

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

The office of Grand Master's Personal Representative(s) limited to a maximum of three appointed, if desired.

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

R.:W.:B.: Myers covered for the Grand Master and asked a signer of Constitutional Amendment No. 1 to state the position of the signers prior to the ballot. M.:W.: Bruce

Baker, Past Grand Master, approached the microphone and gave the rationale for the proposed amendment.

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



Right Worshipful Rick Myers presented Most Worshipful Dennis Rix with a framed certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Masonic Service Association for support received from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 2016.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION NO. 1

The following resolution was presented at the 159th Annual Communication in February 2016:

Resolution No. 1

Amend **Section 1-101 – ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS** – by adding and deleting such language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 1-101 – ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS – The stated Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday *in September following Labor Day commencing in 2019*, ~~of February~~, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

R.:W.:B.: Myers asked one or more of the signers of Resolution No. 1 to state their position and rationale for the proposal. Most Worshipful John Parsons, Past Grand Master, a signer on Resolution No. 1, gave the rationale for proposing the Resolution, and moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded.

After discussion, R.:W.:B.: Myers called for the question and the ballot was voted on by a show of hands. The motion failed to receive the required two-thirds majority vote.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC ALL-STAR BAND COMMITTEE

K. Roger Dill, Chairman

Most Worshipful Rix asked Chairman Roger Dill to approach the podium to bring the report from the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Committee.

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

“Most Worshipful. I am the Chairman of the Band Committee. You will find the report on page 36 and 37. When I wrote “Truly there is no place like Nebraska,” I meant it. I know of no other state that supports a band program as much as you

people do. All 257 students that came there had a full scholarship. It cost them nothing to attend the band camp. It's just amazing how much support we had and I truly, truly appreciated it. I hope that you continue to support us this year and in the years coming.

The other thing I wanted to mention is that we need chaperones. Most of you, I hope, have looked at the video that Michelle put together on the band camp and what a chaperone does that has been running outside of the room here. I hope you consider it, because if we don't have chaperones, we don't have a band camp. It's as simple as that. So we need your help that way also. If you can give us a day, two days, that would be great. Be a chaperone. We have a lot of fun."

The printed report is as follows:

Truly, There Is No Place Like Nebraska. The support we get from the Grand Lodge, Masonic Lodges, Shrine organizations, Eastern Star Chapters, individual members and other donors is amazing. This year your contributions to the band camp allowed 257 students from 80 different high schools to come for free and enjoy a week of hard work, fun activities, good food and making new friends. Their hard work culminated in receiving standing ovations for their concert in the park Friday night and their half-time performance Saturday afternoon. All of these students are recommended by band directors throughout the state and we get some of the best of the best. That is what makes this camp one of the premiere band camps in Nebraska.

This year presented a new challenge for our directors and JBA's. Over half of the band members were first year campers. This created more instruction, more patience, more repetitions and more positive feedback resulting in another great year for the students. Our directors, Dan Sodomka from Aurora, Brad Weber and Dr. Dave Bohnert from Wayne State University did their usual outstanding job in getting the students ready. The half-time directors were Samantha Hahn from Norfolk Catholic, Anna Keough from Palmer and Chris Weddel from Tekamah-Herman.

This camp could not happen without the wonderful volunteers who chaperone the students. We had over 70 individuals who gave up their time to keep an eye on the students and get them ready for the next activity on their schedule. They did an outstanding job especially "Purple Mama". Many of our activities are on the Grand Lodge website. Take a look at what we do and consider joining us for a week or a couple days or even one day. I think you would find it highly enjoyable and very rewarding. We even provide you with meals and lodging at no cost.

The Masonic 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.

A special "Thank You" to the DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbows for donating the water bottles for this year's band camp. What a great way to introduce these wonderful organizations to the students as their logos are on the bottles.

As chairman of this committee, I would like to thank the committee members, the staff of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge Officers, the band directors and the chaperones for their hard work in making this a week of enjoyment for everyone.

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.



Most Worshipful Dennis thanked Gene and Judy Wehrbein for their work in organizing the silent auction that benefits the youth groups. He indicated that the number of items has diminished over the years, but the quality has gone up and the amounts donated has remained steady. The Grand Master commended those who contributed to and bid on items at the auction.



Right Worshipful Ralph Newby, Senior Grand Warden, was invited to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M.:W.:B.: Dennis Rix added the following supplemental comments to his Address before moving for its approval:

“Brethren, you have all been furnished with a copy of my address as you registered with Credentials and the lodges all received a copy of my Recommendations 45 days prior to this session. I would just like to add a little supplemental and I have to tell you it’s difficult. This past month I have been continually asked and, quite innocently so, ‘Are you ready for your year to end? Are you ready to be done?’ Each time, my heart jumps a little because, no, if I were ready to be done and looking forward to being done, that assumes that I didn’t like doing what I’m doing. I didn’t like being entrusted with your confidence that I could do what I’ve been doing. The appropriate question would be, ‘Are you ready to be not tired? Are you ready to be able to do the things you want to do when you want to do them?’ But, no, I would be more than willing to continue doing for you what I have done. I’ve enjoyed every minute, but yeah, I’m tired of being tired.

There are times as Grand Master that this collar gets heavy. There are wonderful privileges and honors given the Grand Master. But there is also some pretty awesome responsibilities and that weighs heavy. It has caused some sleepless nights, but I think it’s come out all right. And I’m always reminded that God

never gives you more than you can handle. I'm not the man I was when I was appointed, thanks to all of you and all of the men that helped me, and all the kindnesses. There have been so many. I have learned to grow and I've grown into what I've needed to do. I grew up quite poor as a farm kid, large family, and the one thing that dad instilled in us was honesty, fairness, hard work. And I've carried that my entire life. Never ask somebody else to do what you're not willing to do yourself. My faults are I'm oftentimes a little too focused, and I don't hear what's going on around me because I'm focused on what I'm tasked to do, and I've hurt feelings and I apologize for that. All I can say is it's never been intentional.

I'm a better man leaving here than I was when I started. Somebody doesn't just say, 'You're the Grand Master.' You become the Grand Master. No matter how much you think you're prepared, no matter how much you're told, no matter how many times you're taken along to go to things, you simply can't know what it is until you're there, and there's just no way to explain that. It's very, very similar to being the Master of your lodge. I understand. So, with that, all I can say is thank you. Thank you to all of you that have made me who I am."

The printed Address of the Grand Master:

Brethren:

Welcome to the 160th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.F. & A.M. My thanks to all of you who traveled from across the state and across the country to join us from other jurisdictions, my hope is you find the time spent here rewarding and the information useful. Annual Communication is always a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones.

PREFACE

It has been my privilege to serve this Fraternity as a Grand Lodge Officer for several years. There have been innumerable initiations, ceremonies, installations, and banquets. Through it all I am constantly reminded of the strength and durability of our great Fraternity. There have been visits to other Masonic jurisdictions, which have produced friendships, brotherhood and an exchange of ideas, all of which strengthen Masonry in Nebraska.

When I agreed to be Grand Tyler for M.:W.:B.: Dean Skokan, it was to help him for a year. After all, he pointed out, there are no speaking parts! When the chance to come up to visit Manitoba, Canada jurisdiction, Nan and I signed up, thinking it would be a great time to visit with M.:W.:B.: Dean and Nancy. When the time came to travel, I learned that Nan and I would be making the trip alone. I would need to act on his behalf, representing Nebraska Masons as his personal choice to address our Brothers in Canada. So much for no speaking parts! Although extremely anxious, I was greeted with such warmth and acceptance. I did speak to the Masons gathered in Winnipeg for their annual communication that year and attended the banquets; amazed at the true brotherhood shown for a man they had never met. In the years that followed, I was offered and accepted one position after another. Each time it was to help the truly great men that were leading us for that year. No more no less.

When R.:W.:B.: Bruce Baker called and said that he and Susie would like to meet Nan and I for supper in Fremont on a weeknight, of course we said yes, always thankful for the opportunity to catch up on each other's lives. It wasn't long before it was evident that catching up wasn't the only purpose for the evening. I was asked to be his Grand

Junior Warden, meaning I was being considered for the job of Grand Master. Even though I felt totally unworthy of the honor, I don't think there's a man alive that can look into Susie's eyes and say no!

I have grown into the positions I have been placed into by my Brothers. There have always been men around who are better speakers, better organizers, and better leaders than me. Capable men who are willing and able to fill all of those needs surround me. Nebraska has been blessed with Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Custodians, and Committee members and Lodge Officers that work tirelessly advancing our Fraternity. It is my opinion that it's not necessary to be the best at everything, but to see that those men chosen to do the jobs at hand are the best. We have done that, my Brothers. You have accepted me and supported me as your Grand Master for this past year, and I have done my best to support, motivate, and inspire you to be the kind of Brother that you would want to be surrounded by.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The strength and endurance of our Fraternity has at its core Brotherhood. No Mason can do what we do alone. Men have helped us become Masons. Men have taught us the true principles by which we conduct ourselves. Men taught us the ritual by which we convey these lessons.

I want to thank all the men that have devoted so many hours helping me learn all of these things. They have been my mentors, leading me along a better path than I would have chosen for myself. They each gave of themselves in order that I might know the joy and satisfaction of applying the principles of Masonry in all I do. When I lacked confidence, they offered encouragement. When I felt overwhelmed with responsibility, they offered advice and direction. When I have cowered at the thought of standing in front of a group and speaking, they have given me strength. There are no words adequate to thank these men for their selfless giving, so I offer what I have, Thank You!

This has been a year of unity among the appendant bodies and the Grand Lodge. It is sometimes easy to fall into the trap of 'Us' and 'Them'. We must always remember that appendant bodies owe their existence to Masons. Appendant means that body has in its bylaws the requirement to be a Mason before you can join that organization. Nebraska organizations are led by strong Masons, active in that organization, but always involved and connected with the Masonic Lodge. I would like to give special thanks to the appendant body leadership for the hospitality and show of support I have received this past year.

MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND

The Masonic All-Star Marching Band is a premier program supported by many Masons and Masonic organizations. Thank you to all who gave of their money, their time and themselves to make this event possible. Between two hundred fifty and three hundred students bring their instrument to camp and work long hours to learn the music, the foot work and the marching skills required to put on a concert, march in the Shrine Bowl parade, open the Shrine Bowl with the Star Spangled Banner, perform on the field at Shrine Bowl halftime, and special play during the game. The bonds created among the

students during that week are real, and the lessons learned last a lifetime. I have given a week of my time for several years as a member of the Instrument Team, storing, hauling, unloading and loading the instruments for the band members. It is a true joy spending that time with my Brothers and Sisters, and watching the band members grow during the week.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM (CHIP)

While the Child Identification Program has its own 501(c)(3) Foundation, it remains tied to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through its volunteers and programs. The program has provided at no charge to the parents, a method of aiding authorities in a time of crisis for thousands of children across Nebraska.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home puts into practical effect one of the primary duties of a Mason – that is to provide for the care of our brothers and their immediate families. It is a wonderful, clean facility providing all levels of care with dignity. I had the privilege to attend several meetings of the Board of Directors of The Nebraska Masonic Home and I commend its members for their serious consideration of the many issues which confront a health care institution. In these times of increased regulation and rising health care cost, their job is complex. Each of us should in every way promote this jewel of an institution. If at all possible, organize a group and make the trip to Plattsmouth to receive a tour, it is well worth your time.

MASONIC EASTERN-STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Masonic Eastern-Star Home for Children in Fremont is a well-run facility in its one hundred and first year of operation. The Board of Directors is dedicated, well-organized and forward thinking. Executive Director Ron Giesselmann is a true joy to work with as I have had the privilege of attending their board meetings throughout the year and have enjoyed eating meals prepared by the house parents and served in one of the cottages. An additional cottage, Paden Cottage, has begun construction this year to meet the increasing need for housing. There is a continuing need for additional funding for this project and your help is appreciated. The First Lady of Masons in Nebraska, my wife Nan, made it her project to raise enough money to furnish the kitchens in the new Paden Cottage. She sold note cards and kitchen magnets printed with a drawing she created. To date, she has raised over ten thousand dollars dedicated to furnishing the kitchens with appliances.

YEAR IN REVIEW

2016 was not a year of significant change in terms of Grand Lodge programs or legislation; rather it has been a strengthening of programs already in place. The Grand Lodge Officers have been following and adjusting a strategic plan developed by the Grand Lodge Officers under M.:W.:B.: Tom Hauder in 2013. There has been considerable activity related to strategic planning by each of the officers.

The individual proficiency program headed up by R.:W.:B.: Patrick Barger has expanded and has infused a much-needed boost in the number of Masons able to perform and teach the ritual we all hold dear.

The Master Mason First Section ritual contest was a large success with six teams competing. Cotner Lodge No. 297 was the winner this year and will perform on Friday afternoon in order that all may see a degree well done. 2017 will see a competition in the Second Section of the Master Mason degree.

The financial wellbeing of the Grand Lodge and its property has been further strengthened in 2016 through its foundation. A huge thanks to all that have purchased a brick for the donor wall or volunteered time to help at the office.

The 15th Annual Masonic Charities Golf Tournament took place in North Bend again this year, and it was a record breaker. It was Chairman Don Peterson's goal to raise profits from the tournament that exceeded \$20,000 and the final amount to be shared by the three charities is \$21,125.51.

We have extended Masonic Unity to the Order of the Eastern Star, offering them a new home for their headquarters. They are now renting space in the Grand Lodge office building, after vacating the building located at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, located in Fremont. The home has need of the building to expand the teaching services they offer the residents to supplement their regular schooling. The move has benefited all parties involved, which is the way all Masonic dealings should be.

Communication with the Grand Lodge continues to evolve. The Grand Lodge Officers looked at the feasibility of different software that was hoped to bring benefit the Craft, however on further examination, it was determined the existing software being used had capabilities that were underutilized. Out of this has developed a stronger tie to the database for the Lodge Secretaries. There is a much improved, time saving method to submit the necessary reports and to directly search the database for members in their lodge. Prior to this, it was necessary to send in paper copies of all reports, which had to then be entered into the database by Grand Lodge office staff. The only way to receive information on their members was to request information from Grand Lodge office staff.

Recommendation No. 1 is a direct result of observing the time and dedication put forth by the Grand Lodge Leadership Committee. The majority of their time was spent on consolidating lodges, not developing and delivering leadership materials to the Craft, which should be their primary focus. It places the burden of lodge consolidation onto the shoulders of the Grand Master and his officers.

Recommendation No. 2 is an attempt to assist the Grand Lodge Office Manager and the Deputy Grand Master plan a budget and keep the database current. It is simply a reinforcement of rules already in place.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution No. 1 is a solidification of a practice that has been in place for many years, that of each Deputy Grand Master appointing a number of personal representatives to assist him in several ways, one of the main being in more than one place at a time. This proposed amendment limits that number to three, and places the Grand Masters Personal Representatives on an equal level with the appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

The following is a recapitulation of my activities and a summary of some of the important work of Nebraska Freemasonry during the past year. If a particular program or event was omitted, it is not due to its lack of importance but rather a shortcoming in my memory.

VISITATIONS

February

- 5-6 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney
- 6 Grand Lodge Officer Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney
- 8 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 11 Meeting, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 13 Sweetheart Dinner & Dance, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Firefighter's Hall, Bellevue

- 16 Fellow Craft Degree, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 17 Unity Meeting, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 18 Tangier Shrine Circus, Tangier Shrine, Council Bluffs, IA
- 20-24 Conference of Grand Masters, Madison, WI
- 26 Trivia Fun Night, Jobs Daughters Bethel 15, Fremont
- 28 60-year pin Presentation, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Plattsmouth
- 29 Regular Communication, Renaissance Lodge No. 334, Elkhorn

March

- 2 Initiated into Heroes of 76, National Sojourners, Omaha
- 5 Chili Feed, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 7 Lodge Proficiency, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 8 Regular Communication, Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City
- 9 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 9 Band Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 10 Tangier Shrine Circus, Tangier Shrine, Council Bluffs
- 12 School of Instruction, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
- 14 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 19 School of Instruction, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln
Tangier Potentate's Ball, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 21 Master Mason Degree, Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair
- 23 Regular Communication, Sojourners Chapter No. 19, Omaha
- 26 All Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 28 Funeral for Leonard Lindly, Custer Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow
- 29 Regular Communication, Renaissance Lodge No. 334, Elkhorn
- 30 Northeast Nebraska Masons, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton

April

- 2 Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser, Prince Hall OES, Omaha
- 3 Installation of Officers, DeMolay Keene Chapter No. , Fremont
- 4 Proficiency Certification MM Degree, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 5 Regular Communication, Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City
- 6 Planning Meeting for 2017 CGM, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Omaha
- 7 GL Officers Practice MM Degree, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 8 Advancing Line Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 9 Nobility Ball, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 10 Installation of Officers, Naphis No. 66 Daughters of Nile, Lincoln
- 11 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 12 Board Meeting, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 13 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 18 Cornerstone, Hosted by Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings
- 19 Table Lodge, George W Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 20 Regular Communication, Custer Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow
- 21 Ethics on Trial, Omaha Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 24 Scholarship Awards Banquet, Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo
- 27 Band Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 27 Northeast Nebraska Masons, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson
- 29 York Rite Annual Banquet, York Rite, Kearney

May

- 2 Regular Communication, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont

- 3 Regular Communication, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva
- 4 Regular Communication, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings
- 6 Regular Communication, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
- 7 Spring Reunion, Omaha Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 7 Spaghetti Feed Fund Raiser, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 9 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 10 OES Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Kearney
- 14 Master Mason Degree, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 16 Regular Communication, Omaha Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 17 Tehama Shrine Circus, Tehama Shrine, Hastings
- 18 Present 50- & 70-year Pins, Washington County Masonic Assn., Blair
- 20 Address the National KSA, Knights of St Andrew Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 21 Veteran Appreciation Pancake Feed, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 21 Address the National KSA, Knights of St Andrew Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 22-24 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Michigan,
- 27-28 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Winnipeg, ON
- 31 Shrine Bowl Media Day, Shrine International, Lincoln
- 31 Advancing Line Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 31 Masonic All Star Band Camp, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney

