



***THE  
GRAND YORK RITE  
OF NEBRASKA  
2017***

*Proceedings of*

***GRAND COUNCIL of CRYPTIC MASONS***

*April 7, 2017*

*held at  
Kearney, Nebraska*

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 "YOUNNES CONFERENCE CENTER"  
 KEARNEY, NEBRASKA - FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018**

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Minnesota  
Nebraska  
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South Dakota  
Wisconsin

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**European Region** - Gheorghe Vilceanu  
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<p>The 46th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council and the 70th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at the Red Lion on the River, Portland, Oregon, from 23 August to 29 August 2017.</p>
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**CARL C. PLANTS**  
**135TH MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**



Carl was born in Pierre, South Dakota on April 1, 1947, to Clark and Lucille Plants. He has one brother David, who is three years younger. He attended public schools in Omaha and then Loup City graduating from high school there in 1965. His main activities in junior high and high school were chorus and band.

After High School he attended Kearney State Teachers College for two years before transferring to the University of Nebraska. There he pursued a Chemical Engineering course of study while working second shift as a shift engineer for a local hotel. In the fall of 1970 he started as a computer operator with what later became better known as Metromail. In 1972 he moved from operations to programming, progressing eventually to systems programming and then Software Manager. After 29 years, he left Metromail and assumed new duties in 2000 with the State of Nebraska as Lead Systems Programmer, where he is still employed at this time. During his time at Kearney State, Carl first met his wife, Carolyn. They re-met and were married 15 years later, when they each brought one son from a previous marriage, Charles and Kent.

Not coming from a Masonic background, Carl was first introduced to Masonry by Carolyn. In 1984 he petitioned Lancaster Lodge #54 in Lincoln and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in April, 1894. He attained his individual proficiency in 1991, and was honored to serve as Master of that Lodge in 1993. He was further honored to serve as Grand Tyler in 2000. He was commissioned as a Deputy grand Custodian in February 2001 and continues in that position at this time. In the fall of that 1984, he petitioned and joined Temple Chapter #271, Order of the Eastern Star and has held several offices in that Chapter, serving as Worthy patron a total of five times. In 2008 he was appointed to the OES Grand Line, serving as Worthy Grand Patron for the 2011-2012 year. In 2015, the Eastern Star General Grand Chapter appointed him be a General Grand Committee member for Scottish Rite Charities. In 1993 Carl joined the Scottish Rite valley of Lincoln, serving as Venerable Master in 2010; and the Sesostri Shrine where he has been active as a member of the Proficient Past Masters and Ritualistic Divan. In 2001 he joined the York Rite bodies in Lincoln, serving as High Priest of Lincoln Chapter No. 6 RAM in 2010 as well as Illustrious Master for Lincoln Council No. 4, Cryptic Masons that same year. He is currently Treasurer of Lincoln Chapter #6 and Senior Warden for Mt. Moriah Commandery #4, Knights Templar. His other Masonic affiliations include York Rite College #138 and Coer de Leone Chapter of the Red Cross of Constantine.

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
**KEARNEY, NEBRASKA -- APRIL 7, 2017**

The One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska was held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska, on Friday, April 7, 2017. Lincoln Council No. 4 opened a council of Cryptic Masons.

The M.I. Grand Master was given Grand Honors. He expressed his gratitude to Companion Charbonneau and his officers for the opening of this Grand Council.

**GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT**

Comp. Carl C. Plants, 4..... M.I. Grand Master  
 Comp. Donald E. Rife, 16..... R.I. Deputy Grand Master  
 Comp. David A. Shaw, 1 ..... R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
 Comp. Dennis A. Newman, 1 ..... R.I. Grand Treasurer

Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, 4 .....R.I. Grand Recorder  
 Comp. Michael E. Jones, 12 .....R.I. Grand Chaplain  
 Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, 1r.....I. Grand Arch Supervisor  
 Comp. Edward W. Nolte, 1 ..... I. Grand Captain of the Guard  
 Comp. .... I. Grand Conductor of the Council  
 Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman..... I. Grand Steward  
 Comp..Michael Lagueue..... I. Grand Sentinel

**RECEPTION OF PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

The following Past M.I. Grand Masters were present, given Grand Honors and a most cordial welcome by Comp. Steven R. Barchus, M.I. Grand Master.

Comp. Robert L. Williams, 8.....	105 <sup>th</sup>	1986
Comp. Don R. Monnette, 3.....	108 <sup>th</sup>	1989
Comp. Jay H. Speck, 5 (Hon).....	Hon.	1993
Comp. Frank D. Smutny, 24.....	114 <sup>th</sup>	1995
Comp. John T. Parsons, 1.....	116 <sup>th</sup>	1997
Comp. Kirby E. Hunt, 33.....	117 <sup>th</sup>	1998
Comp. James N. Karnegis, MD, 1.....	121 <sup>st</sup>	2002
Comp. Fred O. Wyant.....	125 <sup>th</sup>	2006
Comp. Steven G. Lyne.....	126 <sup>th</sup>	2007
Comp. James A. Clark.....	127 <sup>th</sup>	2009
Comp. Jerry F. Bepalec.....	131 <sup>st</sup>	2012
Comp. Anthony T. Johnson.....	132 <sup>nd</sup>	2013
Comp. Ronald D. Grass.....	133 <sup>rd</sup>	2014
Comp. Steven R. Barchus.....	134 <sup>th</sup>	2015

Absent were: Companions Gail Axen, 19. Theodore J. Johnson, 9, John F. Dale, Robert E. Wunder, 4, Steven C. Smith, I, 1, Marlin D. Palasek

**RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

The following Distinguished Companions were received, welcomed, escorted to the East, and given Grand Honors and a hearty welcome.

***Grand Council of Cryptic masons of Colorado***

Companion Robert D. Elsloo, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

***Grand Council of Royal and Select masters of Idaho***

Companion David A. Grindle, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

***Grand Council Cryptic Masons of South Dakota***

Companion Richard McBride, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 Companion George Bauder, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder  
 Companion Stephen M. Butterfield, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master  
 Companion Jon Gonsor, Most Grand Illustrious Master  
 Companion Roger H. Hansen, Grand Conductor of Council  
 Companion Herbert E. Cook, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
 Companion Bruce Crisman, Grand Stewart

***Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota***

Companion Marvin W. Schendel, Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 Companion Carl F. Lidstrom, Grand Captain of the Guard

***St. Kieran Council #158, Scotland and U.K.***

Companion Robert E. Bocox, Jr., Thrice Illustrious Master

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska**  
Companion Anthony T. Johnson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska**  
Sir Knight Brett R. Bennett, Right Eminent Grand Commander

**General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International**  
Companion David A. Grindle, General Grand Recorder and personal representative of Lawrence Weaver, Most Puissant General Grand Master  
Companion George Bauder, North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master  
Companion John T. Parsons, Past North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master  
Companion Don R. Monnette, Past North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master

**Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska**  
Right Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Stites, Grand Junior Warden  
Worshipful Brother James A. Carlton, Grand Senior Deacon  
Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Grass, Grand Orator  
Worshipful Brother Anthony T. Johnson, Personal Representative of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska  
Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones, Past Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Brother Rick Myers, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska

### PRESENTATION OF BANNERS

**Omaha Council No. 1**, Omaha, won the Edmund L. Petterson Banner for the greatest number of Greetings with **elven (11) Greetings**. **Triad Council No. 33** won the Banner for the Highest Percentage of gain.

### CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Right Puissant David A Grindle , R.I. General Grand Recorder announced that Fred Way, Jr., **Hastings** Council No. 8 is the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.

### PRESENTATION OF THE YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

Right Puissant David A Grindle , R.I. General Grand Recorder announced that **Grady Wells** is the Youth Service Award.