June

- 1-4 Masonic All Star Band Camp, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney
- 4 Shrine Bowl Football Game, Kearney
- 6 Fremont Templecraft Meeting, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 8 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 8 Fifty Year Celebration, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
- 11 Grand Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, Crete
- 13 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 14 Meet with Lincoln Stars Hockey, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 15 Fremont Templecraft Meeting, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 16 Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney
- 21 Master Mason Degree, North Bend Lodge No. 19, North Bend
- 22 Move Grand Lodge Furniture, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 24 Cornerstone, Hosted by Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney
- 25 Outdoor Master Mason Degree, Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth
- 26 Meet the Grand Master Night, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln
- 27 Regular Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 30 Move the OES Grand Office, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln

July

- 2-7 Imperial Shrine Session, Shrine International, Tampa
- 9 Funeral for MW James DeMoss, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 11 Welcome MIJD Sarah Leeper Home, International Order of Job's Daughters, Omaha
- 11 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 12 Regular Communication, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- 12 Regular Communication & Steak Fry, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- 13 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 13 Paden Cottage Ground Breaking, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 13 Entered Apprentice Degree, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 14-16 Rocky Mountain Conference of Grand Lodges, Grand Lodge of Idaho, Idaho Falls
- 19 Entered Apprentice Degree, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley

- 20 150-Year Anniversary Celebration, Solomon Lodge No. 10, Blair
- 25 Planning Meeting for 2017 Conf. of Grand Masters, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 26 Regular Communication, Renaissance Lodge No. 334, Elkhorn
- 27 Regular Communication, Sojourners Chapter No. 19, Omaha
- 30 4-H Achievement & Paden Cottage Cornerstone Ceremony, Hosted by Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont

August

- 1 Regular Communication, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 4 Meet with Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 6 One-Day Degree Conferral, Hickman Lodge No. 256, Lincoln
- 8 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 10 Band Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 12-14 Grand Lodge Officer's Retreat, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Omaha
- 19-21 Midwest Conference of G. Lodges, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Winnipeg, ON
- 25 A Night with the Grand Master, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill
- 27 Cornerstone, Hosted by Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne
- 29 Regular Communication, Renaissance Lodge No. 334, Elkhorn
- 30 Planning Meeting for 2017 CGM, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln

September

- 6 Regular Communication, Bennett Lodge No. 94, Lincoln
- 7 Awards Banquet, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
- 8 Concession Stand Fund Raiser, Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo
- 10 Concession Stand Fund Raiser, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 12 Masonic Charities Golf Tournament, North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
- 12 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 13 Master Mason Degree, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 14 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 14 Outdoor Regular Communication, Seneca Lodge No. 284, Thedford
- 18 Prince Hall Installation of Officers, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Omaha
- 19 Supreme Queen Visit, Naphis No. 66 Daughters of Nile, Lincoln
- 21 Fall Outing at Papillion Gun Club, Omaha Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 23 Shrimp Feed at Ron King's Home, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 24 All Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 25 Nebraska Masonic Home Donor Banquet, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 28 Regular Communication, Sojourners Chapter No. 19, Omaha
- 29 Regular Communication, Renaissance Lodge No. 334, Elkhorn

October

- 1 Secretary Interface Training, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 3 Regular Communication, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
- 4 Regular Communication, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Elkhorn
- 5 Regular Communication, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
- 7 Scottish Rite 100-year Rededication, Lincoln Scottish Rite, Lincoln
- 8 One-Day Degree Conferral, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
- 8 West Lawn Hillcrest Memorial Dedication, Hosted by Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha
- 9 Installation of Officers, DeMolay Keene Chapter, Fremont
- 9 Joint Prince Hall/GL Officer Dinner, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Omaha
- 10 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley

- 11 Regular Communication, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 at The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 12 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 13 Advancing Line Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Bellevue
- 15 1st Section MM Ritual Contest, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 15 Tehama Potentate's Ball, Shrine International, Kearney
- 17 Area Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Omaha
- 18 Area Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, North Platte
- 19 Area Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Walthill
- 20 Area Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Wood River
- 21 Tangier Fund Raiser for Chanters, Shrine International, Omaha
- 22 CGC Testing at M-ESHC, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 25 Master Mason Degree, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 26 Annual Northeast NE Masons Banquet, Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wayne
- 27 Area Meeting, Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler
- 28 Past Masters Banquet, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Scribner
- 29 1st Section MM Ritual Contest, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont

November

- 7 Delivered Ritual Contest Pins, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
- 9 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 10 Regular Communication, Waveland Park No. 654, Des Moines, IA
- 13 Rainbow Grand Cross of Color, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 14 Regular Communication, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley

December

- 5 Entered Apprentice Degree, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 9 Masonic Memorial Service, Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway
- 11 Past Masters Banquet, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
- 12 Advancing Line Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 14 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont
- 20 Year Pin Presentation Banquet, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 21 Christmas Celebration Banquet, National Sojourners, Omaha
- 27 Grand Lodge Officers Practice for Annual Communication, Lincoln
- 30 Masonic Memorial for John Wonder, Tangier Shrine, Omaha

January

- 5 Installation of Officers, Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco
- 6 Installation of Officers, Tangier Shrine, Omaha
- 6 Joint Scottish Rite/Grand Lodge Dinner, Scottish Rite, Omaha
- 7 Installation of Officers, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont
- 7 Boy Scouts of America Awards Banquet, Omaha
- 8 Installation of Officers, Jobs Daughters Bethel 15, Fremont
- 9 Committee Meeting, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Fremont
- 9 Installation of Officers, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
- 10 Board Meeting, Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth
- 10 70-year Pin Presentation, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill
- 10 Installation of Officers, Omadi Lodge No. 5, South Sioux City
- 11 Board Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont

February

- 2-4 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney

NECROLOGY

As of this date, it has been reported that 283 of the Brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home in 2016. Our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain John B. Ferguson will conduct a memorial service during our Annual Communication which will pay fitting tribute to these brethren.

This past year we lost Most Worshipful Brother James N. DeMoss, Past Grand Master. Most Worshipful DeMoss was the 125th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. His journey on this earth ended and holy rest began on June 25, 2016. He was a member of Bellevue Lodge No. 325 in Bellevue, Nebraska. We will be forever grateful for his service and commitment to Masonry and to our Grand Lodge.

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:

Hastings – April 18 – Hasting College Jackson-Dinsdale Art Center
Host Lodge: Hastings Lodge No. 50
Master: Daniel G. Deffenbaugh

Sidney – June 24 – Wheatbelt Power Co Headquarters
Host Lodge: Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
Master: Mark L. Carley

Fremont – July 30 – Paden Cottage, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children
Host Lodge: Fremont Lodge No. 15
Master: Grady A. Wells

Wayne – August 27 – Wayne Community Recreation Center
Host Lodge: Corinthian Lodge No. 83
Master: Scott J. M. Abraham

Lincoln – October 7 – Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Building Rededication
Host Lodge: Hickman Lodge No. 256
Master: John D. Irons

Omaha – October 8 – Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery Masonic Memorial
Host Lodge: Centennial Lodge No. 326
Master: Carl G. Lewis

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

Amend Section 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – by adding and deleting such language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized and the deleted language stricken.

Sec. 2-207 – CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES – When two or more subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one lodge, they shall meet with the *Grand Master or his duly authorized representative* ~~Lodge Leadership Committee~~ at least twice at regular stated communications within six months, before they may petition the Grand Master to consolidate. Before such consolidation shall take place, each subordinate lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail to every member thereof at his last known post office address, that a proposition is pending looking to such

consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two thirds of the members of each lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master such lodges shall become one lodge, taking the name and number of the lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the lodge or lodges going out of existence.

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

Recommendation No. 2

Amend Section 2-605 – LODGE DUES – by adding such language, so that such section, as amended, will read as follows, with the new language italicized.

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, the dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On March 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before April 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand suspended for non-payment of dues upon approval of the Grand Master, and an entry noting said approved suspension shall be made in the minutes of the lodge. Approval of a suspension for non-payment of dues shall be given by the Grand Master upon submission by the lodge of satisfactory evidence of compliance with Section 2-513 of the Bylaws. *Subordinate lodges will be responsible for per capita payments of all members listed on any Annual Report of Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues received after June 10. Members listed on Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues reports received after June 10 will not be suspended.* It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member approved for suspension for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

LODGE BYLAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

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

On February 10, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha to increase the annual dues.

On March 3, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Washington Lodge No. 21 in Blair to increase the annual dues.

On March 3, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 in Central City to increase the annual dues.

On April 6, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Acacia Lodge No. 34 in Schuyler to increase the annual dues.

On April 27, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus to remove language from the bylaws with regard to the Grand Master issuing dispensation to move the Lodge meeting date or time; to remove language requiring the Master to sign orders on the Treasurer; and to increase the amount that the committee on relief can draw from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

On May 2, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Franklin Lodge No. 264 in Franklin to increase the degree fees.

On July 25, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Magnolia Lodge No. 220 in Emerson to increase the annual dues and revise suspension dates in accordance with the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On September 21, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff to increase the annual dues.

On September 21, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Northern Light Lodge No. 41 in Stanton to increase the annual dues and to revise suspension dates in accordance with the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On October 1, 2016, I approved a complete revision of the bylaws of Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wayne. Said revision was reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee prior to approval by the Grand Master.

On October 12, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in Lincoln to increase the annual dues and include language relative to suspension dates in accordance with the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

On October 20, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln change language relative to when meetings are held in case of inclement weather; to change the due date of auditing of the books from March to February each year; increase the degree fees; to increase the annual dues; to increase the amount allowed to be donated to Masonic and non-Masonic organizations; and to revise language with regard to the per diem paid to officers attending Annual Communication.

On November 1, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 in Gering to increase the annual dues.

On November 17, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha to correct errors in grammar and consistency; update references to the West Omaha Masonic Temple to the West Omaha Masonic Center; to increase the initiation fee; to change language requiring an amount of the lodge dues to be transferred to the lodge general investment fund, allowing the Master, in his discretion, to forego the transfer should additional income be required to cover operating expenses; to reformat the agenda of the regular communication of the lodge; and to clarify in what years the lodge bylaws should be reviewed.

On November 17, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 in Scottsbluff to increase the degree fees.

On November 17, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to add language stating that if dues payments were postmarked by January 15, they would be discounted by \$5.00.

On December 7, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance to increase the annual compensation to the Secretary for his services.

On December 14 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to increase the annual dues, remove the 5% allotment of dues to the Florence Lodge #281 Foundation and add a 15% allotment of dues to the Relief Fund.

On December 14, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to change the time of the regular communication.

On December 14, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to increase the annual dues.

On December 14, 2016, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Covert Lodge No. 11 in Omaha to increase the annual dues.

On January 5, 2017, I approved an amendment to the bylaws of Washington Lodge No. 21 in Blair to increase the degree fees.

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:

Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne, merged with Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield, effective June 9, 2016. Permission was granted to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 to permanently move their charter to Wayne, Nebraska.

Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton, merged with Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City, effective October 7, 2016.

Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, merged with Oshkosh Lodge No. 286, Oshkosh, effective November 17, 2016.

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
October 8, 2016	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	Omaha	6
August 6, 2016	Hickman Lodge No. 256	Lincoln	4
April 23, 2016	Nebraska Lodge No. 1	Omaha	Cancelled

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. The top line signer or mentor for each candidate is responsible for bringing a bible to the class for the obligation;
- g. 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.
- h. 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;
- i. Conferral of each degree will be witnessed by a member of the Committee on Work, a Deputy Grand Custodian or a Grand Lodge Officer;
- j. Each candidate will be instructed that he must sign the Bylaws of his Lodge within thirty days of his conferral;
- k. 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;
- l. 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.
- m. 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
- n. 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 9, 2016, 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 11, 2016, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit York Lodge No. 56 in York to install their 2016 Secretary, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Wardens out of time.

On February 11, 2016, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 in Stromsburg to install their 2016 Junior Steward out of time.

On February 15, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to Heirloom Bible Publishers to obtain a list of names and contact information for Secretaries of all subordinate lodges for the purpose of sending the quarterly newsletter.

On February 19, 2016, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Jachin Lodge No. 146 in Holdrege to install their 2016 Junior Warden, Treasurer, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward and Marshal out of time.

On February 29, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to the Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation to obtain a list of names and contact information for Masters and Secretaries of all subordinate lodges for the purpose of sending information about sponsoring the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in 2017.

On February 29, 2016, after discussion with the Grand Custodian, I ordered that a full proficiency certificate be granted to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 in Sidney for 2015 although the lodge had not been certified by a Deputy Grand Custodian the previous year. It was determined that the lack of certification was not due to the lack of ability within the lodge, but rather difficulty in scheduling with a qualified Deputy Grand Custodian.

On February 29, 2016, after discussion with the Grand Custodian, I ordered that a full proficiency certificate be granted to Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance for 2015 although the lodge had not been certified by a Deputy Grand Custodian the previous year. It was determined that the lack of certification was not due to the lack of ability within the lodge, but rather difficulty in scheduling with a qualified Deputy Grand Custodian.

On March 4, 2016, 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 2016 Junior Warden out of time.

On March 11, 2016, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to send communications to lodges within a ninety mile radius of Omaha for the purpose of inviting them to an education presentation by the Omaha Police Department regarding active shooter situations.

On March 23, 2016, 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 20, 2016, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to send communications to Lincoln area lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a lodge fundraiser.

On April 22, 2016, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Keystone Lodge No. 62 in Phillips to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On May 2, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln to move their charter on July 7, 2016, to 901 Rosewood Drive in Lincoln for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 9, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 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 area lodges for the purpose of sending information about circus ticket sales.

On May 11, 2016, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Hastings Lodge No. 50 in Hastings to install their 2016 Junior Deacon out of time.

On May 12, 2016, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to Waterloo Lodge No. 102 in Elkhorn to send communications to Omaha area lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a lodge fundraiser.

On May 23, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Geneva Lodge No. 79 in Geneva to move their charter on June 7, 2016, to a farm in rural Geneva for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On May 24, 2016, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to send communications to Lincoln area lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a lodge fundraiser.

On May 25, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 in Ainsworth to move their charter on June 25, 2016, to a ranch southeast of Ainsworth for the purpose of conducting an outdoor Master's degree.

On May 27, 2016, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the foundation board for the lodge building at 1635 L Street in Lincoln to obtain a list of names and contact information for members of two lodges that meet in the building for the purpose of sending them a letter regarding the foundation.

On June 1, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to Sesostri Shrine in Lincoln to obtain a list of names and contact information for members in Lincoln and the surrounding area for the purpose of sending an invitation to the dinner with the Grand Master.

On June 3, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to move their charter on June 9, 2016, to the lodge hall in Wayne for the purpose of holding the regular communication.

On June 6, 2016, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Alliance Lodge No. 183 in Alliance to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On June 7, 2016, 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 June 13, 2016, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to elect their 2016 officers out of time.

On June 13, 2016, 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 14, 2016, to a ranch located at 16600 Johnson Road in North Platte for the purpose of holding the regular business meeting in an outdoor setting.

On June 21, 2015, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to install their 2016 officers out of time.

On June 23, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to move their charter on July 14, 2016, to the lodge hall in Wayne for the purpose of holding the regular business meeting.

On July 7, 2016, 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 July 15, 2016, pursuant to the authority granted in Article X, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for good reasons shown, I suspended the Secretary/Treasurer of Blue River Lodge No. 30 in Milford. I further directed the Master to appoint a Secretary/Treasurer; directed the previous Secretary/Treasurer to immediately deliver all records and property of the lodge to the Master; and directed that the previous Secretary/Treasurer surrender control of and deliver all funds of the lodge to the Master.

On July 22, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to move their charter on August 18, 2016, to the Shelter House at Beck's Park in Decatur for the purpose of holding the regular communication in an outdoor setting.

On July 22, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Corinthian Lodge No. 83 in Wakefield to permanently move their charter to 911 Lincoln Street in Wayne for the purpose of permanently moving the location of the lodge following consolidation with Wayne Lodge No. 120 in Wayne.

On July 25, 2016, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On July 28, 2016, pursuant to Section 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite to visit lodges within their valley's jurisdiction for the purpose of speaking to them about the Scottish Rite.

On July 28, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to the Omaha Home for Boys in Omaha to obtain a list of lodge contact information and to send communications to Nebraska subordinate lodges for the purpose of providing information about the Home.

On August 2, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to move their charter on September 6, 2016, to The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth for the purpose of holding the regular communication at The Home to allow the member residents to attend the meeting.

On August 9, 2016, under the provisions of Section 3-102, I approved the request of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 in Omaha to conduct a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

On August 11, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 6, 2016, to Lebanon Lodge No. 323 in Columbus for the purpose of holding the regular communication in Columbus to allow the Bronze Jordan Medal holder to attend the meeting.

On August 11, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to College View Lodge No. 320 in Lincoln to move their charter on October 4, 2016, to The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth for the purpose of holding the regular communication at The Home to allow the member residents to attend the meeting.

On August 11, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to send communications to Lincoln area lodges for the purpose of inviting them to a lodge event.

On August 15, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Seneca Lodge No. 284 in Thedford to move their charter on September 14, 2016, to an outdoor location south of Thedford for the purpose of holding a joint pasture lodge.

On September 1, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Zion Lodge No. 234 in Hyannis to move their charter on September 14, 2016, to an outdoor location south of Thedford for the purpose of holding a joint meeting.

On September 6, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Cotner Lodge No. 297 in Lincoln to move their charter on September 12, 2016, to 14123 N 1st Street in Raymond for the purpose of conducting a pasture lodge.

On September 26, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to Tangier Shrine in Omaha to obtain a list of names and contact information for members living in certain zip codes for the purpose of sending a membership invitation letter.

On September 26, 2016, I lifted the restriction placed on Papillion Lodge No. 39 in Papillion on November 7, 2013, prohibiting them from holding one-day conferrals. I directed that the lodge may resume one-day conferrals so long as they are held within the guidelines laid out by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska under the direction of the Grand Master.

On September 27, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Hickman Lodge No. 256 in Lincoln to move their charter on October 7, 2016, to the Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite building for the purpose of opening lodge for the rededication.

On October 6, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Shiloh Lodge No. 327 in Omaha to move their charter on January 14, 2017, to the Omaha Valley Scottish Rite building for the purpose of holding the installation of officers.

On October 10, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 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 11, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 in Chappell to permanently move their charter to the lodge building in Oshkosh for the purpose of moving the location of the lodge after sale of the lodge building in Chappell.

On October 13, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to move their charter on October 24, 2016, to Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City for the purpose of conferring a Entered Apprentice degree.

On November 11, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to move their charter on November 22, 2016, to Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City for the purpose of conferring a Fellow Craft degree while the lodge building in Walthill was being repaired.

On November 29, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to move their charter on December 14, 2016, to Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City for the purpose of conferring a Master Mason degree.

On December 8, 2016, under the provisions of Section 2-502, I granted permission to Miloma Lodge No. 328 in Omaha to move their charter on January 14, 2017, to the lodge building located at 101 W Centennial Road in Papillion, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding an installation of officers.

On December 9, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to Tehama Shrine and the Hastings Scottish Rite to obtain a list of names and contact information for members in central Nebraska for the purpose of sending information for membership for the coming year.

On December 28, 2016, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to permit Fairbury Lodge No. 35 in Fairbury to elect their 2017 officers out of time.

On December 28, 2016, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to Sesostri Shrine to obtain a list of names and contact information for Masters and

Wardens of select subordinate lodges for the purpose of sending information about the 2017 Grand Master’s Dinner.

On January 4, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Fidelity Lodge No. 51 in David City to install their 2017 Officers out of time.

On January 9, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in Lincoln to install their 2017 Treasurer out of time.

On January 9, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Springfield Lodge No. 112 in Springfield to install their 2017 Junior Steward out of time.

On January 9, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill to install their 2017 Junior Warden and Tyler out of time.

On January 11, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Florence Lodge No. 281 in Omaha to install their 2017 Chaplain, Senior Warden, Senior Deacon and Marshal out of time.

On January 15, 2017, pursuant to Sections 2-704 and 2-612, I granted permission to Grand Junior Warden Bob Moninger to obtain a list of names and contact information for the 2017 Junior and Senior Wardens of subordinate lodges for the purpose of inviting them to the Wardens meeting at Annual Communication.

On January 19, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Nebraska City to install their 2017 Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward and Tyler x out of time.

On January 19, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha to install their 2017 Chaplain, Senior Steward and Tyler out of time.

On January 19, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln to install their 2017 Junior Steward out of time.

On January 19, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Mt Moriah Lodge No. 57 in Syracuse to install their 2017 Senior Warden out of time.

On January 19, 2017, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit Custer Lodge No. 148 in Broken Bow to install their 2017 Senior Deacon out of time.

On January 19, 2017, I granted dispensation pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 1(c) of the Constitution to permit East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to elect their 2017 Worshipful Master out of time, and furthermore, I granted dispensation waiving the provisions of Section 2-312 to permit East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 in Lincoln to install their 2017 Worshipful Master 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.

- March 3, 2016.....Stephen J. BensonScotts Bluff Lodge No. 201
- April 6, 2016.....Peter L. Hines Fremont Lodge No. 15
- June 9, 2016.....Donald C. Kane..... John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
- July 12, 2016.....Joshua J. Brown York Lodge No. 56

July 25, 2016.....Philip G. Stineman..... Hickman Lodge No. 256
 August 12, 2016.....John L. Kincaid.....Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
 August 19, 2016.....Merle E. Andersen Washington Lodge No. 21
 September 21, 2016Donald B. Hilton.....Omadi Lodge No. 5
 October 13, 2016Edward L. Stepanek..... John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
 October 13, 2016Cory E. Wheeler Comet Lodge No. 229
 November 17, 2016Robert W. Watson.....Nebraska Lodge No. 1
 January 25, 2017.....Steve L. DoranSpringfield Lodge No. 112
 January 25, 2017.....John Nootz Lone Tree Lodge No. 36

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

In the matter of a Trial Commission for a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, as provided in Section 3-801 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, I determined that a stay of the proceedings was necessary and ordered that a new trial be held. A new trial commission was appointed and the individual found guilty by the Commission and sentenced to an indefinite period of not less than six months in length and continuing until restitution is paid and application for reinstatement made to the lodge.

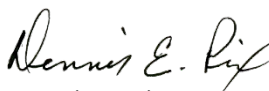
I would like to thank the members of the appointed Trial Commissions for their service to the fraternity in these matters.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The following waivers of jurisdiction were granted:

- March 15, 2016.....Grant Anderson – Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa
- September 27, 2016Bruce D. Smith – Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Iowa

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis E. Rix
Grand Master

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

Grand Master Rix asked Most Worshipful Scott Krieger, Grand Custodian, to present his report.

The printed report is as follows:

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.

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 any 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 groundwork of this organization. We all can see the results of making Masonry easier for our new members over the last twenty or thirty years. It has had a devastating negative effect. We need to work toward the reinstatement of the question and answers used years ago for a proficiency examination in all the lodges. We find by lowering the bar for the new candidates that is all the effort they will put into the lodge. With the help of the Committee on Nebraska Work, we will turn this great fraternity around.

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 2016, we had 49 of the 128 lodges in Nebraska currently fully certified, and 28 lodges certified in open and close only. The lodges are as follows. The lodges marked with an asterisk denote those lodges certified in open and close only.

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Nebraska	1	Omaha	*
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	59
Omadi	5	S Sioux City	67
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	93
Solomon	10	Ft Calhoun	62
Covert	11	Omaha	47
Fremont	15	Fremont	86
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	82
Washington	21	Blair	28
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	63
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	65
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	*
Lone Tree	36	Central City	*
Papillion	39	Papillion	10
Northern Light	41	Stanton	*
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	71
Hastings	50	Hastings	93
Hiram	52	Arlington	*
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	95
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	*
Mt Moriah	57	Syracuse	*
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	92
Keystone	62	Phillips	61
Osceola	65	Osceola	14
Aurora	68	Aurora	*
Hooper	72	Hooper	92

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	66
Albion	78	Albion	26
Geneva	79	Geneva	41
St Paul	82	St Paul	*
Corinthian	83	Wayne	*
Utica	96	Utica	88
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	86
Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	66
Springfield	112	Springfield	*
North Bend	119	North Bend	58
Superior	121	Superior	Initial
Long Pine	136	Long Pine	Initial
Jachin	146	Holdrege	59
Custer	148	Broken Bow	73
Alliance	183	Alliance	72
Bee Hive	184	Omaha	*
Highland	194	Cortland	*
Arcana	195	Gordon	Initial
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	83
Magnolia	220	Emerson	*
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	61
Landmark	222	Herman	*
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	37
North Star	227	Lincoln	84
Comet	229	Ceresco	64
Zion	234	Hyannis	*

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
George Washington	250	Lincoln	*
Wausa	251	Wausa	*
Hickman	256	Lincoln	29
Franklin	264	Franklin	*
Robert W Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	*
George W Lininger	268	Omaha	*
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	8
Florence	281	Omaha	Initial
Union	287	Palmyra	*
Omaha	288	Omaha	*
John J Mercer	290	Omaha	85
Cotner	297	Lincoln	76

Lodge Name	No	City	Years
Liberty	300	Lincoln	68
Mizpah	302	Omaha	67
Newman Grove	305	Newman Grove	*
Victory	310	Valley	67
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	93
Mid-West	317	Hastings	69
College View	320	Lincoln	*
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	5
Centennial	326	Omaha	*
Shiloh	327	Omaha	52
Miloma	328	Omaha	*
Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	9

We have 23 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 57 brothers who recertified in all three degrees in 2016.

We have 18 brethren who are newly certified in our Grand jurisdiction; and 9 brethren who are newly certified in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. I want to also thank them for all the hard work they put into learning the work correctly.

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

- District 1 - Roy L Smith, Plattsmouth
- District 2 - Charles J Odorizzi III, Omaha
- District 3 - Anthony T Johnson, Bellevue
- District 4 - Brian K Sandall, Blair
- District 5 - Michael E Tomasiewicz, Tekamah
- District 6 - Kent L Neumann, Bancroft
- District 7 - John L Brommer, Omaha
- District 8 - John C Sierks, Brownville
- District 9 - Jonathan L Paz, Papillion
- District 10 - Steven A Green, Lincoln
- District 11 - Suman Vallabhghai, Lincoln
- District 12 - Albert A Wise, Geneva
- District 13 - Carl C Plants, Lincoln
- District 14 - John L Millington, Raymond
- District 15 - Randall L Hart, Tekamah
- District 16 - Alvin O Benemerito, Long Pine
- District 17 - Roger A Deininger, Hastings
- District 18 - Patrick D Barger, Lincoln
- District 19 - Dean Papenhagen, Hastings

- District 20 - Kent R Millington, Raymond
- District 21 - Wayne E Beatty, Stromsburg
- District 22 - Tyler S Loontjer, Bellevue
- District 23 - James A Carlton, Bellevue
- District 24 - Delmar A Jones, Kearney
- District 25 - Philip E Darby Jr, Elwood
- District 26 - Arthur J Ferguson, Wood Lake
- District 27 - Bill Lichtenberger, Callaway
- District 28 - Bradley M Dutton, Alliance
- District 29 - Leslie A Evert, Gordon
- District 29 - Joel W Zilmer, Alliance
- District 30 - Richard H Cooper, Morrill
- District 30 - John B Ferguson, Kimball
- District 31 - Corey L Bergstrom, Sidney
- District 32 - Roger L Shillington, Max
- District 33 - Kent D Priest, North Platte
- District 34 - Brent Myers, Lincoln
- District 35 - Edward W Nolte, Papillion

Sadly, Bill Lichtenberger, who faithfully served the Grand Lodge as a Deputy Grand Custodian since 2003, passed to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, in December 2016. Bill's presence will be missed in central Nebraska and beyond. I would like to thank each and every one of the Deputy Grand Custodians 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 has been for the last three hundred years. 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 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.

Michael G Birnstihl
Arthur S Dye
Kenneth G Fleming
Richard L Mauch

Ralph E McNulty
Harold C Mueksch
Harold W Noble
Augustine S Scolaro

Eugene C Sibley
James R Taylor

In 2016, the following Deputy Grand Custodians Emeriti also passed to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens: Glenn W. Binder, Richard W. Linnemeyer and Vincent L. Rosenberger. We are grateful for their many years of service to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The annual custodian school was held this year in Kearney at Rob Morris Lodge on November 5, 2016. We continue to have a fair turnout at the school but need to stress that all DGC's should plan to attend. I believe 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 is.

I would like to take a moment to thank Most Worshipful Brother Dennis Rix 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 Rob Morris Lodge and all of the brethren who have made it possible for us to hold our annual Custodian School at the Kearney Masonic Center. A special thank you must go to Worshipful Brothers Delmar Jones and Ron Nielsen for all their help with the school. I know I speak for all the brethren when I say that we certainly appreciate your hospitality.

The following were in attendance at the Annual Custodian School this year: RW Patrick Barger, WB Michael Tomasiewicz, WB Kent Neumann, Kevin Johnson, WB A.J. Johnson, WB Ed Nolte, WB James Michaelson, WB Delmar Jones, WB Dean Papenhagen, WB Charles Monter, WB Mark Turner, WB Jeffrey Merriman, WB Scott Emmett, WB Brent Myers, WB Charlie Odorizzi, WB Jim Carlton, WB Tyler Loontjer, WB Roger Deininger, WB John Brommer, WB Tom Lagerstrom, WB Albert Wise, WB Mark Miller, WB Carl Plants, WB Jonathan Paz, WB Ron Nielsen, WB Frank Veverka, and WB John Dimon.

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 a 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. If you have questions concerning this please call me.
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.

PRESENTATION OF DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS, APPRENTICES AND EMERITI

The Deputy Grand Custodians, Apprentices and Emeriti present were organized and brought to the East for individual introduction. The Deputy Grand Master covered while the Grand Master greeted the Deputy Grand Custodians. Most Worshipful Scott Krieger thanked R.:W.: Patrick Barger for his work in starting the proficiency classes in recent years, thus allowing the number of Deputy Grand Custodians to increase throughout the state.

Grand Master Rix and Past Grand Master Krieger thanked the Deputy Grand Custodians for their work in the lodges.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS AND PRESENTATION OF APRONS

Most Worshipful Scott Krieger introduced the following newly appointed Deputy Grand Custodians and presented them with their DGC aprons:

Tyler S. Loontjer, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha
Alvin O. Benemerito, Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine
Jonathan L. Paz, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
John B. Ferguson, James L. Eatmon Lodge No. 294, Kimball
Corey L. Bergstrom, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney
Michael E. Tomasiewicz, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha
Kent L. Neumann, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill
John L. Millington, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
Kent R. Millington, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
James A. Carlton, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
Brent Myers, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Bradley M. Dutton, Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance
Joel W. Zilmer, Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance

INTRODUCTION OF THE GRAND LODGE COLLEGE OF RITUAL INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENCY GRADUATES AND DIPLOMA PRESENTATIONS

Right Worshipful Barger announced the instructors of the proficiency classes in 2016: Tyler S. Loontjer, Omaha; Roger A. Deininger, Hastings; Corey L. Bergstrom, Sidney; Brent Myers, Lincoln; and Michael Tomasiewicz, Wayne.

The following members of the 2016 graduating class for the proficiency course were introduced and congratulated for their accomplishment:

S. Hal Cottrell, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
John C. Cramer, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
Bernard F. Hauber, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
Jerry L. Raikes, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln
Stephen C. Kennedy, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville
Thomas J. Lagerstrom, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln
Daniel J. Marr, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion
Charles E. Sohm, Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue
Alexander F. Straatmann, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney
Matthew W. Vandergriff, Shiloh Lodge No. 327, Omaha
Brenton E. VanPatten, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport
Mark K. Westadt, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha

Right Worshipful Patrick Barger encouraged all those present who were not already certified to sign up to attend the proficiency classes in 2017.

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 By-laws of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Nebraska, specifically, **Article II of the Constitution** as it addresses who is considered a voting member of the Grand Lodge.

Article II currently reads as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplin, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Tyler, and if appointed Grand Musician, with such other officers as it may time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or their proxy, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; provided however, no member shall hold more than two proxies for any and all subordinate lodges of which he is a member, and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges. So that when amended, it will read as follows, with the new language bold and italicized:

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplin, Grand Historian, Grand

Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Tyler, and if appointed Grand Musician, with such other officers as it may time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or their proxy, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; provided however, no member shall hold more than two proxies for any and all subordinate lodges of which he is a member, and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges. ***Past Masters of subordinate lodges shall also be considered members of the Grand Lodge when they are present at Grand Lodge so long as they have not missed the preceding two year's Grand Lodge sessions. Past Masters considered members of Grand Lodge will not be authorized to designate a proxy.***

Rationale: The amendment if approved would have multiple purposes. First, it will allow those individuals that have served the craft in their subordinate lodges to have a voice during grand lodge regardless of whether they have a proxy. Second, this amendment should encourage members to attend the annual communication. Currently numerous other Grand Jurisdictions have similar rules in place.

Resolution No. 2

This proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, specifically, **Section 1-101 (Annual Communications)** is respectfully offered for the consideration by the Brethren and the Grand Lodge.

Section 1-101 currently reads:

Sec. 1-101 -ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS - The stated Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the first Friday of February, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

So that when amended it will read as follows:

Sec. 1-101 -ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS - The stated Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the newly elected Grand Senior Warden for his probable term as Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, ***beginning on the first Friday of February any Friday in October, commencing in 2021***, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven subordinate lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

Rationale: Grand Lodge has been held in February since 1988. On multiple occasions there has been inclement weather which impacts the ability of our members and guests to attend our Grand Lodge. By moving Grand Lodge to any Friday in October following Labor Day removes the inclement weather as a barrier to attending Grand Lodge.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.:W.:B.: Grand Master Rix asked R.:W.:B.: Rick Myers for his Address in anticipation of serving as Grand Master in 2018.

Deputy Grand Master Myers addressed the brethren, thanking them for their confidence in him to serve as Grand Master.

“Most Worshipful Dennis, to you and my fellow officers of 2016, thank you. Your commitment individually and collectively has obviously benefitted the Craft. Your collective leadership of the Grand Lodge has made a difference in our Craft, I believe, during 2016. We’ve provided support to constituent lodges. We’ve been active in community events and cornerstones and in dedications whenever it was possible to do so. We’ve been part of many appendant body activities. In two weeks, when the Grand Masters of the world come to Nebraska, I think they will be duly impressed by the spirit of unity and working together that we have between the Shrine, the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite, York Rite and all of the appendant bodies. Most importantly, as was made clear in our band committee report, I think the current officers in Grand Lodge during the last year made a positive difference to the youth of our communities. I’m grateful to have been a small part of your team, Most Worshipful, and I appreciate that opportunity. And now as expected, I turn my sights toward the future and 2017.