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### RECIPIENTS OF THE CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

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*1975 Thomas H. Blanchard, 1	1994 Frank W. Smith, Jr., 9
*1976 Gale Q. Whitney, 23	1995 Warren W. Tiedtke, 33
*1977 Paul R. Pierce, 8	*1996 Willard A. Still, 18
*1978 E.P. Baruth, 16	*1997 Lewis B. Halsey, 26
*1979 C. Ray Graham, 14	*1998 Maynard Tatelman, 1
*1980 Otto H. Burkhardt, 19	1999 Robert L. Ferguson, 29
*1981 Hiram A. Hearron, 1	*2000 Owen A. Howard, 6
1982 Lloyd F. Bindle, 29	2001 Steven C. Smith, I, 1
*1983 Elmer Sells, 1 & 33	*2002 Donald O. Bickham, 16

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| *1984 W. Dale Page, 7      | 2003 John H. Lichty, Jr., 1  |
| *1985 Joseph H. Bennett, 1 | 2004 Paul J. Redwine, Jr., 9 |
| *1986 Leo W. Stevens, 16   | 2005 Donald L. Grazier, 1    |
| *1987 John W. Streeter, 12 | 2006 Roscoe W. Bills, 20     |
| 1988 Jay H. Speck, 5       | 2007 Roger W. Miner, 4       |
| *1989 C. Rex Watkins, 20   | 2008 Gale R. Carel, 9        |
| 1990 Thomas A. Clark, 5    | 2009 James F. Brown, Jr.,4   |
| *1991 Merle P. Hayes,14    | 2010 Michael Jones, 12       |
| *1992 Marion H. Wiles,5    | 2011 Edward W. Nolte, 1      |
| *1993 Gerald D. Sorensen,8 | 2012 Bryan Burrows, 27       |
|                            | 2013 Ronald D. Grass         |
|                            | 2014 James Batten            |
|                            | 2015 Frank Borden, Jr.       |
|                            | 2016 L. Cecil Smith          |
|                            | 2017 Fred Way, Jr.           |

\*Denotes Deceased.

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### RECIPIENTS OF THE "YOUTH AWARD"

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| *1985 Charles W. Yount, 20     | 2001 Arthur E. Twyford, 7     |
| *1986 E.P. Baruth, 16          | 2002 Gene F. Wehrbein, 5      |
| *1987 William G. Hurst, 4      | 2003 James D. Gunderson, 1    |
| *1988 Leland S. Pennington, 12 | 2004 James R. Taylor, 1       |
| 1989 Richard Trail, 16         | 2005 Thelma Domingo           |
| *1990 James P. Franson, 4      | 2006 Marlin D. Palasek, 1 & 4 |
| *1991 Steven K. Jones, 20      | 2007 Fred C. Way, Jr., 8      |
| 1992 Louis C. Hurst, 4         | 2008 Robert L. Williams, 8    |
| *1993 Orval W. Cooley, 12      | 2009 Scott Dodge              |
| *1994 Walter Miller, 1         | 2010 Robert L. Williams, 8    |
| 1995 James W. Wallingford, 26  | 2011 Bruce W. Wood            |
| 1996 Marlin D. Palasek,4       | 2012 David Sieler             |
| 1997 Ivan A. Vrtiska, 1        | 2013 Bruce Anderson,4         |
| *1998 Roger L. Galusha, 24     | *2014 Phil Edwards            |
| 1999 Michael W. Stuhr, 1       | 2015 Betty Garwood            |
| 2000 Winfield Barber, 4        | 2016 Kevin Grazier            |
|                                | 2017 Grady Wells              |

\*Denotes Deceased

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### MEMBERS HIP OF ISH SODI

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| *1991 Dale L. Mace, 4         | 1992 Leland L. Meisinger, 5 |
| *1991 Steven K. Jones, 20     | *1992 Marion H. Wiles, 5    |
| *1991 C. Vernon Hovendick,33  | 1994 Clifford L. Morrow, 33 |
| *1991 Edward F. Wehrbein, 5   | 1994 Edward I. Morrow, 33   |
| *1991 Edwin J. Carter, 4      | *1994 Fred R. Prell, 16     |
| *1991 Henry S. Greenwalt, 4   | 1994 John L. Hardy, 33      |
| *1991 Herbert H. Glancy, 4    | 1994 Kirby E. Hunt, 33      |
| 1991 Jay H. Speck, 5          | *1994 Morgan A. Hartman, 26 |
| *1991 Kenneth O. Smith, 4     | 1995 Gerald D. Verbeek, 7   |
| *1991 Raymond A. Lancaster, 5 | *1995 Henry G. Lyddon, 7    |

*1991 Warren D. Lichty, Jr., 4	1995 John M. Dick, 7
*1992 Elsworth L. Abbott, 29	*1995 Ralph R. Yannone, 7
*1992 James O. Thone, 33	1995 Richard P. Don, 29

\*Denotes Deceased

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The following Companions presented the Most Illustrious Grand Master with checks for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation:

Oconoxee Council No. 16, McCook.

## LADY OF THE COUNCIL

Carolyn Plants was announced as a recipient of the Lady of the Council award for her work in the Council.

Previous Award Winners

2011	2016
Mary E. Williams	Wendy Johnson
Sally Bunnell	
Connie K. Smith	

## GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS BUSINESS MEETING

The M.I. Grand Master requested that the R.I. Grand Recorder call the roll of constituent Councils and named *Companion Don Monnette* as parliamentarian. Twelve (12) out of thirteen councils were represented, Temple No. 20 was not in attendance. There being a constitutional number of Councils present, the 137th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska was declared open for the regular order of business and the ballot box was declared open.

The M.I. Grand Master appointed the following Companions to serve as tellers: *Companions Steven Barchus, Chairman, and James Clark and Donald Gray.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

The Order of Business will be as shown in the printed program for the Assembly, or as may be revised by the Illustrious Grand Master. The committee further recommends:

1. The business meeting shall be conducted by "MASONIC TRADITION", not by "Robert's Rules of Order".
2. The Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint a *Parliamentarian for the Annual Assembly*. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Illustrious Grand Master as to rules and procedures in conducting the business of the Assembly.
3. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the podium at the Grand Recorder's table unless otherwise directed by the Illustrious Grand Master.
4. All Proposed Amendments must be submitted to the Grand Recorder in writing prior to the opening of the Annual Assembly. One of the signers of any Amendment brought to the floor for discussion shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
5. Dais Officers may speak from the East on any motion, resolution, committee report, or other matter. Members of the Grand Council may speak from the microphone near the Grand Recorder's desk. In order to obtain the floor, a member first must be recognized by the officer presiding, and then state his name and Council before addressing the Grand Council.
6. No Companion shall speak more than twice on any motion or other matter unless permission is granted by the officer presiding. The order in which members shall be recognized to speak shall be determined by the officer presiding.
7. Time limits for speaking on any item of business may be imposed if the officer presiding so announces.
8. When the Grand Council is considering the decision and formal recommendations of the Illustrious Grand Master, the Illustrious Grand Master shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee then shall announce the position of that Committee. Discussion shall then be opened, with the Illustrious Grand Master permitted to speak,



followed by members of the Grand Council.

9. The method of voting on any item of business shall be determined by the Illustrious Grand Master or other officer presiding.
10. Questions of procedure not provided for by the Grand Council Law, or these rules, shall be determined by the Illustrious Grand Master.

Fraternally Submitted

*Bruce T. Anderson*, Grand Recorder

Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

It was moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

## **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

The roll call of Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near the Grand Council of Nebraska was made. Twenty-four (24) Grand Representatives were absent. Roger Miner, Steven C. Smith, I, Thomas G. Townsley, Kirby Hunt, Donald Grazier, Marlin Palasek, Donald Kemper, Thomas Clark, Mervin Titchen, Albert Chatfield, James Batten, Gale Carel, Louis Hurst, Robert Wunder, Tim Wroot, Bryan Lee,,Edward Morrow, Eugene Jorgensen, Gail Axen, Ron Glasser, Roy W. Lichtenberger, Gerald Verbeek, David Portwood, James Gansemer, Alexander Murray, Bryan Burrows, Carl Highman, William Parrish.

## **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

The M.I. Grand Master invited the Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work and Recorders from the constituent councils that were present to approach the East facing west. They were greeted by their respective Grand Officer and given a hearty welcome.

## **ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve Nebraska York Rite as your Grand Master this year. It has been my pleasure to attend most of the Grand sessions of the adult and youth organizations across our state this past year. I again apologize to the Jobs Daughters of Nebraska, but work requirements kept me from their session. I particularly enjoy the youth sessions when I can attend. These people are the future of all of Masonry in general, as well as the York Rite in particular, and they all deserve our full support.

I will say it again, the youth are our future! This has been said many times over the years and it cannot be repeated often enough. If you have a DeMolay Chapter, a Rainbow Assembly or a Jobs Daughters Bethel in your area, please, attend and support them. They appreciate us being there and in attendance at their meeting and functions. If there is not one in your area, do the research and find out what it would take to create one; and do not forget to involve the ladies in this task. Their knowledgeable support will be a key to getting things started and keeping a new venture going.

If anyone in a Masonic leadership positions accomplishes everything he desired to do, he set his sights far too low. I was able to attend three of our neighboring North Central jurisdictions this term, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. I hope to be able to continue to visit them and get to the other jurisdictions in the future. At this writing I have visited slightly over half of our Nebraska Councils and have enjoyed those visits. I hope to get to most of the others before Grand Session. The visits have all been interesting and underscore the fact that all of us, in Nebraska and throughout our region, facing the same issues.

I feel that I must at least mention the low point of the year. In conjunction with Grand High Priest, A.J. Johnson and Grand Commander Brett Bennett, we were forced to close one of our Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. This was due to a situation that was brought to our attention by our Grand Secretary/Recorder and we could not find a way to work with them to address their situation and keep them open.

At this point, I may as well speak to the elephant in the room, membership. We have seen some progress in the Omaha area Councils; in Lincoln, we have started to rebuild as well. I cannot speak for the Omaha area, but I know that in Lincoln our new members have been the results of efforts by only two or three individuals. They have not been afraid to actually go into the Lodges to talk about York Rite Masonry. If you go, wear your York Rite aprons proudly and be prepared to answer the questions; if you can't field the question, promise to get back to them – and then do it. And take petitions with you. I know that I never dreamed of being up here before you today. Someone talked to me and gave me a petition to sign – you never know what may happen. Maybe some of you are afraid that if you have a candidate you will be called upon to do the work. Ask for help. The York Rite Colleges are there to help. Also individuals will be glad to assist. The Omaha area regularly does festivals twice a year

and they have been sponsoring festivals in North Platte. Their only requirement is that they have a “reasonable” number of candidates for the travel situations, and that individuals from the sponsoring York Rite Bodies are present with their candidates.

I have a special thank you for the Grand Council officers. You accepted your positions, some of you with no awareness of what you were getting into. Thank you for what you do for all branches of Masonry. I hope to see you more in the future.

A special thank you also to IM Mike Lageaux and to the members of Lincoln Council #4 for opening our Grand Session. I know that you did a fantastic job and I appreciate the work that you all have done the year. And a special thank you to my wife, Carolyn. Thanks for all your love and support this last year and the years leading up to this. It would not have been possible without you by my side.

Thank you.

M.I. Carl C. Plants  
 Grand Illustrious Master  
 Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

It was moved and seconded that this report be placed on file. Motion carried.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

I would like to thank everyone for continued support I received during this year as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks to Doc and Jeanne Karnegis and Dennis Newman for all their help and support in maintaining the records. Dennis has greatly enhanced this office. He has continually upgraded the website and many of our forms are now available on line. As this is my last year as Grand Secretary I want to thank all the Grand Officers that I have had the privilege to work with and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their support. It has been a great 11 years.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2016.

The Grand Council issued Multi-Year pins to the following Companions in the year of 2016:

Gail Axen	Temple 20	07/17/59	55 yr 09/01/16
Thomas Dover	Temple 20	10/04/62	50 yr 09/01/16
Gilbert Fisher	Temple 20	04/07/52	60 yr 09/01/16
Raymond Kincannon	Temple 20	04/26/60	50 yr 09/01/16
Earl Mitchell	Temple 20	10/04/62	50 yr 09/01/16
Jon Moyer	Temple 20	10/17/66	50 yr 10/17/16
John Rees	Temple 20	04/24/66	50 yr 09/01/16
Merle Rix	Temple 20	05/02/16	50 yr 09/01/16
Robert Crumbliss	Damascus 14	01/25/66	50yr 11/20/16
Mason Ely	Damascus 14	10/29/65	50 yr 11/20/16
William Hgasemeyer	Damascus 14	11/23/55	60 yr 11/20/16
George Kotsiopoulos	Hastings 8	12/14/49	65 yr.12/20/16

### **GRAND COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

		Council	
		Proposed-2016	Actual-2016
	Starting Balance	\$9,149.12	\$184.68
	Receipts		
501	Dues	\$11,572.00	\$11,091.65

502	Fees	\$200.00	\$192.14
503	Reinstatements	\$50.00	\$0.00
504	Bond Premium	\$100.00	\$60.84
505	Charties	\$640.00	\$602.20
506	Sale of Supplies	\$256.00	\$273.72
507	Intrest	\$20.00	\$7.36
508	Annual Grand Session	\$4,800.00	\$3,042.21
510	Perpetural Life Membership	\$1,600.00	\$4,447.64
514	Miscellaneous	\$320.00	\$466.85
	Total	\$19,558.00	\$20,184.61
	Total plus starting balance	\$28,707.12	\$20,369.29
	Disbursements		
551	Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
552	Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,800.00	\$3,037.16
553	Triannual		
554	Grand Secretary Salary	\$4,570.00	\$3,932.76
655	Grand Secretary Travel	\$240.00	\$77.43
556	Treasure Travel	\$96.00	\$30.62
557	Bond Premium & Fidelity	\$278.00	\$145.00
559	Personal Property Insurance	\$833.00	\$658.59
560	Supplies for Resale	\$256.00	\$400.75
561	Office Supplies	\$128.00	\$278.15
562	Equipment Replacement	\$48.00	\$17.39
563	Postage	\$480.00	\$448.69
564	Rent	\$1,152.00	\$1,009.20
565	Telephone	\$624.00	\$648.76
566	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,600.00	\$1,808.07
567	General Grand Dues	\$1,024.00	\$886.00
568	Philantropies	\$640.00	\$549.73
570	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$60.80	\$17.06
571	Youth	\$300.00	\$261.00
572	Memorials	\$18.00	\$41.89
574	Equipment Rental & Maintance	\$704.00	\$635.19
576	Utilities	\$320.00	\$339.97
578	Workman's Comp.	\$68.00	\$89.90
579	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$800.00	\$862.26
580	Miscellaneous	\$640.00	\$175.25
	Total	\$21,179.80	\$16,350.82

Receipts less Disbursements                      \$7,527.32                      \$4,018.47

**GRAND YORK RITE OF NEBRASKA  
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

**GRAND YORK RITE ENDOWMENT  
Joint account of all three Grand York Rite Bodies**

<b>Grand Chapter</b>	<b>\$55,959.02</b>
<b>Grand Council</b>	<b>\$49,741.35</b>
<b>Grand Commandery</b> .....	<b>\$49,741.35</b>
 <b>Morgan Stanley Account Value Dec. 31, 2016</b> .....	 <b>\$155,441.72</b>

**YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND**

<b>Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2015</b> .....	<b>\$4,173.33</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Interest Earned .....	<b>\$4.27</b>
<b>Funds transferred</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	<b>\$4.27</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2016</b> .....	<b>\$4,177.60</b>

**LUND MEMORIAL ACCOUNT**

**Balance in Bank of the West – Dec. 31, 2015                      \$81.52**  
**At the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee moved to Aprons & Jewels account**

**COUNCIL RETURNS**

All but one council has submitted their reports and paid fees. Twelve (12) Councils failed to have a greeting this year compared to Eleven (11) last year.

***Number of Chartered Councils, December 31, 2015***

Number Greeted .....	30
Number Admitted .....	27*
Number Reinstated .....	2
TOTAL GAIN .....	59
 Number Demitted .....	 29*
Number Died .....	35
Number Suspended .....	5
TOTAL LOSS .....	66
NET LOSS .....	10
 Number of Cryptic Masons, December 31, 2015.....	 754
Number of Cryptic Masons, December 31, 2016.....	744
<b><i>Number of Chartered Councils, December 31, 2016</i></b> .....	<b><i>15</i></b>

Damascus Chapter closed in 2016

Fraternally,  
 Bruce T. Anderson, R.E. Grand Recorder

## REPORT OF THE GRAND ARCH SUPERVISOR

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions All:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions it was my pleasure to act as your Grand Arch Supervisor. This year's festivals in the Omaha area went well concerning degree work in Council and brought into Cryptic Masonry some more companions. However, in the rest of the state we have not done well at all in doing degree work or bringing in more Cryptic Masons and there is very little enthusiasm to do degree work at all. The Master Workmen did not appear to get out into the Councils and I received no reports from them. There were no calls for help in reviewing opening and closing or to do degree work.