My view and hope is that we vastly increase the workload and the assignments of those who have been elected and appointed as Grand Lodge officers. I’ve told these gentlemen that the days of having a pretty collar and nothing to do have ended. Each of our Grand Lodge officers have been given assignments to liaise with appendant bodies so that each and every of the appendant bodies in Nebraska have an assigned Grand Lodge officer during the coming year to make sure that Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges participate fully in the activities of our appendant bodies, and likewise, that we know when their events are scheduled. Starting soon during 2017, all of the important calendar dates of those appendant bodies will be on the Grand Lodge calendar so that you can access it by the Grand Lodge web site and find out when everything is going on in Nebraska in one easy place.

Our goal is to strengthen and improve our most excellent relationship with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Most Worshipful Rodney Wheeler, Prince Hall Grand Master, and I have started our conversations on how we can find a way to increase a great number of mutual activities, mutual degree work. We have the honor this year of hosting the joint event between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and our Grand Lodge, but we want to find ways to have social events together, to have degree work together and to reemerge as the shining star of mutual recognition, and we look forward to that, Most Worshipful.

My officers and I in 2017 hope to shine a light on the fraternal activities that provide an opportunity for fellowship. I saw the other day an interesting quotation by a fellow, he said, ‘You know, you can’t really experience fellowship sitting on a couch in your TV room. You’ve got to find a way to get together with your brothers and your fellows.’ Too few of us attend lodge meetings. Too few of us have lodge meetings where fellowship actually exists. I

don't consider fellowship to be listening to the minutes being read and voting on the bills being paid. So we want to find ways to encourage each and every one of us as brother Masons and each and every one of our constituent lodges to increase the opportunities for true fellowship. One could call it fun and frivolity. I think of it as opportunities to engage in fellowship with my brothers.

So on March 4th, we have A Time with the Ladies. I have found Most Worshipful Bruce Baker typical of many of you in this room who have consistently read of the March 4th Time with the Ladies event but have somehow failed to convey this information to his spouse. Last night I took on that duty for Brother Baker and now his wife is fully informed. On March 4th, if you are within six or seven hundred miles of Omaha, whether it be in South Dakota, Colorado or wherever, we're inviting every brother Mason to come to Omaha Valley Scottish Rite for A Time with the Ladies. Much like Most Worshipful Reno did when he was Grand Master, it's just a social event. We're going to have four masseuses. I'm getting a massage; I know my lady is. There are two people who will do facials. Brother Moninger and several others are interested in that. Then there are two ladies to put on make up, professionally, for those ladies. After a little bit of poker for the guys and some open bar activity where I understand there will actually be scotch served by someone. Then we're going to have a marvelous filet mignon and salmon dinner in tuxes, formals and dark suits otherwise if that's comfortable, followed by some musical entertainment from the Midland University Cleft Dwellers in the auditorium. It's date night in Omaha. So please don't be the one whose wife says, 'How come I didn't hear about it?' You can sign up on the Grand Lodge web site. It's \$35 a person for dinner and entertainment and shortly we'll send off an email blast about the scheduling link to sign up for spa services for you and your lady. I hope you can come.

We're going to have two sets of area meetings, town hall meetings if you will. Not merely legislative, but as Right Worshipful Brother Patrick and I discussed with the 2017 Masters yesterday, we're going to have each of the Grand Lodge officers host an area meeting twice during the year so that geographically there will be a meeting for each of five or six lodges in the same geographic area. It will be a listening post opportunity for the Grand Lodge to hear what you have to say about your relationship with the Grand Lodge, about what we can help you do to make your lodge thrive and what we can all do to improve the craft in Masonry. So we hope you offer to be a host. Right Worshipful Brother Bob Moninger is in charge of that program. He's looking for hosts in those geographic areas to let five or six lodges come to your lodge and join for that activity, hosted by a Grand Lodge officer, and let us have a listening post to you. Then in the fall we'll do it again. We'll add the rather robust legislative agenda I anticipate. But, again, the real important part is to hear what you have to say to us.

June 24th through the 30th is basically a week, during which, Worshipful Brother Stephen Kennedy has agreed to organize a Grand Master's Road Trip. It's an opportunity for those of us that like to ride two- and three-wheel transportation to do so at a wonderful time of the year. We're going to be followed by as many vintage automobiles from the Shrine vintage automobiles groups as we can find, and behind that will be other vehicles of other types. I'm hopeful that we will have something like 100-150 motorcycles leading the pack and we'll try to slow down so that the vintage cars can catch up with us. We

leave at either Waterloo 102 where I was raised in Elkhorn and we end up at the Children's Home in Fremont, or its reverse. Stephen is preparing a map. We're going to try to get to or near every lodge in Nebraska during that trip. You can participate for \$40. Five dollars buys you a disgustingly cheap t-shirt and the remaining money will go half to Masonic Relief and half to the Nebraska Endowment Fund. The idea is social, not ritual. We're going to see if we can contact every Mason in Nebraska and their families. We'll do meals at lodges and coffee at lodges and just have fun. Along the way we'll go down the Dismal, I hope, and some really pretty rides and just enjoy ourselves. So hop on in Plainview and get off in Valentine. Hop on in Fremont and get off in Fremont. Just join us the 24th through the 30th. Stephen will be looking for hosts along the way of his map and, there will be more to come on registration.

Most Worshipful Brother Dean Skokan has agreed to organize what I call a 'Shoot 'Em Up and Blow Things Apart' event. The event that used to happen in Doniphan faded by the wayside but I'm a fan of long guns, short guns, and things that go bang, as is my wife. So Dean has agreed to organize an event, and this will involve long guns, short guns, pistols, rifles, skeet, trap; you can bring a steward's rod if you want to. But the point is we're going to get together. My wife likes to shoot things and John Ferguson's wife is going to challenge her to a competition and we're going to blow some things up and have some fun and have a social activity. The date is going to be figured out in June.

September is the traditional golf tournament in eastern Nebraska which raises money for the three charities as we saw the other night. I like to play golf, but I hope you'll come even if you don't. We can have some social time together and raise some money.

We are continuing what I think are two marvelous programs started by Most Worshipful Dennis. The first one is the passport visitation program. One of the great joys of being a Grand Lodge officer is to visit other lodges and not just meet the guys that belong to those lodges but also to see how they do things different so that I can suggest improvements for my own lodges from what I see. The passport program encourages your lodge to visit other lodges. But in some occasions you couldn't find the passport because somebody else had it and they forgot to print it back or two guys in the same week wanted to go visit a lodge. So the Masters who were present yesterday with Right Worshipful Patrick and I received a new passport book. Each lodge gets one and the others we'll have to mail for the lodges that weren't there yesterday. The passport book will stay with the lodge secretary and in it are pages that can be taken out loosely. So if you're going to visit another lodge, you take the loose leaf page with you. That page is signed by the visiting lodge's secretary, sealed and then you bring it back and it's inserted back into the book. Those pages are downloadable for nothing from the Grand Lodge web site in Secretary Resources. So we want to continue to encourage visitations and hope that will provide help to your lodge as well as the other lodges.

The ritual competition, such a marvelous idea I take no credit for, will be continued for 2017. We're going to add a twist to it. We're not only doing the next logical competition, which is the 2nd Section of the Master's Degree and the winner of that competition will be again be asked to have the reward of appearing before a couple hundred of their colleagues and present that 2nd

Section, but also we're going to add a competition for Best Performance by a Ruffian. This need not be a person who is on the winning team. It could be a person who is on any team. It could be a first, a second or a third craftsmen, but I think the word is I've heard from Ainsworth at least, wax up your moustache, gird your loins and prepare for a good competition. There are a number of people who want to join that and I think a special award for a ruffian will add a little to the fun and the fellowship. We want to encourage everyone to form a team. The rules are not going to be different, form a team with your lodge or neighboring lodges and enter the competition.

My wife and I designed a pin for 2017 which my officers will have available to distribute on their visitations. It has two phrases upon the pin. One is 'Traveling Together' and the other is 'The Power of Brotherhood.' Traveling Together is intended to remind me and hopefully you that we are, as brothers, traveling together on the level and the fact that I have a gold collar and you don't doesn't change that. The Grand Lodge, each constituent lodge, every brother is of the same degree. As the installation program says, we are descendants from the same stock. We are on the same path toward that house not made with hands. We need to remember our station is no higher than our brothers, though elevated for a time to its particular office. The second of those phrases is The Power of Brotherhood. I'm a joiner. I joined this Fraternity and I've loved belonging to it because I've enjoyed the support of my brothers. I've come to recognize that that brotherhood is a very powerful force. We're bound together in friendship. We're bound by obligation to help each other. It makes us part of something much bigger than ourselves and our instant families, to improve ourselves as men and to enjoy our company. And so I hope by that pin when you see the phrase, The Power of Brotherhood, you will remember how much you create in that power with your fellow man, your brother Mason. May they be a reminder of each of us to our commitment to each other.

In 2017, the Grand Lodge will attempt to reemerge as a resource to help lodges succeed. I perceive it as our most important duty. We only have two duties, as I see it, as a Grand Lodge. One is to charter and maintain the charters of constituent lodges. But the much more important duty is to be of some relevance in encouraging the success of constituent lodges. We will encourage events to be held by your lodges, to help feature the opportunity for fellowship, and at the end of 2017 it will be my goal and hopefully that of my officers to look back and, with you, say, 'That was a good year for Masonry. I'm glad I was along for the ride.'

This afternoon at 4 o'clock we will have our installation and I hope you will attend that. Dinner follows. I am told that the hospitality room follows dinner; it better. I have remained celibate and dry this weekend. I will end that vigil later tonight.

The 161st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Most Worshipful Ancient and Accepted Freemasons of Nebraska will be held at the Younes Center right here in Kearney on February 1-3, 2018. Please stop by and see Michelle to volunteer to serve at the Conference of Grand Masters."

Gentlemen, it is my high honor to look forward to my installation and to being with you during the ensuing year.

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.: Rick Myers and North Bend Lodge No. 119.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary

It is a privilege to once again present my report as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge continues to benefit from the talents of our outstanding staff. Debbie Galli completed the design of a new interface software training program. Lodge secretaries can now directly enter and report degree work, address changes, and related member information on our membership data base. The program is designed so that the provided information can be used to generate many of the secretary reports. It also can be used in other applications, such as the creation of lodge dues billing statements. Several secretaries are using the software, and there will be a comprehensive training session as part of the Secretaries workshop. The goal of this application is to give secretaries a tool to perform their duties in an efficient manner, particularly when information now only has to be entered once.

Michelle Fulmer continues her outstanding work as our Office Manager, including her extensive work with the Masonic All-Star Band Camp; Nebraska CHIP; and our various charities. Michelle has also been active in the planning for the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America which will be held in La Vista the third week of February. I continue to be impressed with her ability to multi-task the varied responsibilities of her position. During the Grand Lodge Session, please take a moment to express your appreciation to both Debbie and Michelle.

This summer saw the Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star move their offices into the second story office suite of the Grand Lodge Building. The Grand Lodge is pleased to have the Grand Chapter using part of our facility. This move was the result of the work of members of both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, and is a tangible example of the unity which the Masonic fraternity enjoys throughout Nebraska.

We continue to maintain the Grand Lodge Building, and in 2016 we were fortunate not to have to undertake any significant projects. Several meetings were held during the early part of the year to better define the roles of the Grand Lodge and the Nebraska Masonic Endowment Fund in the operation of the Grand Lodge Building. As a result of these meetings, we have an agreed understanding of responsibilities which will result in better management of our facility.

In addition to lodge visitations and Grand Lodge-related meetings throughout the state, I attended several cornerstone ceremonies this past year. I attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries in Madison, Wisconsin, and was pleased to represent the Grand Master at several events and presentations. I also continued to serve on several Grand Lodge committees in my position as Grand Secretary.

Since the writing of my last report, Phil Edwards, the long-time secretary of Centennial Lodge No. 326 became a member of the celestial Lodge. Phil was a dedicated Mason and a wonderful example of how a local lodge secretary can perform his duties with honor and dedication.

Merl Core held the office of secretary for Florence Lodge No. 281 from January, 2014 until he also became a member of the celestial Lodge in August, 2016.

My report would not be complete without thanking each lodge secretary for your service to your lodge. I congratulate Kent Neumann, Secretary of Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 in Walthill being selected as Secretary of the Year for 2016. The work of all of the lodge secretaries is essential to the wellbeing of the lodges and, while often taken for granted, is appreciated. The Grand Lodge annually recognizes the diligence of lodge secretaries who timely file their reports and participate in Grand Lodge. The secretaries receiving this Certificate of Achievement for 2016 were:

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| Jay H. Speck, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 | Byron L. Hust, Purity Lodge No. 198 |
| Robert L. Ferguson, Falls City Lodge No. 9 | Dick L. Hemmingsen, Plainview Lodge No. 204 |
| Larry Jirsak, Fremont Lodge No. 15 | Harry E. Sage, Jr., Wausa Lodge No. 251 |
| Charles A. Burk, Lincoln Lodge No. 19 | Olin D. Boone, Hickman Lodge No. 256 |
| Dennis D. Coufal, Acacia Lodge No. 34 | Dennis D. Dubry, Robert W Fumas Lodge No. 265 |
| Philip E. Foulk, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 | Kent L. Neumann, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 |
| Steve E. Carriker, Harvard Lodge No. 44 | Ralph J. Riemann, Cotner Lodge No. 297 |
| Thomas R. Frech, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 | Brent Myers, Liberty Lodge No. 300 |
| Mervin E. Ransom, Jr., Osceola Lodge No. 65 | Dan J. Nonneman, Mid-West Lodge No. 317 |
| Daniel G. Aspegren, Geneva Lodge No. 79 | Curtis E. Wolbert, College View Lodge No. 320 |
| Timm O. Waller, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 | James A. Carlton, Bellevue Lodge No. 325 |
| Steve G. Lyne, McCook Lodge No. 135 | Matthew W. Vandergriff, Shiloh Lodge No. 327 |
| Alvin O. Benemerito, Long Pine Lodge No. 136 | Micah I. Evans, Albert Pike Lodge No. 333 |
| Bruce G. Raddatz, Jachin Lodge No. 146 | |

I also report the following statistical information:

Membership longevity awards presented in 2016

50-year 114 60-year..... 119 70-year29

2016 Membership Activity (preliminary)

Number of Lodges	128		
Membership 1/1/2016	10,405		
Entered Apprentices	188		
<u>Fellow Crafts</u>	<u>161</u>		
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Master Masons	182	Demits	21
Affiliations	30	Deceased	321
Duals	21	Suspensions	222
Reinstatements	69	Withdrew	1
Consolidated	131	Termination of duals.....	25
Other	2	Consolidated.....	131
Total Gain	435	Other.....	1
		Total Loss	722
		Membership 12/31/2016	10,118

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

Respectfully submitted,
M.: W. : Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM, 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 2016 Proceedings as printed, including the reports contained therein. The motion was seconded and carried.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED REPORTS

Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn, Grand Secretary, made a motion that the reports of committees not verbally received, as printed and distributed to the delegates, be accepted without reading, and printed in the proceedings. The reports to be approved as printed are:

- Fraternal Relations
- Masonic Education
- Public Relations
- Lodge Leadership
- Membership
- Grievances
- Awards
- Internet and Computer Technology
- East Grand Master’s Activities Committee
- Boy Scouts Outreach
- Necrology – This report was received, but will be adopted here

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



Most Worshipful Reg Kuhn made the following motion:

“I move for approval of all actions taken by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers in the state of Nebraska for the Masonic Year 2016-2017.”

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

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

John T. Parsons, Chairman

There has been very little for the Fraternal Relations Committee to report on this past year. We have not received any requests for recognition from any other jurisdictions. The only item of note is that in October the Grand Master of Oklahoma pulled recognition from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas due to some irregularities in that jurisdiction such as the failure of Arkansas lodges to issue demits to those brethren who wished to transfer their lodge membership to another jurisdiction. This decision by the Grand Master was not upheld by the Oklahoma membership at their annual communication in November. Consequently, full recognition between the two grand lodges has been restored.

Respectfully submitted,
 John T. Parsons, PGM, Chairman, 268, 6
 John B. Ferguson, 294
 Byron L. Hust, 198
 Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM, 317, 332, 33
 Edward W. Nolte, 39
 Ex-Officio: Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM, 134 & 19

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman

This year the Nebraska Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee revised the “To Light” section in the quarterly Nebraska Mason newsletter sent to all Masons in Nebraska. This section is tied to the Nebraska Grand Lodge Education web site. A short summary of the article appears in the newsletter as a teaser, with the full article made available on the web site. Answers to the quiz in the “To Light” section are also located on the web site. The web site also contains an archives of previous “To Light” sections. This allows for more content using the same space and also increases the variety of articles. Ninety percent of the articles are produced one year in advance.

The Grand Lodge web site was redesigned and re-launched in 2015. In addition, the Grand Lodge Education web site has been redesigned and re-launched. The web site logo banner has been created and released.

This year marked the end of the spring and fall Education Symposiums. The lack of participation was the primary reason. These were presented in three locations. The committee is now examining several other technologies to be utilized to present these session via internet or smart phones.

The Masonic Education Breakfast presented at the Annual Communication continues to be successful. A high quality education presentation is presented on the last day of the Annual Communication and continues to bring in high attendance. The book recommendations continue to be popular. A partnership with Macoy Publishing, and since they are now carrying Lewis Books, has increased the titles available.

The Nebraska Monitor (The non-esoteric parts of the ritual) is now available in PDF and Kindle formats. Also, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge are available electronically on the Grand Lodge web site.

A Handbook for a newly raised Mason has been written by the committee. This PDF is sent from the Grand Lodge with a congratulations letter to a new Brother.