The following Councils need to be acknowledged for receiving the Grand Illustrious Master or his Representative;

Omaha Council #1  
Lincoln Council # 4  
Adoniram Council # 5  
Zabud Council #6  
Hastings Council # 8  
Occonoxee Council # 16

The following Councils should receive certificates for opening and closing;

Omaha Council #1  
Lincoln Council # 4  
Adoniram Council # 5  
Zabud Council #6  
Hastings Council # 8  
Occonoxee Council # 16

The following Councils should receive certificates for degree work;

Omaha Council #1

V/R

Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson  
Grand Arch Supervisor  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Nebraska

It was moved and seconded that this report as presented be approved. Motion carried.

## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions,  
It is my pleasure to present the proposed budget for the calendar year 2017.

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Proposed 2017</b>
	Starting Balance	<b>\$426.58</b>
	Receipts	
501	Dues	<b>\$11,500.00</b>
502	Fees	<b>\$200.00</b>
503	Reinstatements	<b>\$50.00</b>
504	Bond Premium	<b>\$60.00</b>

505	Charties	<b>\$640.00</b>
506	Sale of Supplies	<b>\$300.00</b>
507	Intrest	<b>\$0.00</b>
508	Annual Grand Session	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
510	Perpetural Life Membership	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
512	Investment Redemptions	<b>\$0.00</b>
514	Miscellaneous	<b>\$0.00</b>
	Total	<b>\$16,950.00</b>
	<b><u>Total plus starting balance</u></b>	<b>\$17,376.58</b>
	Disbursements	
551	Grand Officers Expense	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
552	Annual Meeting Expense	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
553	Triannual	<b>\$300.00</b>
554	Grand Secretary Salary	<b>\$4,652.80</b>
655	Grand Secretary Travel	<b>\$150.00</b>
556	Treasure Travel	<b>\$150.00</b>
557	Bond Premium & Fidelity	<b>\$160.00</b>
558	Transfers	<b>\$0.00</b>
559	Personal Property Insurance	<b>\$832.00</b>
560	Supplies for Resale	<b>\$300.00</b>
561	Office Supplies	<b>\$300.00</b>
562	Equipment Replacement	<b>\$50.00</b>
563	Postage	<b>\$500.00</b>
564	Rent	<b>\$1,160.00</b>
565	Telephone	<b>\$250.00</b>
566	Perpetual Life Membership	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
567	General Grand Dues	<b>\$1,800.00</b>
568	Philantropies	<b>\$600.00</b>
570	Past Grand Officer Jewel	<b>\$75.00</b>
571	Youth	<b>\$300.00</b>
572	Memorials	<b>\$20.00</b>
574	Equipment Rental & Maintance	<b>\$700.00</b>
576	Utilities	<b>\$80.00</b>
578	Workman's Comp.	<b>\$112.00</b>
579	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	<b>\$992.00</b>
580	Miscellaneous	<b>\$0.00</b>
	Total	<b>\$19,183.80</b>
	Receipts less Disbursements	<b>-\$1,807.22</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jay H. Speck, Chairman*

Jay H. Speck, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

## **CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions all:

The Grand Council issued no dispensations for new Councils that were working under dispensation and only one charter was lifted after merging with Hastings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank D. Smutny, Chairman

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW**

This Cryptic year the Codification on Law Committee was not called on to review or ask any questions concerning the constitution or bylaws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska. There was one set of by-laws approved for Omaha Council #1 by the Illustrious Grand Master which is well within his purview.

V/R  
Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson  
Chairman  
Codification of the Law Committee

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Most Illustrious Grand Master:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully makes the following report to the Grand Session held in Kearney, Nebraska on April 7, 2017.

9 Grand Officers were present.  
12 Past Grand Officers were present.  
18 Out of State Officers and Visitors  
All constituent bodies were represented except; Temple No. 20  
45 Ballots Issued  
71 Registered

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank Smutny*, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

## **ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Companions all:

It has been a distinct pleasure to serve on this committee along with Ex. Companion Jay Speck. It is a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with old friends and companions from other Grand York Rite jurisdictions, as well as meeting new visiting companions. We also have the pleasure of welcoming other distinguished Masonic visitors from Nebraska, including Grand Lodge officers, representatives from the Shrine Centers and Scottish Rite Valleys across the state, ladies from the Order of the Eastern Star and Social Order of the Beauceant, and from Masonic your groups.

At our last Grand Session we had 22 guests in attendance. We hope to see another good crowd at our upcoming session April.

Respectfully submitted,  
John T. Parsons, KCT, Chairman

## DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS COMMITTEE REPORT

No report at this time.

## FRATERNAL RELATIONS & REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Companions;

Fraternal: Pertaining to – Becoming or like Brothers

Fraternity: Body of men banded together by a common interest – as men of the same profession or class

Now that the term has been explained, it seems to me to be more assiduously practiced in the Masonic brotherhood than in other organizations which I have been associated with. On occasion, there have been small cracks exposed, but, by and large, the Masonic Bodies get along with each other and within themselves with a greater degree of camaraderie than most other human endeavors.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters remain in Fraternal Relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Fraternally Submitted,  
*Bryan Burrows, Chairman*

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

## GREAT PLAINS RENDEZVOUS

No report at this session.

## GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL PHILANTHROPY REPORT

No report at this session.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed the address and actions of the Illustrious Grand master and found them within his authority.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Grass Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be approved in its entirety and place on file. Motion carried.

## MEMBERSHIP & YORK RITE COOPERATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions:

York Rite Cooperation is in evidence throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The attendance of members from all four of the York Rite Bodies at festivals and other Masonic gatherings is seen from one end of the state to the other, and the spirit of cooperation is felt at all gatherings. The common problem of declining membership has appeared to draw all the York Rite Bodies into a closer relationship in the search for solutions to our common problems, and all the members from the Blue Lodges through the York Rite Bodies are addressing the issues and searching for answers.

We can only hope that the spirit of cooperation seen today can continue to grow until these problems are solved and Masonry



is once again on the rise in this great land of ours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert E. Wunder*, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

## NECROLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Grand Officers and Companions

As of the composition of this dedication to Companions lost since our last Annual Session, thirty-one have passed from our midst.

Phillip Edwards	Robert Bennett
Loren McNiel	Byron Neiman
Donald R Swanson	David N Lang
Allan R Millar	James Fransoon
Gerald H Marts	Kenneth L Thompson
James L Paulin	Donald Madsen
C Walter McGuire	Raymond Maxwell
Frank R Vondra Sr.	Bruce J Hoye
William H Luther	Walter E Woolson
David A Johnson	Richard Calhoon
Philip Towle	Levi J Dodge
Arnold Wilcox	E Bunnell Swanson
Charles Godwin	Lloyd Myers
Robert E Olsen	Vernon L Corman
James DeMoss	Robert Knight
John Wonder	

Just as our Cryptic degrees are based on a concept of “hidden”, as derived from the definition of the term cryptic, so too must we have faith that our Companions, who have sought refuge in that celestial lodge above, have not been captured in those underground vaults of our earthly existence. We cannot express our thoughts of the memory of our departed Companions any better than that heard by Adoniram from Hiram Abif, when he states: “your work is accepted and, in due-time, you shall receive your reward”. Companions, we received our reward in the brotherhood shared, memories made, and lives bonded to these our fallen Companions. Let us take seriously the lessons imparted by our Cryptic degrees and honor our lost Companions by continued dedication to those very precepts.

Fraternally Submitted,

John Lippert

Grand Chaplain

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

## PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions:

The PLM Committee is charged with investing the funds generated by the purchase of perpetual life memberships by members of the three bodies that compose the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. The Committee consists of nine members. Three of whom are elected by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, three elected by the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, and three

elected by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. Currently, the funds are invested through the Garlock Group of RBC Wealth Management. Quarterly Reports are reviewed and an annual meeting is held to review the investment portfolio and make necessary changes. The result of investment decisions made during the 2016 year are presented in the accompanying tables.

***PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 2016***

Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2016	\$ 214,342.46
ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2016	<u>4,040.00</u>
Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception	<u>\$ 218,382.46</u>
Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2016	\$ 223,565.51
Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2016	<u>193,918.88</u>
Increase in Fund Value During Year 2016	<u>\$ 29,646.63</u>
Percentage increase in Fund Value During Year 2016	<u>15.29%</u>

***DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT INCOME GENERATED IN YEAR 2016***

<b><u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,577.99	38.44%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,775.22	26.47%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska <sup>3</sup>	<u>\$ 2,353.76</u>	35.09%
Total Distributions	<u>\$ 6,706.97</u>	

**NOTES:**

- <sup>1</sup> Two new PLM purchased during 2016.
- <sup>2</sup> One new PLM's purchased during 2016.
- <sup>3</sup> Two new PLM purchased during 2016.

**OTAL NUMBER OF PLM'S BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

<b>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
	<b>LIVING</b>	<b>DEAD</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>DEAD</b>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska	166	479	645	74.26%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska	134	377	511	73.78%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska	<u>128</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>487</u>	73.72%
Total Members	<u>428</u>	<u>1215</u>	<u>1643</u>	

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE FOR ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END OF YEAR FUND VALUE**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>FUND</b>
	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
2007	\$ 5,347.65	\$ 122,643.84
2008	\$ 5,066.21	\$ 104,796.40
2009	\$ 4,665.70	\$ 123,256.89
2010	\$ 4,535.42	\$ 134,582.38
2011	\$ 4,340.84	\$ 139,095.01
2012	\$ 3,935.30	\$ 153,345.18
2013	\$ 6,637.88	\$ 187,794.23
2014	\$ 4,688.33	\$ 199,842.96
2015	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 193,918.88
2016	\$ 6,707.00	\$ 223,565.51

**PLM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

At the 2015 meeting of the Perpetual Life Membership Committee, the following distribution policy was adopted:

**The annual distribution of PLM funds to Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Cryptic Masons, and Commanderies of Knights Templar in Nebraska is a target rate of three (3) percent of the PLM ending account value as of December 31 of each calendar year. The target rate could be adjusted annually (either positively or negatively) based on the PLM fund's annual return and a decision of the committee. RBC Wealth Management should maintain approximately \$7,000 in cash at the end of each calendar year to allow for the annual distribution.**

There were no changes in the distribution policy at the 2016 meeting for the PLM Committee. Consequently, the 3 percent rule was applied resulting in a distribution of \$6,706.97 to the bodies comprising the Grand York Rite of Nebraska.

The December 31, 2016 asset allocation mix for the PLM fund follows:

RBC Bank Deposit Program	\$ 10,494.47	5%
Cash and money market	\$684.66	0%
US equities	\$137,290.85	62%
International equities	\$43,132.21	19%
Fixed income	<u>\$31,963.32</u>	<u>14%</u>
Current account value	<u>\$223,565.51</u>	<u>100%</u>

The asset details for investments other than the RBC Bank Deposit Program and Cash and money markets is as follows:

US Equities

• Growth Fund Amer Inc Cl C	GFAQ	\$16,287.16
• Spdr S&P Dividend ETF	SDY	\$42,780.00
• Washington Mut Invs Fd Inc Cl C	WSHCX	\$78,223.69

International Equities

• Capital World Growth & Income Fund Class A	CWGIX	
\$5,008.32		
• Capital World Growth & Income Fund Inc CL C	CWGIX	\$12,477.35
• Euro Pac Growth Fund CL C	AEPCX	
o \$5,000.28		
• Europacific Growth FD CL A	AEPGX	\$20,646.26

Fixed Income

• Loomis Sayles Investment	LSIIX	\$15,834.02
• Metropolitan West FDS		
Total Return BD FD CL I	MWTIX	\$16,129.30

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman; James A. Carlton, Walter W. Johnson, Michael E. Jones, Reginald S. Kuhn, Edward W. Nolte, Donald E. Rife, Jay H. Speck, Robert E. Wunder, Members; Bruce T. Anderson, Dennis A. Newman, Ex-officio

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

### Council of Cryptic Masons Publicity

Publicity of Council of Cryptic Masons activities has primarily focused on face-to-face discussions, telephone calls, emails, letters among its members, and visits by the Grand Illustrious Master and to a lesser extent, unfortunately, the other Grand Council Officers. All Grand York Rite Officers have a role in communicating with our Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, and if they want to lead the organization, must start by communicating with their respective bodies. Unlike its Chapter and Commandery counterparts, Grand Council does not have a monthly magazine or a capability to publish a few pages of Nebraska Happenings. In the Omaha area, and to a lesser extent in the Lincoln area, Council activities are published in a Masonic Unity calendar and sent to all Masons. This calendar shows locals events for all Lodges; Chapter, Council, Commandery, and College in York Rite; Valley of Scottish Rite; Shrine Temple, Units, and Clubs; Eastern Star Chapters; and DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow. This "master calendar" serves to inform the Masonic community of upcoming events and to de-conflict multiple similar events. More recently, Grand Lodge has taken up the master scheduling cause and publishes a statewide schedule for all those who wish to go to the GLNE.org website and/or to send them a schedule of local events to be added. We heartily support this statewide Masonic calendar for all Masonic bodies, and especially Councils of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska.

These calendars—Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Lodge, and more recently on the Nebraska Grand York Rite website (NEYorkRite.org) are only as good as the inputs they receive. Nebraska York Rite has the capability for more and better information . . . if Companions and Sir Knights will use it. It includes some statewide information for York Rite members relative to the Annual Session, Annual Easter Sunrise Service for Knights Templar, petitions, bylaws, proceedings, forms, calendar of events, Grand York Rite leadership, and a list of upcoming events. Unfortunately, the calendar and upcoming events lists is only populated with Omaha-area activities. For this website to be useful to all Nebraska York Rite Masons, the Chapters, Councils, and

Commanderies outside of the immediate Omaha area MUST submit their pertinent information to be included. By making this website the “go to” source of information about Chapter, Council, and Commandery, all York Rite Masons and prospective York Rite Masons would be better served. Please visit the site, insert your information, and let other bodies know what you are doing.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward W. Nolte  
Edward W. Nolte, Chairman  
Grand Captain of the Guard

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Secretary/Recorder made a motion that all visiting dignitaries who are not already honorary members of this Grand Jurisdiction be made members. Motion carried.

### TIME & PLACE OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 2018 Grand Session will be at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska April 5-7.

### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Comp. Steven Barchus, Chairman of the tellers, reported to the M.I. Grand Master that the ballots were counted and the following were elected:

- Comp. Donald E. Rife, 16..... M. Ill. Grand Master
- Comp. David A. Shaw, 1 ..... R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master
- Comp. Edward W. Nolte, 1..... R. Ill. Grand Principal Cond. of the Work
- Comp. Bruce T. Anderson,4 .....R. Ill. Grand Treasurer
- Comp. Dennis A. Newman, 1 .....R. Ill. Grand Recorder

The following officers were appointed:

- Comp. John H. Lippert, 12.....R. Ill. Grand Chaplain
- Comp. Steve G. Lyne, 16..... Ill. Grand Arch Supervisor
- Comp. Walter A. Johnson, 6..... Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard
- Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1.....Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council
- Comp. Michael D. Lagueux, 4.....Ill. Grand Steward
- Comp. Harry Waggener, 27 ..... Ill. Grand Sentinel

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted and the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

Companion David A. Grindle, General Grand Recorder and personal representative of Lawrence Weaver, Most Puissant General Grand Master. Comp. David brought greetings. He stated that is here for the companions and please ask him any questions. He will attempt to answer. He encouraged anyone who would like to attend the emerging leaders conference at the North Central Conference please let him know. It is free to attend.

He also discussed other programs offered by the General Grand Council. Life membership is a way to support the General Grand Council and also support your own jurisdiction. The General Grand Council is offering a history of the General Grand Council for \$100.00.

He talked about the General Grand Council newsletter. It is available either in hard copy or electronic.

He thanked the Grand Illustrious Master for all the courtesies extended to him and he enjoyed his time in Nebraska.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Comp. Carl Plants welcomed everyone to the installation and introduced the following installing officers:  
Comp. George E. Bauder, *PMIGM* ..... Installing Officer  
Comp. Ronald D. Grass, *PMIGM*..... Installing Marshal  
Comp. Jerry F. Bepalec, *PMIGM*..... Installing Chaplain  
Comp. Richard A. McBride, *PMIGM* ..... Installing Recorder  
Jennifer Grass ..... Installing Musician

The Installing Officer asked the Installing Recorder to call the roll of Officers to be installed for the ensuing year. As their names were called, they and their ladies entered the Assembly room, after which they assumed the obligation and were presented the Jewels of their office and escorted to their stations by the Installing Marshal. The Grand Marshal then proclaimed the Officers of the Grand Council duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing year.