A monthly “To Light Minute” education presentation continues to be sent to the subordinate Lodges to be read in the monthly business meeting. This year the format has been changed to be more attractive and an attempt to make it more interesting. The theme “So What” was introduced to make the members attending the monthly business meeting think about the information presented. It concludes with a set of questions for discussion following the meeting. Also, a teaser for the next month’s presentation is added to raise interest in the articles.

The Nebraska Masonic Education Lodge (St Johns Lodge No. 331) continues to draw both attendees and presenters. Members of this Lodge share a desire to pursue more light in Masonry. Dues are rather inexpensive and there are only two meetings a year. The meetings include papers presented by members and, of course, no Masonic gathering would be complete without a meal. Any member of the committee will be happy to give Masons more information and instruction on how to join.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis H. Brydl, Chairman, 287, 314, 332
Thomas L. Hauder, PGM, 332
W. Larry Jacobsen, 327
Jonathan L. Paz, 39, 268
Adam M. Thayer, 54, 38
Ad Hoc Members:
William H. Miller, 325
Dan J. Nonneman, 317
James M. Stull, 332, 54, 38, 96
Michael J. Webb, 46

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Micah I. Evans, Chairman

Nebraska’s Masons and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska continue to receive media coverage throughout the year, including cornerstone ceremonies at the Jackson Dinsdale Art Center in Hastings, Tehama Shrine Golf Tournament, Scottish Rite RiteCare Classic Golf Tournament, and other philanthropic events.

Our continued goal is to reinvigorate the Public Relations Committee’s mission and reach several milestones in the coming year.

The committee has several goals in 2017:

1. Create inexpensive, short videos of welcome, news, congratulations, or other topics. These videos may be uploaded at no cost to hosting sites like Vimeo or YouTube, and sent to the membership or potential members through the Lodge Secretaries. Because the production is inexpensive, the videos may be replaced or updated as necessary.
2. Encourage Lodges to reach out to media about incoming officers’ installations, CHIP events, 50-year pin presentations, scholarships, or other news, the Public Relations committee recommends that appropriate criteria, awarding points toward the Gold Pan or Rock Maul awards. This may include keeping websites up-to-date with current information or effectively using social media pages.
3. Develop a social media policy for the use and benefit of Nebraska Lodges. In light of controversial events in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, a policy will essentially instruct members to “govern themselves accordingly” in public posts,

which may inflame opinions without accomplishing anything or reflect poorly on Freemasonry and Freemasons in Nebraska.

4. Encourage Lodges to establish a social media – Facebook or Twitter – page. An educational forum can be held around the state to help Lodges who may not know how to establish a page or keep it up-to-date.
5. Expand the Grand Lodge of Nebraska’s subscription to e-mails, which can be sent at minimal cost (based on the number of e-mails in the database). The onus of subscribing is on the members themselves, rather than Grand Lodge, in the interest of time and work. Monthly e-mails can be sent with information, news, updates and inform members of events in a timely manner.
6. A monthly Grand Lodge trivia contest via an e-newsletter or social media pages would help generate interest and attention in Grand Lodge videos, e-newsletters, or social media pages. Such questions might include “What year was John Mercer Grand Master?” or “Name three Lodges named after people in Nebraska.”

These goals continue to be modest but may have a large impact across Nebraska. The committee believes they are achievable, and we anticipate reporting favorably on the status by the next Annual Communication.

Respectively submitted
 Micah I. Evans, 281, 268 & 333
 Brett R. Bennett, 6
 Edward W. Bennett, 61
 Brent R. Elder, 227
 John A. Hardy, 102
 John R. Corsaro, 268

REPORT OF THE LODGE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

John R. Fairlie, Chairman

The Lodge Leadership Committee met this year at both the Spring All Committee Meeting and the Fall All Committee Meeting, both held in Fremont.

Pursuant to Section 2-207 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the committee also met with a number of lodges considering consolidations. Completed consolidations are reported elsewhere in the 2017 Annual Communication materials.

The increased consolidation activity this year should be a cause of concern to all. We must more effectively identify and engage struggling lodges before they reach the point of desiring or requiring consolidation or extinction. By the time the Lodge Leadership Committee gets involved, it is usually too late to save a struggling lodge.

Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2 proposes to amend Section 2-207 to transfer responsibility for meeting with subordinate lodges considering consolidation from this committee to the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative. This is intended to allow the Lodge Leadership Committee more time to focus on lodge leadership. We support this recommendation.

Regardless of the vote on this legislation, it is the intent of the committee to focus on connecting lodges and their officers with programs and resources to enhance the skills of our lodge leaders and strengthen our lodges. A major part of this will involve increasing the visibility and usage of that which is already in place and available for use.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Schapp, Chairman, 327
Olin D. Boone, 256
James J. Jones, 284
Richard J. Ray, 119
Eric D. VanSky, 325
Curtis E. Wolbert, Ad Hoc, 320
Matthew P. Walch, Ad Hoc, 1

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jeffrey M. Coleman, Chairman

The past two years the membership committee explored the idea of a Masonic club or lodge at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The effort was not successful due to little interest by the membership. The effort did result in a few new members being raised in Lincoln lodges. The process was worthwhile because it resulted in several discussions about a college specific lodge and member opinions on the subject.

The committee published an elevator speech this year and hopefully the membership can utilize the speech when asked about Freemasonry. We also submitted a letter to be published in the Nebraska Mason concerning what do you get out of belonging to our fraternity. The article should also help answer questions about how to respond when asked about the organization. The best answer is why did you join and talk about your experiences and reasons.

A survey for lodges to gauge areas of need or what role the Grand Lodge Membership Committee can play in assisting lodges increase membership in Nebraska was published and sent to the Masters and Secretaries of Nebraska lodges. The responses have been interesting and will be used to assist the committee in developing plans for next year. We would like to thank those who responded to the survey.

The survey illustrated a few areas of improvement for the future: technology and web presence, the role of the lodge membership committee, and understanding of what information is on the Grand Lodge website. Next year the committee will be working on providing tools and information to assist lodges in retaining and recruiting members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Coleman, Chairman, 302, 268
James M. Sklenar, 112
William S. Blocker, 38, 119
Glenn R. Lewis, 39
Ryan J. Thomas, 268

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 2016 year of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

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

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Barry L. Frerichs, Chairman

This committee has, sadly, had a fairly quiet year. We have not received many Individual Masonic Achievement Award applications. Of those received, most were approved, and a few were not. We appreciate every application, and discuss the merits of each individually. We wish we had more of them to consider, as there surely are many brothers across the state who are deserving of recognition for their Masonic achievements, for going above and beyond, or for simply being an outstanding Mason and community member. We highly encourage all Lodge Masters to take a look at the brethren in their lodge and see if any are deserving of this special recognition.

We also want to remind all lodges to fill out their applications at the end of each year for the Rock Maul, Nebraska Pillar and Grand Master's Leadership awards. Every year, we see only a small percentage of lodges submit their paperwork. If for no other reason, a lodge's leadership should go through the requirements and criteria for each, as a reminder or suggestion, as to the actions and activities that are time tested and proven to make their lodge stronger and more relevant for their membership, as well as their community.

We also want to highlight the Gold Pan Award, which is a travelling trophy, and is awarded each year to the lodge which, in the opinion of this committee, has done something extraordinary, something out-of-the-box, something new and innovative, to promote Freemasonry and what it stands for. The guidelines are wide open, relying on the amazing abilities of our brethren to hatch and implement their own ideas.

The committee wishes every lodge a great year, and we hope to read all about it in next year's applications. Remember, your lodge can only win and be recognized if you apply.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Frerichs, Chairman, 136
F. Graham House, 54, 332
Richard W. Jameson, 284
Bryan L. Regier, 234
Kevin O. Scheele, 96, 54

REPORT OF THE INTERNET AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tarl W. Carpenter, Chairman

The server and desktops purchased in March 2010 were replaced in late 2015 and installed during 2016 with the help of James Bowen. As the old server began to fail just before replacement, the proactive purchases proved to be a timely and wise decision. We thank James immensely for his brilliant assistance with the Grand Lodge computer systems.

With changes in the software industry, costs have increased slightly as companies begin moving to online subscription software for items such as Adobe and Microsoft. However, the Grand Lodge office staff and the Internet and Computer Technology Committee remain vigilant in looking for ways to keep costs down, while maintaining a secure and efficient system.

Respectfully submitted,
Tarl W. Carpenter, 62, Chairman
Thomas L. Hauder, 331 & 332
Jonathan L. Paz, 39
James S. Bowen, Ad Hoc, 314

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

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

The 15th Annual Masonic Charities Golf tournament was held at the North Bend Golf course on Monday, September 12, 2016. The tournament saw the most golfers and the highest profits since the tournament's inception in 2002. One hundred and twelve golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of golf. The men of the North Bend Lodge were assisted by brethren of area lodges. The profit of this year's tournament was \$21,125.51 - \$7,041.84 will be given 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, 333, Co-Chair
Karl R. Adamson, 31
Richard E. Gilmore, 268
Del F. Hartung, 15
Peter G. Larson, 11
Dale G. Lueders, 300, 220
Daniel J. Wellendorf, 11, 2268
Beverly Donham, OES
Dee Schuetz, OES

REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OUTREACH COMMITTEE

George L. McMullin, II, Chairman

On behalf of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge I am privileged to make the second annual report of the Masons Supporting Scouting initiative. This Committee began at Most Worshipful Brother John Maxell's request at the first of his year to revive a program initiated by Most Worshipful Brother Tom Hauder that lost traction at the Mid-America Council.

The committee, besides myself, consists of WB Jim Wolfe, WB Paul Rutherford, WB AJ Johnson and Brother Dave Workman who I would like to thank for their assistance and support.

There are three primary purposes of this program. First, to bring scouting and Masons together in Nebraska; second, to provide a conduit through which Lodges (and other Masonic bodies) and scouts can support each other; and lastly, to provide those Lodges and other bodies something to spark increased activity and provide added service opportunities in their community.

The Committee has established continued contact with the Mid-America Council and is currently working on improving contact with Cornhusker Council, Overland Trails Council, and Longs Peak Council, the other three Boy Scout councils that serve the great state of Nebraska.

The committee is aware that some Lodges within the state already support scouting and solicit them to contact us as we work to incorporate their information into our lessons learned to develop a checklist program to make the process of supporting scouting easier.

This year we successfully worked with Mid-America Council to identify Cub Scout Packs in need of chartering partners. Packs in West Omaha and Bellevue are now

chartered to Masonic Lodges. We continue to work on developing scouting needs within the Mid-America Council and hope to expand to the other three councils to be able to match them up with potential Lodges or Masonic bodies within the state that could potentially provide support.

The committee has built on last year's Letter of Congratulations from the Grand Master intended for all new Eagle Scouts in the state. We currently receive the names of Mid-America Council Eagle Scouts and are working with the other three councils to expand the program to all new Eagle Scouts in the state of Nebraska. The committee also manned a booth at the Mid-America Council's University of Scouting which also included attendees from Cornhusker Council. The booth offered information on Masonic organizations (Fremont Home for Children and Plattsmouth Masonic Home) that might be future service project beneficiaries.

In the upcoming year of 2017 we plan to have an improved continuity book established to outline the current program, facilitate consistent processes, and continue to expand it in the future. We also hope to improve contacts with the other three councils and to expand the matching of scouting needs with Lodges and other Masonic bodies. This concludes the report of the Masons Supporting Scouting Committee for the 2016 year.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. McMullin, Chairman, 268
Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson 268
Paul D. Rutherford, 327, 333
James O. Wolfe, 326, 268
David Workman, 184

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 2, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. by M.:W.: Brother Dwight E. Smith, Chairman. The following members were present: Most Worshipful Brothers Steven F. Mattoon, Dean Skokan, Les Seiler, John McHenry and the following Grand Lodge Officers: M.:W.: Dennis E. Rix, Grand Master; R.:W.: Richard D. Myers, Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Patrick D. Barger, Grand Senior Warden; R.:W.: Robert W. Moninger, Grand Junior Warden; M.:W.: Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Secretary; V.:W.: John B. Ferguson, Grand Chaplain; W.: John R. Fairlie, Grand Orator; W.: Dennis H. Brydl, Grand Historian; M.:W.: Scott J. Krieger, Sr., Grand Custodian; W.: Kevin R. Lindly, Grand Marshall, W.: Ronald D. Stites, Grand Senior Deacon; W.: James A. Carlton, Grand Junior Deacon; W.: David A. Wetrosky, Grand Senior Steward; W.: John L. Millington, Grand Junior Steward; W.: Robert C. King, Grand Tyler; W.: Alex F. Straatmann, Personal Representative of the Grand Master, well as Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brothers John T. Parsons, Thomas L. Hauder, John T. Maxell and Joe D. McBride.

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 4, 2016 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 12, 2017 and submitted to the Grand Master an Agenda and Report.

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

On motion by M.:W.: Dean Skokan and seconded by M.:W.: Les Seiler, and carried, Recommendations One and Two were 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.: Steven F. Mattoon and seconded by M.:W.: Dean Skokan, and carried, Resolution One was approved as to form and can be submitted to be balloted upon at this session.

With regard to Review of Changes in Lodge Bylaws approved by the Grand Master and Lodge Consolidations and Extinction, on motion by M.:W.: Dean Skokan, seconded by M.:W.: Les Seiler and carried, the actions were approved.

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

1. On February 29, 2016, proficiency certificates were issued to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 and also to Alliance Lodge No. 183 of Alliance for 2015 although the Lodges had not been certified by a Deputy Grand Custodian for the previous year. On motion by M.:W.: Dean Skokan, Seconded by M.:W.: Les Seiler and carried with M.:W.: Steven Mattoon abstaining, it was determined that this action was not approved but the proficiency certificates issued to the Lodges will remain in effect.
2. On October 11, 2016, the proceedings should reflect that permission was granted to Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 of Chappell to move its Charter to the lodge building in Oshkosh to conduct their regular communication regarding the proposed consolidation with Oshkosh Lodge No. 286 of Oshkosh. On motion by M.:W.: Dean Skokan, seconded by M.:W.: Steven Mattoon and carried, the correction in the proceedings were approved.

On motion by M.:W.: Les Seiler and seconded by M.:W.: Dean Skokan, the other Permissions, Dispensations and Orders were approved.

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

The Committee then proceeded to pass a motion commending Dennis E. Rix 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:

1. As a result of the approval of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1, Article II. Members and Article V. Officers of the Grand Lodge Constitution are amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II.
MEMBERS**

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Senior Steward, Grand Junior Steward, Grand Tyler, Grand Master’s Personal Representative(s), limited to a maximum of three appointed at the discretion of the Grand Master, and, if appointed, Grand Musician, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens and Secretaries or the proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; provided however, no member shall hold more than two proxies for any and all subordinate lodges of which he is a member; and such past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of subordinate lodges.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

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

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

The office of Grand Master’s Personal Representative(s) limited to a maximum of three appointed, if desired.

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

2. As a result of the approval of Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 1. Section 2-207 – Consolidation of Lodges of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

3. As a result of the approval of Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 2, Section 2-605 – Lodge Dues of the Grand Lodge Bylaws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-605 – LODGE DUES – Beginning January 1, 2007, the dues assessed by all chartered subordinate lodges shall be payable on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.

On March 1, of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify in writing each member that is in arrears for dues of the current year of such fact and request payment thereof on or before April 30, of the same year. If such member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand suspended for non-payment of dues upon approval of the Grand Master, and an entry noting said approved suspension shall be made in the minutes of the lodge. Approval of a suspension for non-payment of dues shall be given by the Grand Master upon submission by the lodge of satisfactory evidence of compliance with Section 2-513 of the Bylaws. Subordinate lodges will be responsible for per capita payments of all members listed on any Annual Report of Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues received after June 10. Members listed on Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues reports received after June 10 will not be suspended. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to notify, in writing, each member approved for suspension for non-payment of dues. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when mailed by first class mail to the last known post office address of such suspended individual.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight E. Smith, 286, 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.



Right Worshipful Patrick Barger, was invited to the podium and announced that, as approved at the 159th Annual Communication in 2016, the 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska will be held at the Younes Center in Kearney, Nebraska from January 31 to February 2, 2019.

Grand Master Rix asked R.:W.: Bob Moninger to approach the microphone where Brother Moninger moved for approval to hold the 163rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska in Kearney, Nebraska in February 2020. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

Most Worshipful Dennis Rix instructed the Grand Junior Deacon and Grand Tyler to allow the ladies to enter the lodge room to witness the presentation of the Past Grand Master's apron and jewel.

Grand Master Rix asked Deputy Grand Master Myers to cover. The Past Grand Master's apron was passed to the Past Grand Masters in Most Worshipful Rix's Masonic lineage: Most Worshipful Brothers Don Rasmussen, Dean Skokan, and Bruce Baker. Ken Beebe was unable to attend. M.:W.: Bruce Baker, made the formal presentation of the Past Grand Master's Apron to M.:W.:B.: Dennis E. Rix. As the jewel was being passed along in the same manner, Deputy Grand Master invited the 2016 Grand Lodge officers to the East and asked that Grand Master's Lady Nan be escorted to the East to join M.:W.: Dennis prior to the presentation of the jewel by M.:W.: Baker. The guests and officers were seated prior to the closing.



M.:W.: Dennis Rix returned to the East and ask V.:W.:B.: Grand Chaplain John Ferguson to lead the delegation in a closing prayer.

“Our Heavenly Father, as we part company, may we keep in mind that we are still together in spirit and in purpose. We work for Your great purposes through Masonry so grant us the necessary strength, wisdom and courage to continue our efforts with enthusiasm and creativity. May Your love be the guide in our thoughts and actions now and throughout our lives. Thank You for these exciting days for Masonry and for us personally. Our craft is moving forward with Your help, so grant that we will listen to Your word and that our direction may be right. We ask, Father, that You keep the Frerichs family close to Your heart. Comfort them and be with them through this terrible time. Amen.”