M.I. Grand Master	Donald E. Rife
I. Dep. Grand Master	David A. Shaw
R.I. Gr. Prin. Cond. of the Work	Edward W. Nolte
R.I. Grand Treasurer	Bruce T. Anderson
R.I. Grand Recorder	Dennis A. Newman
R.I. Grand Chaplain	John H. Lippert
I. Grand Arch Supervisor	Steve G. Lyne
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Walter A. Johnson
I. Grand Cond. of the Council	Jeffrey M. Coleman
I. Grand Steward	Michael D. Lagueux
I. Grand Sentinel	Harry Waggener

Most Illustrious Grand Master Carl Plants was presented with his Past Grand Illustrious apron.

The M.I. Grand Master thanked the Installing Officers for a fine job & introduced his wife Melba and invited all the Grand Officers to introduce their ladies.

Attest:

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska, held at Columbus, Nebraska, April 29, 2016, and printed under my direction.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of the GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS IN NEBRASKA, this 6th day of June 2017.

*Bruce T. Anderson*, R. I. Grand Recorder

## GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2016-2017

**BUDGET & FINANCE:** Jay H. Speck, Chairman; James Brown, Jr., Ronald D. Grass.

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS:** Joseph Charbonneau, Chairman; Frank Smutny, Robert Williams.

**CODIFICATION OF THE LAW:** Anthony Johnson, Chairman; Don Monnette. Ron Grass

**CREDENTIALS:** LaVern Work, II, Chairman; Frank Smutny, Jonathan Paz

**ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** Chairman; John T. Parsons, Chairman; Jay H. Speck, James Brown, Jr.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** Byron P. Burrows, Chairman; Adna G. Keeling, David A. Portwood.

**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL PHILANTHROPY:** Arthur C. Highman., Chairman; James Clark, Kirby Hunt.

**GRAND ARCH SUPERVISOR:** Anthony Johnson

**JURISPRUDENCE:** Steven Barchus, Chairman; all Living Past Most Ill. Grand Masters.

**NECROLOGY:** John Lippert, Chairman; Kenneth Bunnell, Mervyn Moeller.

**PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Robert E. Wunder Chairman; Walter Johnson, James F. Brown, Jr.

**PUBLICITY:** Edward W. Nolte, I, Chairman; David A. Shaw, Frederick C. Way, Jr..

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**MASTER WORKMEN:** Fred O. Wyant, 26; Joseph H. Belden; Jerry F. Bepalec, Frank L. Borden, Jr., Donald E. Rife, David A. Shaw.

## ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL

The Order of the Silver Trowel of Nebraska was opened at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the Younes Center, Kearney, Nebraska, by T.I. Master Edward W. Nolte. There were 25 members and visitors present. The degree of Thrice Illustrious master was conferred on:

Jeffrey Coleman, 1  
Edward Biringham, 3  
John Steele, 27

The degree team consisted of: AJ Johnson, Master; Steven Barchus, Sr. Warden; Dennis Newman, Jr. Warden; Ed Nolte, Steward.

The current balance in the T.I. Savings account with Bank of the West as of December 31, 2016 is \$365.96.

Comp. A.J. Johnson moved that the current officers, with the exception of the Recorder advance one position. Approved.

Thrice Illustrious Master Edward W. Nolte installed the following officers for the 2016-2017. He was assisted by Comp. A.J. Johnson as Marshall.

T.I. Master	Donald Rife
T.I. Senior Warden	Ron Grass
T.I. Junior Warden	Frank Borden, Jr.
T.I. Recorder/Treasurer	Bruce T. Anderson
T.I. Steward	Carl Plants
T.I. Sentinel	Cecil Smith
T.I. Prelate	Joe Work, II.

The order was closed at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Bruce T. Anderson*

Bruce T. Anderson  
Recorder/Treasurer

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<b>Balance on Hand, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$425.51</b>
RECEIPTS:	
Fees for Candidates	\$20.00
Interest received during the year 2011	\$.38
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$20.368
DISBURSEMENTS:	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$100.00
<b>Balance on Hand, December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$345.89</b>

*Donald Rife*  
Thrice Illustrious Master

Attest: *Bruce T. Anderson*  
Thrice Illustrious Recorder

## PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*1946-1948 Harold H. Thom	*1977 U. Wesley Fox
*1949 Herbert T. White	*1978 Harry A. Tollander
*1950 (Hon) Carl R. Greisen	*1979 Edward H. Lockwood
*1950 Clarence M. David	1987 Don R. Monnette
*1951 Charles W. Reeve	1988 Robert L. Williams
*1952 James W. Gillette	*1989 J. Robert Syme
*1953 George A. Stevens	*1990 Gordon B. Pinney
*1954 Edward W. Lowder	1991 Theodore J. Johnson
*1955 Thomas D. Williams	*1992 Robert M. McDonald
*1956 Willard C. Boldt	*1993 Virgil L. Tubach
*1957 Jack Watson	*1994 Gerald D. Sorensen
*1958 Charles F. Adams	*1995 Donald O. Bickham
*1959 LaVerne Jay Smith	1996 Fred O. Wyant
*1960 Robert E. Lund	1997 Donald C. Kemper
*1961 Brisben J. Hofer	*1998 Henry S. Greenwalt
*1962 Glenn H. Ault	*1999 Fred R. Prell
*1963 C. Harold Edwards	2000 Frank D. Smutny
*1964 Louis V. Sylvester	2001 Robert E. Wunder
*1965 August H. Boldt	2002 Mervin W. Titchen
*1967 Garvis E. Burrell	2003 James N. Karnegis
*1968 Eugene S. Whitney	2004 Marlin D. Palasek
*1969 Eugene L. Petterson	2005
*1970 Gail Q. Whitney	2006 Roger Miner
*1971 Ehm J. Sorensen	2007 James A. Clark
*1972 Donald W. Larkins	2008 Donald L. Grazier
*1973 Lillard S. Jensen	2009 Rick Harris
*1974 Richard T. Albright	2010 John H. Dale
*1975 Curtis M. Maynard	2011 Steven C. Smith, I
*1976 Morton P. Steyer	2012 Richard Harris
*1980 Doane O. Trail	2013 Jerry Bospalec
*1981 Maurice W. Hall	*2014 Larry Zwart
*1982 Harley G Lofton	2015 Edward Nolte
*1983 Dale C. Wilson	2016 Thomas Michaelson
1984 Gail Axen	
*1985 Gerald Reeves	
*1986 Robert C. Franklin	
*Denotes Deceased	
*Denotes Deceased	

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### THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS RECORDER

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*Carl R. Greisen	1946-1950.
*Harold H. Thom	1951-1972.
*Ralph R. Carleton	1972-1979.
*Floyd R. McKenzie	1979-1990.
Jay H. Speck	1990-2005
Robert Wunder	2006
John F. Dale	2007
Steven C. Smith, I	2008
Richard Harris	2009
Jerry Bospalec	2010
Bruce T. Anderson	2011

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**CONSTITUENT COUNCILS AND OFFICERS 2016-17**