By virtue in the power and authority in him vested as Grand Master, Dennis E. Rix then declared the 160th 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 Fremont Lodge No. 15 and Victory Lodge No. 310.

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Kearney, Nebraska
February 3-4, 2017

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.: W.:	Dennis E. Rix	GRAND MASTER
R.: W.:	Richard D. Myers	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.:	Patrick D. Barger	Grand Senior Warden
R.: W.:	Robert W. Moninger	Grand Junior Warden
M.: W.:	Reginald S. Kuhn, PGM	Grand Secretary
V.: W.:	John B. Ferguson	Grand Chaplain
W.:	John R. Fairlie	Grand Orator
W.:	Dennis H. Brydl	Grand Historian
M.: W.:	Scott J. Krieger, Sr., PGM	Grand Custodian
W.:	Kevin R. Lindly	Grand Marshal
W.:	Ronald D. Stites	Grand Senior Deacon
W.:	James A Carlton	Grand Junior Deacon
W.:	David A. Wetrosky	Grand Senior Steward
W.:	John L. Millington	Grand Junior Steward
W.:	Robert C. King	Grand Tyler

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

W.: Alexander F. StraatmannPersonal Representative of the Grand Master

Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge

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

CHARLES W. AMIDON, 281, 327	(120th)	1986
1706 Hillside Dr., Omaha 68114-1621, 402-391-2657		
PAUL R. EVELAND, 119	(122nd)	1988
1848 County Road 14 Blvd., Ames 68621-2123, 402-721-3298		
THOMAS W. TYE, 46	(123rd)	1989
4225 S. Westcotta Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614-5624, 520-648-5416		
JOHN M. McHENRY, 19	(124th)	1990
PO Box 82426, Lincoln 68501-2426, 402-476-2200		
STEVEN F. MATTOON, 75	(128th)	1994
PO Box 316, Sidney 69162-0316, 308-254-5595		
V. KAYE RAMSEY, 290 & 317	(130th)	1996
14522 Patrick Ave., Omaha 68116-4130, 402-498-2821		
KENNETH G. FLEMING, 75	(131st)	1997
14205 Constitution Cir., Apt. 22, Bellevue 68123-6861, 402-408-6337		
DON E. RASMUSSEN, 82, 135	(132nd)	1998
1327 W. 16th St., Hastings 68901-2907, 402-463-3864		
DWIGHT E. SMITH, 286	(133rd)	1999
16950 Road 16, Chappell 69129-6830, 308-874-3268		
JAMES F. BROWN, JR., 54	(134th)	2000
6710 Rexford Dr., Lincoln, NE 68506-1532, 402-483-1727		
PHILIP A. LORENZEN, 10, 327, 1, 21, 333(135th)	2001
13448 Burdette Street, Omaha 68164-4016, 402-493-3701		

MICHAEL E. JONES, 51, 173 (136th).....2002
 PO Box 229, David City 68632-0229, 402-367-3342

KENNETH D. BEEBE, 119..... (137th).....2003
 1291 Old Lincoln Hwy, North Bend 68649-2011, 402-652-3380

LES SEILER, 317 (138th).....2004
 848 N. 6th Ave., Hastings 68901-4117, 402-462-9396

IVAN A. VRTISKA, 327..... (139th).....2005
 1516 N. 170th Cir., Omaha 68118-2843, 402-397-7669

SCOTT J. KRIEGER, SR., 317, 332, 33..... (140th).....2006
 1231 Pershing Rd., Hastings 68901-2836, 402-463-4602

DEAN SKOKAN, 15, 268, 333 (141st)2007
 404 E. Ridge Dr., Hooper 68031-3000, 402-654-2514

REGINALD S. KUHN, 134, 19, 332..... (142nd)2008
 2627 Park Ave., Lincoln 68502-4023, 402-438-4220

RUSSELL G. RENO, 183, 297, 332, 54 (143rd).....2009
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	Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	2016	93	
	Mt Moriah	57	Syracuse	2015		Yes
	Euclid	97	Weeping Water	2016	85	
	Union	287	Palmyra	2015		Yes
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	Florence	281	Omaha	2013		Yes
	John J Mercer	290	Omaha	2015	84	
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	Tekamah	31	Tekamah	2015	62	
	Oakland	91	Oakland	2015		Yes
	Landmark	222	Herman	2015	63	
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	Magnolia	220	Emerson	2015		Yes
	Olive Branch	274	Walthill	2015	7	
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	Corinthian	83	Wakefield	2015		Yes
	Wayne	120	Wayne	2015		Yes
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	Covert	11	Omaha	2015	46	
	Centennial	326	Omaha	2015		Yes
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	Falls City	9	Falls City			
	Peru	14	Peru			
	Pawnee	23	Pawnee City			
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	Comet	229	Ceresco	2015	63	
	Victory	310	Valley	2015	66	
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	Lincoln	19	Lincoln	2015	81	
	Lancaster	54	Lincoln	2015	94	
	Liberty	300	Lincoln	2015	67	
	Tabula Rasa	332	Lincoln	2015	8	
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	Hickman	256	Lincoln	2015	28	
	Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	2015	92	
	College View	320	Lincoln	2015		Yes
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	Hebron	43	Hebron			
	Friend	73	Friend			
	Geneva	79	Geneva	2015	40	
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	North Star	227	Lincoln	2015	83	
	George Washington	250	Lincoln	2015		Yes
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	Wausa	251	Wausa			
	Diamond	291	Orchard			
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	Lone Tree	36	Central City	2015		Yes
	Keystone	62	Phillips	2015	60	
	Aurora	68	Aurora	2015		Yes
	Cement	211	Wood River	2015		Yes
	Cairo	324	Cairo	2010		Yes
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	St Paul	82	St Paul	2015		Yes
	Mid-West	317	Hastings	2015	68	
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	Blue River	30	Milford	2015		Yes
	Crete	37	Crete	2014		Yes
	Oliver	38	Seward	2011		Yes
District #21 - Wayne E Beatty , 126, 12429 P Rd, Stromsburg 68666, 402-764-3950, judysbells@gmail.com, Appt. 1984						
	Fidelity	51	David City	2010		Yes
	York	56	York	2012		Yes
	Utica	96	Utica	2015	87	
	Stromsburg	126	Stromsburg	2011		Yes
	Solar	134	Clarks	2010		Yes
	Lebanon	323	Columbus	2010		Yes
District #22 - Tyler S Loontjer , 1, 3329 Willow St, Bellevue 68147, 402-660-6415 (c), tyler.s.loontjer@gmail.com, Appt. 2016						
	Capitol	3	Omaha	2012		Yes
	Waterloo	102	Elkhorn	2015	65	
	Shiloh	327	Omaha	2016	52	
District #23 - James A Carlton , 325, 4204 Bob White Cir, Bellevue 68123, 402-690-2202 (c), jcarlton1945@gmail.com, Appt. 2016						
	Springfield	112	Springfield	2014		Yes
	Mizpah	302	Omaha	2015	66	
	Bellevue	325	Bellevue	2015	4	
District #24 - Delmar A Jones , 65 & 46, PO Box 1005, Kearney 68848, 308-237-9234, jonesdelmar@ymail.com, Appt. 1992						
	Rob Morris	46	Kearney	2015	70	
	Osceola	65	Osceola	2015	13	
	Jachin	146	Holdrege	2015	58	
District #25 - Philip E Darby , 61, 10 N Point Dr 13, Elwood 68937, 308-325-0435 (c), darbyek@msn.com, Appt. 2006						
	Thistle	61	Lexington	2007	30	
	McCook	135	McCook	2011	66	
	Bartley	228	Bartley	2008		Yes

District #26 - Arthur J Ferguson, 221, PO Box 776, Wood Lake 69221, 402-967-3361, Appt. 1979						
	Long Pine	136	Long Pine			
	Minnekadusa	192	Valentine			Yes
	Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	2015	61	
	Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	2015	37	
District #27 - Bill Lichtenberger, 207 & 148, PO Box 235, Callaway 68825, 308-836-4492, billich@gpcom.net, Appt. 2003						
	Porter	106	Loup City			
	Custer	148	Broken Bow	2015	72	
	Blazing Star	200	Burwell			
	Parian	207	Callaway			
District #28 - Bradley M. Dutton, 183, 802 Missouri Ave, Alliance 69301, 308-762-8388, dutton.art@hotmail.com, Appt. 2016						
	Alliance	183	Alliance	2015	71	
	Zion	234	Hyannis	2013	11	
	Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	2013	11	
District #29 - Leslie A Evert, 195, 508 N Ash St, Gordon 69343, 308-282-0214, levert@gpcom.net, Appt. 1985 & Joel W. Zilmer, 183, 688 Hampton, Alliance 69301, 308-762-5169, jzilmer@bbc.net, Appt. 2016						
	Samaritan	158	Chadron	2012		Yes
	Arcana	195	Gordon	2013	2	
District #30 - Richard H Cooper, 201, 706 E Webster #16, Morrill 69358, 308-247-2238, Appt. 1996 & John B. Ferguson, 294, 511 S Webster St, Kimball 69145, 308-235-4563, ferguson4563@embarqmail.com, Appt. 2016						
	Scotts Bluff	201	Gering	2004	53	
	Robert W Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	2013	75	
	James L Eatmon	294	Kimball	2013	0	
District #31 - Corey L. Bergstrom, 75, 2618 Road 109, Sidney 69162, 308-250-0132 (c), corey.bergstrom@cabelas.com, Appt. 2016						
	Frank Welch	75	Sidney	2015	65	
	Golden Fleece	205	Chappell	2009		Yes
	Oshkosh	286	Oshkosh			
District #32 - Roger L Shillington, 180, 71562 Avenue 343, Max 69037, 308-423-2547, rns@bwtelcom.net, Appt. 1976						
	Robert Burns	173	Stratton			
	Justice	180	Benkelman	2013	63	
	Purity	198	Imperial			
District #33 - Kent D Priest, 32, 820 Hackberry Rd, North Platte 69101, 308-534-5459, kjapathome@charter.net, Appt. 2014						
	Platte Valley	32	North Platte	2015	64	
	Ogallala	159	Ogallala	2015		Yes
	Wallace	279	Wallace	2012		Yes
	Seneca	284	Theford			

District #34 - Brent Myers , 300, 901 Rosewood Dr, Lincoln 68510, 402-770-0901 (c), bmyers@prconline.com, Appt. 2016						
	Fremont	15	Fremont	2015	85	
	Acacia	34	Schuyler	2015		Yes
	Hiram	52	Arlington	2015		Yes
	Hooper	72	Hooper	2015	91	
	North Bend	119	North Bend	2015	57	
	Scribner	132	Scribner	2015		Yes
District #35 - Edward W Nolte , 39 & 333, 4702 Windcrest Dr, Papillion 68133, 402-592-0184, ewn@centurylink.net, Appt. 2009						
	Papillion	39	Papillion	2015	9	
	Omaha	288	Omaha	2015		Yes
	Miloma	328	Omaha	2016		Yes

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1 - Nebraska	1	2	1	2	125	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	127	
2 - Western Star	3	2	2	1	122	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	-3	119	
3 - Capitol	3	1	3	4	89	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	91	
4 - Nemaha Valley	1	0	1	0	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	-5	40	
5 - Omadi	2	1	1	0	109	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-1	108	
6 - Plattsmouth	6	1	6	0	289	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	9	5	0	0	0	15	-8	281	
9 - Falls City	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	5	-5	29	
10 - Solomon	0	0	1	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	74	
11 - Covert	9	1	10	2	374	9	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	12	12	0	0	0	25	-7	367	
14 - Peru	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	23
15 - Fremont	2	0	3	0	166	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	166	
19 - Lincoln	6	2	3	0	126	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	-4	122	
21 - Washington	5	0	6	0	59	6	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	8	67	
23 - Pawnee	1	0	0	0	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	112	
26 - Beatrice	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	0	1	0	17	-17	143	
30 - Blue River	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	28	
31 - Tekamah	0	1	0	1	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	4	-3	100
32 - Platte Valley	0	1	0	0	177	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	2	0	1	0	12	-9	168	
33 - Ashlar	2	2	0	0	109	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	3	12	0	0	0	0	17	-11	98
34 - Acacia	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	-6	49	
35 - Fairbury	3	0	3	0	37	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	40	
36 - Lone Tree	0	0	0	1	37	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	12	49	
37 - Crete	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	45	
38 - Oliver	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	30	
39 - Papillion	2	4	1	2	172	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	7	-4	168	
41 - Northern Light	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	-2	37
43 - Hebron	0	0	1	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-2	38	
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	0	10
46 - Rob Morris	3	2	2	1	179	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	-2	177	
50 - Hastings	0	2	1	0	116	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	14	0	0	0	18	-15	101	
51 - Fidelity	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	42	
52 - Hiram	1	0	1	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	32	
53 - Charity	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-2	13	
54 - Lancaster	0	2	0	0	261	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	2	0	0	0	9	-7	254	
55 - Mosaic	0	1	0	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	8	-8	66	
56 - York	2	1	2	0	73	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	1	74	
57 - Mt Moriah	1	0	2	1	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-2	38	
59 - Wahoo	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	-5	58	
61 - Thistle	0	0	0	1	114	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	5	0	0	0	8	-5	109	
62 - Keystone	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	28	
64 - Blue Valley	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	
65 - Osceola	0	2	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	76	
68 - Aurora	0	2	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	
72 - Hooper	0	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	6	-4	37	
73 - Friend	3	0	3	0	42	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	44	
75 - Frank Welch	1	0	1	0	111	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	10	6	0	0	0	17	-13	98	
78 - Albion	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	31	
79 - Geneva	2	1	0	0	106	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	-4	102	
82 - St Paul	0	1	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	24	

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83 - Corinthian	0	1	1	0	38	1	0	0	0	81	0	82	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	80	118
89 - Cedar River	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	-14	0
91 - Oakland	0	0	0	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-3	41
94 - Bennett	0	1	0	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-1	24
95 - Garfield	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-1	45
96 - Utica	0	1	1	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	-2	20
97 - Euclid	1	0	1	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-1	78
102 - Waterloo	5	1	0	0	87	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-2	85
106 - Porter	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	39
112 - Springfield	14	3	11	0	310	12	3	2	0	0	0	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	14	324
119 - North Bend	5	0	5	0	92	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	2	0	1	0	7	-2	90
120 - Wayne	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	81	84	-84	0
121 - Superior	1	0	1	0	52	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	-2	50
126 - Stromsburg	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	63
128 - Guide Rock	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	19
132 - Scribner	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	13
134 - Solar	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
135 - McCook	3	0	3	1	118	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	-6	112
136 - Long Pine	2	0	2	0	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	34
146 - Jachin	1	2	1	0	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	-5	77
148 - Custer	1	0	1	0	80	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	-1	79
154 - Lily	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
158 - Samaritan	1	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-1	59
159 - Ogalalla	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	-3	57
173 - Robert Burns	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	19
180 - Justice	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	26
183 - Alliance	2	0	3	0	120	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	3	3	0	1	0	8	-4	116
184 - Bee Hive	2	0	2	0	105	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	-5	100
192 - Minnekadusa	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
194 - Highland	0	2	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	31
195 - Arcana	2	1	1	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	63
198 - Purity	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	6	-5	30
200 - Blazing Star	1	0	1	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
201 - Scotts Bluff	2	0	2	1	114	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	-2	112
204 - Plainview	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
205 - Golden Fleece	1	0	1	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	37	-37	0
207 - Parian	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
210 - East Lincoln	4	1	6	2	183	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	6	2	0	0	0	9	-3	180
211 - Cement	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	37
220 - Magnolia	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	59
221 - Wood Lake	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	58
222 - Landmark	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	28
224 - Silver Cord	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
227 - North Star	2	0	0	2	108	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	-4	104
228 - Bartley	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	42
229 - Comet	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-2	94
234 - Zion	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	32
241 - G Armstrong	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	11
248 - Laurel	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	22

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY RECORD

	Initiated	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2016		Passed	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2016		Membership Dec. 31, 2015	Raisings	Affiliations	Dual or Plural Membership	Reinstated	Consolidated	Other Causes	TOTAL GAIN	Demitted	Deaths	Suspended	Withdrew	Termination of Dual	Other Causes	TOTAL LOSS	TOTAL NET LOSS/GAIN	On Rolls Dec. 31, 2016
250 - G Washington	0	3	0	0	43	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45
251 - Wausa	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	-5	60
256 - Hickman	11	2	8	0	202	9	1	0	3	0	0	13	1	2	10	0	0	0	0	13	0	202	
264 - Franklin	0	0	0	1	49	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	52
265 - R W Furnas	2	1	2	1	71	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	72
268 - G W Lininger	7	1	5	0	233	6	3	2	0	0	0	11	1	7	3	0	1	0	1	0	12	-1	232
274 - Olive Branch	3	0	3	0	55	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	57
279 - Wallace	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29
281 - Florence	1	5	1	0	111	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	6	1	0	4	0	13	-8	103		
284 - Seneca	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	21	
285 - Camp Clarke	1	0	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1	63	
286 - Oshkosh	1	0	1	0	28	2	0	0	0	36	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	65	
287 - Union	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	26	
288 - Omaha	2	0	2	0	49	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	-1	48		
290 - John J Mercer	12	0	12	1	302	12	0	0	2	0	0	14	0	8	7	0	2	0	17	-3	299		
291 - Diamond	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	28		
294 - James Eatmon	0	2	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	40		
297 - Cotner	5	1	4	4	175	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	-3	172		
300 - Liberty	0	4	0	1	167	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	1	10	13	0	2	0	26	-22	145		
302 - Mizpah	13	1	11	0	252	12	2	0	7	0	0	21	0	7	19	0	0	0	26	-5	247		
305 - Newman Grove	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	
310 - Victory	3	2	1	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	-1	56		
314 - Craftsmen	4	2	3	0	144	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	4	11	0	0	0	15	-11	133		
317 - Mid-West	0	2	0	1	127	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	-4	123		
320 - College View	2	0	1	0	60	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	-4	56		
323 - Lebanon	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	-2	83		
324 - Cairo	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	-3	10		
325 - Bellevue	10	3	9	0	193	11	1	1	1	0	0	14	1	8	2	0	0	0	11	3	196		
326 - Centennial	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	-6	77		
327 - Shiloh	4	1	4	0	123	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	5	0	0	0	9	-4	119		
328 - Miloma	3	0	3	0	150	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	9	0	0	0	10	-6	144		
332 - Tabula Rasa	2	2	0	0	17	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	-2	15	
333 - Albert Pike	1	0	1	0	29	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	30	
TOTALS	196	82	169	35	10407	186	30	21	69	131	1	438	24	337	221	1	25	132	722	-302	10105		