<b>Council</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Chtd.</b>	<b>Master</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Omaha	1	1908 Franklin St. Bellevue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur.	July 8, 1867	Dennis Newman 317 Castle Pine Dr Papillion, NE 68133	Arthur Highman 104 Matthies Dr. Papillion 68046	402-393-2734
Lincoln	4	1635 "L" St., Lincoln	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.	Jan. 7, 1875	Richard Harris 4807 S. 66 <sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln 68516	Tom Michaelson 901 Starview Ln. Lincoln 68516	402-423-1984
Adoniram	5	513 Main St., Plattsmouth	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	Dec. 22, 1876	Jeffrey Stanley 143 Penny Dr. Plattsmouth, 68048	Brett R. Bennett 1219 James St. Plattsmouth 68048	785-925-1206
Zabud	6	1600 W. "B" St., N. Platte	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur.	Dec. 18, 1886	Larry Linstrom 406 E. Circle Dr. North Platte, 69101	Walter Johnson 16600 N. Johnson rd., North Platte 69101	308-532-6314
Hiram	7	350 E. 23 <sup>rd</sup> St., Fremont	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	Dec. 15, 1886	A. E. Twyford 1879 Hoeg. Rd., Hooper 68031	Karl Rassmussen, IV 350 E. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Fremont 68025	402-727-4108
Hastings	8	411 North Hastings, Hastings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	Dec. 13, 1887	Michael Anderson 1771 Hwy 41 Clay Center 68933	Robert L. Williams 1000 N Showboat Hastings 68901	402-463-8533
Raboni	9	601 Grant St., Beatrice	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Dec. 12, 1888	William Coker 2303 High St. Beatrice, 68301	Jason Mackichan 11890 So. 96 <sup>th</sup> Adams 68301- 8759	402-239-1589
Gebal	12	4722 28 <sup>th</sup> St., Columbus	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur.	Dec. 16, 1891	Michael Jones P.O. Box 229 David City 68632	John H. Lippert 3205 40 <sup>th</sup> St., Columbus 68601	402-563-3852
Damascus	14	311 North Com. Ave., Superior	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	Dec. 15, 1891	Mason F. Ely RR 1, Box 26, Superior 68978	Gary Keeling 1050 N. Park St. Superior 68978	402-879-3447
Oconoxee	16	322 Norris Ave., McCook	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	Dec. 12, 1894	Ronald Stuhmer P.O. Box 962 McCook 69001	Philip Lyons 1007 East 1 <sup>st</sup> St. McCook 69001	308-345-2189
Triangle	19	907 W Nor. Ave., Norfolk	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	Dec. 10, 1902	Rod R. Hughes 2514 Westside Norfolk 68701	Gail Axen PO Box 123 Stanton 68779	402-439-2536
Temple	20	1434 10 <sup>th</sup> St., Gering	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur.	Dec. 16, 1903	Joseph Belden P.O. Box 24 Kimbal, 69145-024	Joseph Belden P.O. Box 24 Kimball, 69145- 0024	308-241-0600
Zerubbabel	27	102 W. 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Chadron	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.	Dec. 12, 1917	Don Kay 111 Kay Road Chadron, 69337	Bryan P. Burrows 4876 400 <sup>th</sup> Rd. H. Springs 69347	308-638-7588
Triad	33	301 N. 13 <sup>th</sup> Tekamah	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.	Apr. 7, 1983	Clifford Morrow 4691 CR E Tekamah 68061	Randall L. Hart 412 S. 12 <sup>th</sup> Street Tekamah 68061	402-374-1278

**EXTINCT COUNCILS**

Name	Location	Date of Becoming Extinct
Alpha Council No. 2	Nebraska City	December 10, 1889
Tuscon Council No. 15	Pawnee City	December 12, 1906
Solomon Council No. 10	Sutton	December 16, 1908
Robert Livingston Council No. 21	Plattsmouth	August 19, 1913
Jacob A. Hood Council No. 11	Schuyler	March 16, 1914
Tyrian Council No. 13	York	December 16, 1914
Loup Valley Council No. 25	St. Paul	December 12, 1923
Arbor Lodge Council No. 28	Nebraska City	December 8, 1953
*Temple Council No. 20	Scottsbluff-Temple, No. 20	July 2, 1975
*Cana Council No. 31	Sidney-Una, No. 32	February 18, 1978
*Ionic Council No. 17	Ord – Hastings, No. 8	July 22, 1978
*Geo W. Lininger Council No. 23	Long Pine – Shiloh, No. 30	March 22, 1985
*Una Council No. 32	Alliance – Temple, No. 20	December 31, 1985
*Cypress Council No. 22	Wymore – Raboni, No. 9	November 3, 1989
*Furnas Council No. 3	Auburn – Adoniram No. 5	June 30, 1996
*Boaz Council No. 29	Falls City – Adoniram No. 5	October 31, 2002
*Custer Council No. 18	Broken Bow – Zabud No. 6	January 1, 2005
*Naomi Council No. 26	Geneva – Hastings No. 8	August 15, 2015
Temple council No. 20	Norfolk	September 6, 2016

\*Consolidated

**PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS  
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS IN NEBRASKA**

Gail Axen, 19, P.O. Box 123, Stanton 68779-0123	(98 <sup>th</sup> ) 1979
Robert L. Williams, 8, 1000 Showboat Blvd., Hastings 68901-8423	(105 <sup>th</sup> ) 1986
Don R. Monnette, 3, Rt. 2, Box 45, Humboldt 68379-9418	(108 <sup>th</sup> ) 1989
Theodore J. Johnson, 9, 1514 Doyle Lane, Beatrice 68310-4711	(112 <sup>th</sup> ) 1993
Jay H. Speck, 5, 606 Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth 68048-2061	(Hon.) 1993
Edward I. Morrow, 33, 1419 "I" St., Tekamah 68061-1230	(113 <sup>th</sup> ) 1994
Frank D. Smutny, 24, 206 Wainwright, Grand Island 68802-8374	(114 <sup>th</sup> ) 1995
John T. Parsons, 1, 1512 Beechwood Ave., Papillion 68133-2506	(116 <sup>th</sup> ) 1997
Kirby E. Hunt, 33, 524 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Tekamah 68061-1169	(117 <sup>th</sup> ) 1998
James N. Karnegis, 1, 20975 Bonanza Blvd., Elkhorn, NE 68022-1838	(121 <sup>st</sup> ) 2002
John F. Dale, 26, P.O. Box 292, Stromsburg, NE 68666-0292	(122 <sup>nd</sup> ) 2003
Fred O. Wyant, 26, 316 Nebraska Ave. York, 68467-3662	(125 <sup>th</sup> ) 2006
Steven G. Lyne, 16, 1404 West H. Street, McCook, 69001-2970	(126 <sup>th</sup> ) 2007
Robert E. Wunder, 4, 1820 NW 44 <sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln, 68524	(127 <sup>th</sup> ) 2008
James A. Clark, 9, 896 County Road 2350, Crete	(128 <sup>th</sup> ) 2009
Steven C. Smith, I, 1, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha, 68154-2135	(129 <sup>th</sup> ) 2010
Marlin D. Palasek, 1 & 4, 4859 So. 96 <sup>th</sup> Plaza, Apt. #5, Omaha, 68127-2345	(130 <sup>th</sup> ) 2011
Jerry F. Bepalec, 9, 1140 Grove Avenue, Crete, 68333-2350	(131 <sup>st</sup> ) 2012
Anthony T. Johnson, 1 2613 Alberta Ave, Bellevue, NE 68147	(132 <sup>nd</sup> ) 2013
Ronald Grass, 33 420 N 13 <sup>th</sup> St, Tekamah, NE 68061	(133 <sup>rd</sup> ) 2014
Steven Barchus, 1 1521 S 94 <sup>th</sup> St, Omaha, NE 68124	(134 <sup>th</sup> ) 2015
Carl Plants, 4 6134 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE, 68521	(135 <sup>th</sup> ) 2016

**PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS  
WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO THE NINETH ARCH**

Name	Date of Death	Number	Years Served
John Blake, 3	January 10, 1876	1 <sup>st</sup>	1872
Edwin F. Warren, 2	9-Jul-23	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1873
Charles Goodman, 1	January 11, 1895	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1875, 1876
Robert W. Furnas, 3	1-Jun-05	4 <sup>th</sup>	1877
(Under the control of Grand Chapter 1878 - 1886)			
Alfred G. Hastings, 4	July 10, 1894	5 <sup>th</sup>	1886
Eben K. Long, 1	June 27, 1922	6 <sup>th</sup>	1887
Frank H. Young, 6	24-Dec-17	7 <sup>th</sup>	1888
Samuel P. Davidson, 5	8-Dec-28	8 <sup>th</sup>	1889
Frank H. Young, 6	24-Dec-17	9 <sup>th</sup>	1890
James Gilbert, 1	31-Dec-00	10 <sup>th</sup>	1891
Charles C. Rittenhouse, 8	24-Jul-37	11 <sup>th</sup>	1892
Jefferson H. Foxworthy, 4	October 27, 1897	12 <sup>th</sup>	1893
Henry A. Tutron, 6	10-Dec-08	13 <sup>th</sup>	1894, 1895
Charles J. Phelps, 11	24-Aug-15	14 <sup>th</sup>	1896
James Tyler, 4	1-Nov-19	15 <sup>th</sup>	1897
John J. Mercer, 3	25-Feb-15	16 <sup>th</sup>	1898
Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	27-Nov-12	17 <sup>th</sup>	1899
James A. Grimson, 11	5-Mar-23	18 <sup>th</sup>	1900
George W. Lininger, 1	8-Jun-07	19 <sup>th</sup>	1901
William I. Ritter, 1	20-Oct-30	20 <sup>th</sup>	1902
Arthur Truesdell, 7	3-Sep-20	21 <sup>st</sup>	1903
Gustave Anderson, 1	2-Oct-11	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1904
Lorenzo D. Woodruff, 4	1-Jan-19	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1905