**Historical Records
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**Kearney, Nebraska
February 3-4, 2017**

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. 21, 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. 28, 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	June 30, 1934
55th	1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	3	June 14, 1950
56th	1921	Lewis E. Smith	136	July 10, 1965
57th	1922	Edward M. Wellman	1	Aug. 31, 1922
58th	1923	Charles A. Chappell	127	Nov. 21, 1971
59th	1924	Robert R. Dickson	95	June 18, 1941
60th	1925	John Wright	19	Oct. 29, 1936
61st	1926	Edwin D. Crites	158	Nov. 7, 1953
62nd	1927	Albert R. Davis	120	Mar. 7, 1929
63rd	1928	Frank H. Woodland	25	Oct. 23, 1940
64th	1929	Ira C. Freet	56	Oct. 13, 1944
65th	1930	Orville A. Andrews	19	Oct. 16, 1936
66th	1931	John R. Tapster	119	Mar. 21, 1954
67th	1932	Edwin B. Johnston	33	Feb. 11, 1933
68th	1933	Ralph O. Canaday	50	Oct. 7, 1970
69th	1933	Archie M. Smith	203	May 8, 1950
70th	1934	Virgil R. Johnson	26	Aug. 7, 1956
71st	1935	William C. Ramsey	268	May 19, 1938
72nd	1936	Chancellor A. Phillips	150	Sept. 12, 1968
73rd	1937	William A. Robertson	6	July 3, 1944
74th	1938	Walter R. Raecke	36	April 6, 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	June 30, 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	Jan. 27, 2016
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	Jun. 25, 2016
126th	1992	James L. "Sonny" Eatmon	294	Aug. 28, 1999
127th	1993	Donald L. Pohlman	41	April 14, 2015
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	286	
134th	2000	James F. Brown, Jr.	54	
135th	2001	Philip A. Lorenzen	10, 327, 1, 21,	
			333	
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, 268, 333	
142nd	2008	Reginald S. Kuhn	134, 19	
143rd	2009	Russell G. Reno	54, 183, 297, 332	
144th	2010	John T. Parsons	268, 284, 6, 333	
145th	2011	Bruce A. Baker	317	
146th	2012	Rex J. Moats	290, 102	
147th	2013	Thomas L. Hauder	332	
148th	2014	Joe D. McBride	224	
149th	2015	John T. Maxell	327, 6, 333	

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, 541910
- Walter W. Wells, 192.....1910
- Ensign J. Rix, 551910
- James D. Phillips, 931910
- Frederick L. Wolff, 135.....1910
- Ernest H. James, 11910
- Fred A. Howe, 119.....1910
- Robert B. Walker, 170.....1912
- Frank W. Farrand, 361913
- Ira C. Freet, 56.....1913
- Benjamin Wood, 2101913
- Edward M. Wellman, 11913
- Charles A. Eyre, 2681913
- Robert A. Armstrong, 321913
- Levi Pringle, 2761913
- Earl M. Bolen, 1301914
- Frank L. Haycock, 207.....1914
- George A. Stevens, 158.....1914
- Harry M. Jones, 46.....1916
- Levi D. Phipps, 311916
- Alfred G. Hunt, 33.....1916
- Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50.....1916
- Barclay M. Hickman, 381916
- Orville A. Andrews, 501917
- Andrew H. Viele, 551917
- Maro C. Shipherd, 151920
- 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, 191922
- John B. Lichtenwallner, 275.....1923
- Harry R. Belville, 1461923
- George R. Patterson, 1361923
- William J. Birkoffer, 249.....1923
- D. Horace Schall, 307.....1923
- Stanley P. Bostwick, 3.....1924
- William D. Edson, 531926
- Francis B. Rodwell, 2241926
- Edwin H. Gerhart, 305.....1926
- William McCormack, 268.....1926
- Harry L. Mantor, 306.....1927
- John R. Easley, 49.....1927
- L. Donald Huston, 651928
- Elmer Surber, 95.....1928

- John M. Bennett, 19.....1928
- Earl Barnett, 1461929
- Jonathan Frye, 11929
- Ernest R. Reynolds, 124.....1930
- Osborne P. Simon, 1741930
- Doc L. Redfern, 3001930
- Austin F. Whitmire, 3061931
- Henning C. Johnson, 1711930
- Carroll C. Raymer, 1641932
- Ward B. Schrack, 46.....1933
- Byron S. Peterson, 251933
- Raymond C. Cook, 61933
- Ray B. Bottorf, 33.....1933
- Wallace E. Linn, 11934
- Jesse P. Entriiken, 2951934
- Harrold D. Weddel, 208.....1937
- Cecil C. Gates, 2271938
- Fred G. Christensen, 331938
- Ross Van Sickle, 1841938
- S. William Beck, 431940
- 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, 1351943
- Howard E. Bradstreet, 2611943
- George S. Schwab, 49.....1946
- Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....1946
- Irving S. Johnson, 1481946
- LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....1946
- Ernest E. James, 11946
- Frank A. Anderson, 17.....1949
- Robert W. Cook, 33.....1949
- Paul D. Fleming, 2931949
- Charles M. Frederick, 136.....1949
- Sylvester Shumard, 2271949
- Ralph M. Carhart, 1201950
- Morris V. Balcom, 46.....1950
- William F. Flicklinger, 561951
- Forest A. Lape, 1831951
- Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....1954
- Harold M. Wilkerson, 541954
- Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 91955
- Clifford D. Webster, 75.....1956
- Matthias E. Mauel, 173.....1956
- Frank H. Smith, 3011957
- Ward V. Whitaker, 3101957
- Richard L. Ely, 1281957
- Asa J. Farnham, 106.....1958
- Robert B. Conrad, 125.....1958
- Winston C. Swanson, 120.....1958
- Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 2101959
- Edmund D. Shaw, 1951959
- Harry N. Ahl, 112.....1959

- Alfred R. Kenover, 1481960
- Lloyd I. Edwards, 1101960
- T. Leo Stines, 36, 3231960
- Erwin J. Imig, 381960
- Sebert A. Stover, 2811960
- Stanley E. Brunton, 2221961
- Glenn W. Binder, 231961
- Richard L. Wait, 191962
- Gordon Chard, 2401962
- Harold A. Tilton, 2911962
- Stuart A. Johnson, 1771964
- Arthur S. Dye, 3171964
- W. Upton Dawson, 1351964
- Donald R. Davis, 1641964
- Ralph I. Berry, 2561965
- Carl A. Johnson, 1831965
- Robert W. Boon, 331965
- Augustus W. Clark, 331965
- Alton S. Mote, 1831965
- Ralph W. Gerry, 281, 3021965
- Arnold F. Mains, 151965
- Nelson W. Rittenburg, 2101965
- Harold J. Oehlerking, 1591966
- Gwynne L. Neubauer, 2581966
- Ward L. McGlashan, 1801966
- Curtis J. Griess, 491966
- Walter Brown, 11967
- John C. Nelson, 2501967
- Mervin E. Ransom, Sr., 651967
- Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 2101967
- Howard G. Whitmore, 811967
- Frank R. Harris, 771967
- Gerald V. Inslee, 1581968
- John C. Sierks, 41969
- Paul D. Jacobsen, 1481969
- David O. Kipling, 2811970
- Herman O. Hansen, 31970
- D. Wayne Erickson, 1461970
- Walter S. Cork, 751970
- Richard L. Mauch, 224, 1361971
- O. Wayne Thompson, 2011971
- John A. Brandt, 261971
- Dale E. Kube, 551971
- Robert E. Kyes, 361972
- Mannie O. Hansen, 11973
- Richard O. Cowles, 1741975
- Jens P. Nielsen, 1211975
- Ralph E. McNulty, 611975
- Don L. McCoy, 111975
- Everett K. Dappen, 2651975
- Alfred V. Peltzer, 1481975
- Roger L. Shillington, 1801976
- James E. Cornish, 311976
- Ben D. Fussell, 791976
- Victor D. Hunt, 621976

- Lynn Doty, 2511977
- Marvin R. Weber, 2041977
- W. Dale Page, 151977
- Harry L. Saum, 308.....1979
- DeVern A. Engberg, 261979
- Michael L. Peterson, 227, 37.....1979
- Albert W. Watsek, 231979
- Douglas A. Thomas, 183.....1979
- Arthur J. Ferguson, 2211979
- Leslie G. Weber, 2041979
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751980
- Augustine S. Scolaro, 31981
- David E. Menck, 151982
- Vincent Rosenberger, 1831982
- Justin F. Fauss, 551982
- Augustus W. Clark, 331982
- Wayne E. Beatty, 126.....1982
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751984
- Eugene C. Sibley, 3141984
- Leslie Evert, 1951985
- William Fogle, 1351985
- Roscoe Malick, 2971985
- R. Winton Wilson, 199.....1985
- Robert E. Kyes, 36.....1985
- W. Dale Page, 151985
- Gordon E. Richards, 751986
- Harold Noble, 3251987
- Deon D. Eberly, 3141988
- Steven A. Green, 54.....1988
- Steven K. Jones, 265, 2631988
- Lloyd Vrtiska, 23.....1988
- Robert M. Littrell, 771989
- Roy L. Smith, 6.....1989
- Daniel E. Spearow, 26.....1989
- LeRoy Crye, 3281990
- Ronald D. Grass, 311990
- Scott J. Krieger, Sr., 317.....1990
- Richard W. Linnemeyer, 1351990
- Keith B. Leibhart, 1481990
- Gordon L. Carley, 751990
- Gerald D. Verbeek, 15.....1990
- Herbert M. Chambers, Sr., 288.....1991
- Delmar Jones, 46, 65.....1992
- Don L. Jelinek, 541992
- Albert Wise, 791992
- Halsey D. Phillips, 325.....1993
- John M. Weidner, Sr., 75, 33.....1993
- Rodney L. Samp, 1591994
- Robert L. Carter, 3141995
- Richard H. Cooper, 263.....1996
- Thomas R. Reed, 5.....1996
- Monte K. Olmstead, 2901997
- Michael G. Birnstihl, 314.....1997
- Roger A. Deininger, 3171998
- Kenneth G. Fleming, 751998
- Bruce A. Watkins, 3001999

- Jack D. Nichols, 265, 285.....2000
- Harold C. Mueksch, 132, 72.....2000
- Carl C. Plants, 54.....2001
- Joseph D. Chrisman, 279.....2002
- Ashley H. Story, 314, 146.....2002
- James R. Taylor, 327.....2002
- Dean Papenhagen, 502003
- R. William Lichtenberger, 207, 1482003
- Gordon L. Carley, 752003
- Suman Vallabhbbhai, 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, 302.....2009
- Edward W. Nolte, 392009
- Brian K. Sandall, 21.....2010
- Patrick D. Barger, 54, 332, 5.....2014
- Anthony T. Johnson, 268, 334.....2014
- Kent D. Priest, 32.....2014
- Dean Papenhagen, 502014
- Charles J. Odorizzi, III.....2014
- John L. Brommer, 12014
- Alvin O. Benemerito, 136.....2016
- Corey L. Bergstrom, 752016
- James A. Carlton, 325.....2016
- Bradley M. Dutton, 183.....2016
- John B. Ferguson, 2942016
- Tyler S. Loontjer, 1.....2016
- John L. Millington, 54, 3322016
- Kent R. Millington, 54, 38.....2016
- Brent Myers, 300, 332.....2016
- Kent L. Neumann, 274, 5.....2016
- Jonathan L. Paz, 39, 268.....2016
- Michael E. Tomasiewicz, 302.....2016
- Joel W. Zilmer, 1832016

- 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
Large	2016	Cotner Lodge	No. 297	Lincoln
Small	2016	Custer Lodge	No. 148	Broken Bow
Large	2017	Liberty Lodge	No. 300	Lincoln
Small	2017	Olive Branch Lodge	No. 274	Walthill

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
2016	Long Pine Lodge	No. 136	Long Pine
2017	Geneva Lodge	No. 79	Geneva

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. Turtischer	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
2015	David A. "Doc" Portwood	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
2016	Larry D. Ludvigsen	Fremont No. 15	Fremont

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED		CHARTERED	
Nebraska	No 1	Omaha	Douglas	February	1,1855	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

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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
Oakland	No 91	Oakland	Burt	February	7,1882	June	19,1883
Bennett	No 94	Lincoln	Lancaster	May	5,1882	June	19,1883
Garfield	No 95	O'Neill	Holt	June	28,1882	June	19,1883

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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
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
Ogalalla	No 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14,1886	June 16,1887
Robert Burns	No 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15,1887	June 21,1888
Justice	No 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8,1888	June 20,1889
Alliance	No 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18,1889	June 20,1889
Bee Hive	No 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22,1889	June 20,1889
Minnekadusa	No 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	August 15,1889	June 20,1890
Highland	No 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21,1889	June 20,1890
Arcana	No 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17,1889	June 20,1890
Purity	No 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	December 24,1889	June 20,1890
Blazing Star	No 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5,1890	June 18,1891
Scotts Bluff	No 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8,1890	June 18,1891
Plainview	No 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	September 1,1890	June 18,1891
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
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
Franklin	No 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11,1907	June 10,1908
Robert W. Furnas	No 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21,1907	June 10,1908
Geo. W. Lininger	No 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26,1908	June 10,1908
Olive Branch	No 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20,1909	June 8,1910
Wallace	No 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25,1911	June 4,1912
Florence	No 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17,1913	June 4,1913
Seneca	No 284	Thedford.....	Thomas.....	September 29,1913	June 9,1914
Camp Clarke	No 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16,1913	June 9,1914
Oshkosh	No 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25,1913	June 9,1914
Union	No 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15,1913	June 8,1915
Omaha	No 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24,1914	June 8,1915

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John J. Mercer	No 290	Omaha	Douglas	November	21,1914	June	8,1915
Diamond	No 291	Orchard	Antelope	November	23,1914	June	8,1915
Kimball	No 294	Kimball	Kimball	June	10,1915	June	7,1916
Cotner	No 297	Lincoln	Lancaster	June	15,1917	June	5,1918
Liberty	No 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	January	10,1918	June	5,1918
Mizpah	No 302	Omaha	Douglas	November	12,1918	June	4,1919
Newman Grove	No 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January	14,1920	June	9,1920
Victory	No 310	Valley	Douglas	December	27,1920	June	8,1921
Craftsmen	No 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March	22,1922	June	5,1923
Mid-West	No 317	Hastings.....	Adams	January	8,1925	June	10,1925
College View	No 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July	1,1927	June	6,1928
Lebanon	No 323	Columbus	Platte	November	14,1928	June	5,1929
Cairo	No 324	Cairo	Hall	January	16,1936	June	1937
Bellevue	No 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March	5,1955	June	8,1955
Centennial	No 326	Omaha	Douglas	November	26,1955	June	6,1956
Shiloh	No 327	Omaha	Douglas	September	3,1965	June	10,1966
Miloma	No 328	Omaha	Douglas	January	19,1972	June	28,1972
Saints John Educ.	No 331			December	27, 2000	February	2, 2002
Tabula Rasa	No 332	Lincoln	Lancaster	July	24, 2006	February	3, 2007
Albert Pike	No 333	Omaha	Douglas	October	28, 2013	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, Ohiowa	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
Cornestone No. 247, Osmond	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	December 12, 1967
Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	January 13, 1968
Blue Hill No. 129, Blue Hill	Mid-West No. 317, Hastings	February 9, 1968
Pioneer No. 322, Lyman	Oasis No. 271, Morrill	April 10, 1969
Compass & Square No. 212, Sumner	Thistle No. 61, Lexington	April 20, 1969
Hope No. 29, Nemaha	Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville	September 9, 1969
Elm Creek No. 133, Elm Creek	James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton	March 17, 1970
Naphthali No. 206, Diller	Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury	March 23, 1970
Alexandria No. 74, Alexandria	Hebron No. 43, Hebron	September 10, 1970
Pythagoras No. 156, Ewing	Diamond No. 291, Orchard	December 4, 1970
Grace No. 226, Wilcox	Jachin No. 146, Holdrege	May 11, 1971
Wolbach No. 292, Wolbach	St. Paul No. 82, St. Paul	December 23, 1971
Tyrian No. 243, Oak	Nelson No. 77, Nelson	June 9, 1972
Mystic Tie No. 166, Tilden	Trowel No. 71, Neligh	June 12, 1972
Roman Eagle No. 203, Pender	Bancroft No. 145, Bancroft	April 20, 1973
Amethyst No. 190, Stapleton	Cable No. 225, Arnold	April 20, 1973
Prudence No. 179, Beaver Crossing	Utica No. 96, Utica	April 20, 1973
Fairfield No. 84, Fairfield	Clay Center No. 139, Clay Center	January 24, 1974
Ramah No. 275, Bertrand	Elwood No. 167, Elwood	February 14, 1974
Sterling No. 70, Sterling	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 20, 1974
Mt. Hermon No. 231, Cook	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 15, 1974
Winnebago No. 309, Winnebago	Olive Branch No. 274, Walthill	December 3, 1974
Temple No. 175, Filley	Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh	March 26, 1975
Beemer No. 253, Beemer	Wisner No. 114, Wisner	June 17, 1975
Signet No. 193, Leigh	Northern Light No. 41, Stanton	February 20, 1976
Plumbline 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
Hartington No. 155, Hartington	Relief No. 219, Coleridge	August 10, 1979
Creighton No. 100, Creighton	Plainview No. 204, Plainview	May 17, 1980

CONSOLIDATED LODGE	CONSOLIDATED WITH	DATE
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	Orman 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 Sioux City	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
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

CONSOLIDATED LODGE	CONSOLIDATED WITH	DATE
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
Orman 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
Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering	March 3, 2015
Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City	November 11, 2015
Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne	Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield	June 9, 2016
Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City	October 7, 2016
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell	Oshkosh Lodge No. 286, Oshkosh	November 17, 2016

**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

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

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Nebraska #1	Tyler S Loontjer	William B Kimme	Bart J Randolph*	Mark K Westadt
Western Star #2	Donald E Sullivan	Joseph S Musumeci		David A Wetrosky
Capitol #3	John R Herbolzheimer	Timothy J Peters*	R Kevin Throckmorton	Robert L Herbolzheimer
Nemaha Valley #4		Michael R Andrew*	Andrew C Kennedy*	Stephen C Kennedy
Omadi #5	Wayne Benson*			
Plattsmouth #6	Charles J Marsh*	Casey S Van Helten	Heath T Davenport*	Jay H Speck*
Falls City #9				Robert L Ferguson
Solomon #10	Bradley A Larsen	Todd Lewis*	Jon D Whittemore*	Philip A Lorenzen
Covert #11	Phillip A Ricker	Bernard F Hauber	Donald L Mastry*	David N Silver*
Peru #14	Daniel C Boellstorff*			Ted R Groves
Fremont #15	Jimmy R Peterson	Richard S Goble		Larry F Jirsak*
Lincoln #19	Scott C Keller*	John R L Bloom	William W Folsom	Bruce T Anderson
Washington #21		Max A Wilkins*		Brian K Sandall*
Pawnee #23	Edward D Raper		Daniel C Boellstorff*	Gary H Bedea*
Beatrice #26				
Blue River #30		Dennis Reichenberg*		
Tekamah #31		Donald M Neary*	Ronald D Grass	Charles T Goll*
Platte Valley #32	Joshua M Gartrell*		Lyndell L St Clair*	
Ashlar #33	Wesley A Harris			Verne L Hill
Acacia #34				Craig H Jacobus
Fairbury #35	Jeremy D Engelman		Ken Maschmeyer	Dennis M Ivie*
Lone Tree #36		Raymond W Williams	John F Jefferson*	
Crete #37				Jerry F Bespalec
Oliver #38	Kent R Millington	James M Stull	T John Hinkel*	Ben F Hughes*
Papillion #39	Glenn R Lewis*	Robert R Lewis	Daniel J Marr	A Carl Highman
Northern Light #41	Robert E Chilcoat	Gary D Benson		Robert E Schellpeper
Hebron #43				
Harvard #44	Bruce W Schwenk			Steve E Carriker*
Rob Morris #46	Kevin T Johnson	Ryan K Throckmorton	David A Johnson	Delmar A Jones
Hastings #50	Daniel G Deffenbaugh	Carl E Groenewold*	Monte W Malouf	Michael L Small*
Fidelity #51		Dennis D Gustafson*		Lawrence C Griffiths*
Hiram #52	Micheal A Buchardt			
Charity #53				
Lancaster #54	Adam M Thayer	Kory L Johnson	John L Millington	Russell G Reno
Mosaic #55		Christopher D Thompson		Michael S Detchman
York #56		Fred O Wyant		
Mt Moriah #57				Thomas R Frech
Wahoo #59	Gregory L Nabity*	Jared A Ketner		Dean A Biggerstaff*
Thistle #61				
Keystone #62				
Blue Valley #64	Kenneth Smisek	Jerry M Studt		Ronald A Cerveny
Osceola #65	Kevin W Peterson			
Aurora #68				Ronald L Furse
Hooper #72			John M Ramsay	
Friend #73				
Frank Welch #75				
Albion #78		Charles L Sweet		

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Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Geneva #79	Kevin R Bonin	Alan L Pospisil*	Victor E Smith*	Daniel G Aspegren
St Paul #82	Gary A Rasmussen	David C Sprague*		Wesley E Stevens
Corinthian #83	Scott J M Abraham	Frank G Teach*	Terry Alan Winter	Michael S Cavenee*
Oakland #91				
Bennett #94				Douglas B Johnson
Garfield #95				
Utica #96	Mitchell J Vavra*		Fred O Wyant	Kevin O Scheele
Euclid #97				
Waterloo #102	Elliott T Bottorff*	Kraig A Prange		
Porter #106	Lanny R Kizer			Kenneth A Bills
Springfield #112	Jeremy Myers*	Glenn A Trembly	David L Larsen*	Gary S Unger
North Bend #119		Dennis Bostow		David G Otte
Superior #121	Justin D Keeling	William R Sauce		A Gary Keeling
Stromsburg #126	Greg Berggren			
Guide Rock #128				
Scribner #132	David H Otteman*			Donald G Havekost*
Solar #134			Philip E Foulk*	
McCook #135		Kenneth E Keslin		Steve G Lyne
Long Pine #136	Philip A Brown	Jeremiah J Scharz	Matthew L Sheehan*	Alvin O Benemerito
Jachin #146	John D Konzack	Michael J Kruback*	Adam F Bruning	Bruce G Raddatz
Custer #148	Douglas P Sadler	Russell C Simmons	Robert Rose*	Kevin R Lindly
Lily # 154				
Samaritan #158				Donald R Foulk
Ogalalla #159	Charles N Frates*	Bernard A Beckius	David L Yost*	
Robert Burns #173			Donald E Rife	
Justice #180				
Alliance #183	Jock H Faris	Michael D Fritzler*		Eugene Gatti*
Bee Hive #184	Bradley A Waite	David Workman	David G Workman*	Steven J Cisney
Minnekadusa #192				
Highland #194	Justin W Grusing	Alex Glen Olson	Michael D Gray*	Frederich E DeVries*
Arcana #195	Michael N Russell*			
Purity #198		Donald F Welch*		Byron L Hust
Blazing Star #200		Charles W Haskell*		Howard R Fairbairn
Scotts Bluff #201	David M Thomas*	Edwin L Mayo	Richard W Taedter*	Kelly M Sandberg*
Plainview #204	Gale R Retzlaff		Colin G Andrews*	Dick L Hemmingsen*
Parian #207				
East Lincoln #210		Joel D Green	Jeffrey L Buhrman	Thomas M Michaelson
Cement #211		Chad A Kuil*	Roland R Engel*	Dewey R Heminger
Magnolia #220	Fredrick C Sebade*			
Wood Lake #221				
Landmark #222	Richard N Patterson*	Thomas C Kegler*		Randall L Hart
Silver Cord #224	Wilber C Saner	Joe D McBride	Michael E Hitchcock	Evan C Evans*
North Star #227	David L Sierks	Harry A Storz	Daniel R Chesnut*	Steven B Wetzel*
Bartley #228		D Gregory Fyn		Gary A Newcomb*
Comet #229				
Zion #234	Bryan L Regier			

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* Denotes proxy

Lodge	Worshipful Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary
Geo. Armstrong #241	T Richard Eriksen			Keith A Eriksen*
Laurel #248				
G Washington #250	Eric J Bachenberg	H John Kirby	Daniel E Brunsen*	Mark W Poston
Wausa #251	Lowell C Erickson			
Hickman #256	Patrick D Gray	Brian J Goninan	Steven A Busboom	Olin D Boone
Franklin #264	Michael D Ingram			Jerrell F Gerdes
Robt W Furnas #265	Paul Callenius			Dennis D Dubry
G W Lininger #268	David E Meinzer	Matthew C Briggs*	Andrew J Muska*	Mitchel J Inman
Olive Branch #274	Jon Steven Cerny	Kyle J Peterson	John S Kruse*	Kent L Neumann
Wallace #279		Kenneth E Ogier	Randall E Ogier	Eric J Chrisman*
Florence #281	Brandon K Breiby			
Seneca #284	Chauncey J Linn*			James J Jones
Camp Clarke #285	Justin R VanPatten			Edwin O Harms*
Oshkosh #286		Douglas A Criswell*		Dwight E Smith
Union #287	Milton C Leefers*			Dale H Rood
Omaha #288				
John J Mercer #290	Rex M Ekleberry	Brian Briggs	Anthony J Guida	Jonathan D White
Diamond #291				Galan D Gibbs*
James L Eatmon #294	Kevin S Wynne	John C Barrett	E Josh Gillming*	Robert H Maurer
Cotner #297	Peter B Kruse	Mark L Rossignol	Dennis Robertson	Ralph J Riemann*
Liberty #300	Thomas J Lagerstrom	Dennis J Hecht*	R Jacob J Hedden	Brent Myers
Mizpah #302	Michael E Tomasiewicz	Michael W Stuhr	Bryan M Rock*	Craig R Crawford
Newman Grove #305				Raymond J Herbert
Victory #310	Robert C King	Brian L Weber*	Carroll G Peacock	K Roger Dill
Craftsmen #314	Mark C Peterson	Keith A Simonsen	Myron L Coleman	Byrl A Shear
Mid-West #317	Roger A Deininger		Robert E Summers	Dan J Nonneman
College View #320	Thomas O Anderson	Curtis E Wolbert*	Robert C Berry*	Douglas B Johnson
Lebanon #323	Nick A Norris			Rick B Porter
Cairo #324				
Bellevue #325	Stewart H Cottrell	Myron M Bell Sr	Myron M Bell Jr*	William J Zipse
Centennial #326	J Dave Heck	Eugene A Holman	Daren W Kizlin*	Loren L Loibl
Shiloh #327	Lawrence J Ruh*	Bryan G Dring*	Daniel S Whitlow	Matthew W Vandergriff
Miloma #328	Mark T Bush	Donald L Hawkins	Dustin R Johnson	
Tabula Rasa #332	Dennis H Brydl		Thomas L Hauder	John L Millington
Albert Pike #333	Steven R Barchus	Charles V Sederstrom		Micah I Evans

**Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Unrestricted Net Assets
December 31, 2016**

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - UNRESTRICTED -			
U.S. GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		97,089	97,089
BONDS			
TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL AND			
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS			
Alcoa Inc., 5.400%, 4-15-2021	50,000	51,380	53,000
Bunge Ltd. Fin. Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	50,000	51,695	57,283
Domtar Corp., 4.400%, 4-1-2022	50,000	51,110	51,443
GTE Corp., 6.840%, 4-15-2018	50,000	54,285	52,924
Hexcel Corp., 4.700%, 8-15-2025	50,000	51,182	51,273
Kia Tencor Corp., 4.650%, 11-1-2024	50,000	50,886	52,931
Qualcomm Inc., 3.450%, 5-20-2025	50,000	47,000	50,876
Rpm Intl Inc., 3.450%, 11-15-2022	50,000	49,247	49,579
US West Communications, Inc., 7.125%, 11-15-2043	50,000	51,000	47,509
Total transportation, industrial and miscellaneous bonds	450,000	457,785	466,818
TOTAL BONDS	500,000	457,785	466,818

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
1,000	Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings Inc.	4,266	17,950
300	Anheuser Busch	30,830	31,632
475	Bed Bath Beyond Inc. Com.	23,250	19,304
300	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. CLB	19,634	48,894
200	Boeing Co.	9,192	31,136
850	Brookfield Asset Management Inc.	29,132	28,059
225	Cato Corp.	5,397	6,768
800	Chicago Bridge&Iron Co.	25,298	25,400
300	Compass Minerals Internationa lInc.	23,624	23,505
300	Conoco Phillips Com.	8,990	15,042
1,100	Constellium	20,925	6,490
1,250	Costamare Inc.	21,518	7,000
725	Crimson Wine Group LTD Com.	6,519	6,793
350	Disney Walt Co. Com.	10,542	36,477
800	Discovery Communications Inc.	24,825	21,424
250	Dominion Resources Inc.	9,472	19,148
360	Gallagher Arthur J & Co. Com.	15,143	18,706
350	Gilead Sciences Inc. Com.	29,948	25,064
275	Hershey Co.	23,330	28,443
2,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	20,400	14,260
250	Johnson&JohnsonCom.	16,035	28,802
150	Kansas City Southern	2,125	12,727
900	Leucadia National Corp.	38,150	20,925
300	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	3,360	23,001
550	Lkq Corp Com	16,103	16,858
200	McDonalds Corp. Com.	18,001	24,344
650	Microsoft Corp. Com.	16,328	40,391
700	Opus Bank Irvine California Com.	22,922	21,035
900	Pfizer Inc.	15,512	29,232
675	St Joe Company	15,503	12,825
225	Texas Pacific Land Trust	6,556	66,773
450	Verizon Communications Inc. Com.	21,449	24,021
150	Vulcan Materials Co.	6,166	18,772
350	Wal Mart Stores Inc. Com.	22,633	24,192
640	Weyerhaeuser Co. Com.	11,882	19,257
		<u>594,960</u>	<u>814,650</u>

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska
Supplemental Schedule of Temporarily Restricted and
Permanently Restricted Net Assets
December 31, 2016

Description	Face Value	Carrying Value	Approximate Market Value
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED U.S.			
GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET FUNDS		151,253	151,253
BONDS			
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES			
Independence Kans Indl Dev Rev, 8.11%, 6-15-2020	50,000	52,165	50,078
Kansas City MO Spl Oblig Impt Bds, 4.55%, 8-1-2022	50,000	51,091	54,664
Total government securities	125,000	131,373	131,018
CORPORATE BONDS			
Alcoa Inc., 5.400%, 4-15-2021	50,000	51,380	53,000
Altera Corp., 4.100%, 11-15-2023	25,000	24,383	26,896
Anglogold Ashanti Hldgs., 5.125%, 8-1-2022	50,000	50,933	49,705
Bunge Ltd Fin Corp., 8.500%, 6-15-2019	25,000	25,848	28,641
CA Inc., 4.500%, 8-15-2023	50,000	51,169	52,076
Domtar Corp., 4.400%, 4-1-2022	50,000	51,110	51,443
Halliburton Co., 6.750%, 2-1-2027	25,000	24,325	30,000
Hexcel Corp., 4.700%, 8-15-2025	50,000	51,182	51,273
Kia Tencor Corp., 4.650%, 11-1-2024	50,000	50,886	52,931
Kohls Corp., 4.000%, 11-1-2021	25,000	25,080	26,218
Pitney Bowes Inc., 5.250%, 1-15-2037	50,000	51,000	49,991
Qualcomm Inc., 3.450%, 5-20-2025	50,000	47,000	50,876
Rpm Intl Inc., 3.450%, 11-15-2022	50,000	49,246	49,579
Suncor Energy Inc., 6.100%, 6-1-2018	50,000	43,799	52,937
Target Corp., 5.375%, 5-01-2017	50,000	49,112	50,685
US West Communications Inc., 7.125%, 11-15-2043	25,000	25,500	23,754
Zurich Reins Centre Hldgs., 7.125%, 10-12-2023	50,000	54,510	57,916
Total corporate bonds	750,000	746,463	757,921
TOTAL BONDS	825,000	829,719	862,663

COMMON STOCKS		Carrying	Approximate
Shares	Description	Value	Market Value
2,000	Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc.	8,532	35,900
575	Anheuser Busch	59,080	60,628
850	Bed Bath Beyond Inc. Com.	41,605	34,544
500	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	31,842	81,490
450	Boeing Co.	20,683	70,056
1,550	Brookfield Asset Management Inc.	53,106	51,166
475	Cato Corp.	11,393	14,288
1,400	Chicago Bridge & Iron	26,757	44,450
500	Compass Minerals International Inc.	38,742	39,175
550	ConocoPhillips Com.	20,275	27,577
2,300	Constellium	48,372	13,570
2,075	Costamare Inc.	35,721	11,620
1,075	Crimson Wine Group LTD Com.	9,667	10,073
1,400	Discovery Communications Inc.	43,443	37,492
700	Disney Walt Co Com.	19,990	72,954
650	Dominion Resources Inc.	24,627	49,783
600	Gallagher Arthur J & Co. Com.	25,344	31,176
600	Gilead Sciences Inc. Com.	51,600	42,966
475	Hershey Co.	40,297	49,129
3,000	Investors Real Estate Trust	30,600	21,390
475	Johnson & Johnson Com.	30,447	54,725
300	Kansas City Southern	4,250	25,455
1,000	Leucadia National Corp.	38,322	23,250
575	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	6,434	44,085
1,000	Lkq Corp.	29,277	30,650
400	McDonalds Corp Com.	36,002	48,688
1,200	Microsoft Corp. Com.	31,125	74,568
1,250	Opus Bank Irvine California Com.	40,877	37,563
2,000	Pfizer Inc.	49,974	64,960
1,100	St. Joe Company	24,078	20,900
400	Texas Pacific Land Trust	11,552	118,708
800	Verizon Communications Inc. Com.	38,093	42,704
275	Vulcan Materials Co.	11,305	34,416
625	Wal Mart Stores Inc. Com.	40,416	43,200
960	Weyerhaeuser Co. Com.	17,823	28,886
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		1,051,651	1,492,185

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