Charles C. Cannon, 11	4-Feb-18	24 <sup>th</sup>	1906
John E. Simpson, 1	16-Dec-64	25 <sup>th</sup>	1907
Fredrick J. Schaufelberger, 8	20-Nov-47	26 <sup>th</sup>	1908
Francis McGiverin, 7	7-Mar-30	27 <sup>th</sup>	1909
John W. Mitchell, 14	27-Aug-21	28 <sup>th</sup>	1910
George S. Powell, 1	20-Dec-15	29 <sup>th</sup>	1911
Chauncey L. Wattles, 20	22-Mar-45	30 <sup>th</sup>	1912
Lewis E. Smith, 23	10-Jul-65	31 <sup>st</sup>	1913
Charles P. Philbrick, 22	October 22,1929	32 <sup>nd</sup>	1914
August J. Albers, 7	11-Sep-47	33 <sup>rd</sup>	1915
John F. Kutz, 6	13-Oct-37	34 <sup>th</sup>	1916
William Pieper, 4	10-Mar-56	35 <sup>th</sup>	1917
Herbert A. Senter	23-May-24	36 <sup>th</sup>	1918
Barthold Koehler, 26	11-Dec-26	37 <sup>th</sup>	1919
Carroll D. Evans, Sr., 12	12-Aug-38	38 <sup>th</sup>	1920
Fredrick W. Tyler, 4	2-Feb-52	39 <sup>th</sup>	1921
John T. Dysart, 1	1-Jan-45	40 <sup>th</sup>	1922
Benjamin F. Pittman, 27	7-Feb-50	41 <sup>st</sup>	1923
Harry S. Villars, 5	21-Dec-40	42 <sup>nd</sup>	1924
George S. Ticknor, 1	8-Aug-27	43 <sup>rd</sup>	1925
Clarence M. Davis, 17	January 2,1958	44 <sup>th</sup>	1926
Seward E. Cogswell, 24	15-Apr-38	45 <sup>th</sup>	1927
James W. Wynkoop, 4	27-May-39	46 <sup>th</sup>	1928
Louis F. Schonlau, 1	12-Oct-44	47 <sup>th</sup>	1929
Charles G. Montgomery, 6	25-Jul-38	48 <sup>th</sup>	1930
Clendeen W. Mitchell, 27	17-Sep-49	50 <sup>th</sup>	1932
Roy W. Hunter, 14	10-Aug-48	51 <sup>st</sup>	1933
Vioney B. Trimble, 8	8-Nov-39	52 <sup>nd</sup>	1934
Paul A. Wilcox, 1	18-Mar-44	53 <sup>rd</sup>	1935
Harley V. Styer, 4	30-Nov-65	54 <sup>th</sup>	1936

Lewis W. MacDonald, 23	16-Dec-39	55 <sup>th</sup>	1937
William M. Sloan, 26	17-Dec-72	56 <sup>th</sup>	1938
W. Carleton Rector, 12	31-Oct-59	57 <sup>th</sup>	1939
Virgil L. Johnson, 9	7-Aug-56	58 <sup>th</sup>	1940
Guy A. Brown, 26	27-Dec-67	59 <sup>th</sup>	1941
John J. Loomis, 4	21-Mar-45	60 <sup>th</sup>	1942
Ellis W. Cass, 1	30-May-46	61 <sup>st</sup>	1943
Robert E. Lund, 12	14-Nov-76	62 <sup>nd</sup>	1944
Walter R. Raecke, 24	9-Apr-60	63 <sup>rd</sup>	1945
Linden S. Crain, 4	13-Mar-68	64 <sup>th</sup>	1946
Osborne P. Simon, 16	7-Mar-58	65 <sup>th</sup>	1947
Herbert T. White, 1	12-Oct-75	66 <sup>th</sup>	1948
Clarence A. Pittman, 12	5-May-65	67 <sup>th</sup>	1949
Edward E. Carr, 6	16-Sep-59	68 <sup>th</sup>	1950
Jack Watson, 4	30-Jan-59	69 <sup>th</sup>	1951
Warren D. Lichty, Sr., 27	22-Dec-79	70 <sup>th</sup>	1952
Charles W. Reeve, 1	7-Feb-75	71 <sup>st</sup>	1953
Carl L. Greisen, 6	29-Jun-95	Hon 72 <sup>nd</sup>	1954
Fred Fouts, 24	18-Mar-62	73 <sup>rd</sup>	1954
Brisben J. Hofer, 16	8-Apr-66	74 <sup>th</sup>	1955
Alfred F. Walter, 1	11-Mar-85	75 <sup>th</sup>	1956
Wilfred C. Boldt, 6	15-Jan-67	76 <sup>th</sup>	1957
Charles F. Adams, 24	17-Apr-80	77 <sup>th</sup>	1958
Harold H. Thom, 1	14-Jun-74	78 <sup>th</sup>	1959
Eugene S. Whitney, 9	12-Jan-75	79 <sup>th</sup>	1960
Edward H. Lockwood, 20	23-Sep-94	80 <sup>th</sup>	1961
Archie W. White, 7	27-Oct-01	81 <sup>st</sup>	1962
Harvey A. Smith, 1	7-Mar-81	82 <sup>nd</sup>	1963
J. Adolf Wensien, 3	8-Dec-73	83 <sup>rd</sup>	1964
Earl W. Schultz, 32	15-Jan-83	84 <sup>th</sup> , 85 <sup>th</sup>	1965, 1966

Harley G. Lofton, Sr., 16	26-Jun-98	86 <sup>th</sup>	1967
Clarence Isaacson, 19	1-Mar-85	87 <sup>th</sup>	1968
C. Harold Edwards, 3	12-Mar-89	88 <sup>th</sup>	1969
Louis V. Sylvester, 1	4-Dec-97	89 <sup>th</sup>	1970
Donald G. Hafer, 20	25-Apr-97	90 <sup>th</sup>	1971
Russell E. Ellis, 6	26-Feb-87	91 <sup>st</sup>	1972
Curtis M. Maynard, 8	7-Aug-83	92 <sup>nd</sup>	1973
Wayne W. Reese, 4	9-Jun-90	93 <sup>rd</sup>	1974
Morton P. Steyer, 1	Feb. 14, 1997	94 <sup>th</sup>	1975
Wayne L. Campbell, 20,	26-Oct-95	95 <sup>th</sup>	1976
Doane O. Trail, 16	16-Jan-95	96 <sup>th</sup>	1977
Ralph R. Carlton, 1	22-Jan-81	Hon 97 <sup>th</sup>	1978
J. Herb Price, 7	6-Nov-01	97 <sup>th</sup>	1978
Harry A. Tollander, 1	Feb. 22, 1997	99 <sup>th</sup>	1980
Delbert V. Clark, 6	25-Apr-83	100 <sup>th</sup>	1981
Richard N. Nielsen, 7	1-Apr-90	101 <sup>st</sup>	1982
Robert M. McDonald, 16	13-Jun-99	104 <sup>th</sup>	1985
Gordon B. Pinney, 27	23-Dec-10	106 <sup>th</sup>	1987
Dale C. Wilson, 1	19-Apr-89	Hon 106 <sup>th</sup>	1987
Morgan A. Hartman, 26	4-Sep-08	107 <sup>th</sup>	1988
Floyd R. McKenzie, 7	9-Jun-91	Hon 107 <sup>th</sup>	1989
Warren D. Lichty, Sr., 27	23-May-12	109 <sup>th</sup>	1990
Bert C. Keith, 6	31-Jul-92	110 <sup>th</sup>	1991
Steven K. Jones, 20	9-Nov-92	Hon 111 <sup>th</sup>	1992
Virgil L. Tubach, 4	17-Nov-01	111 <sup>th</sup>	1992
Fred R. Prell, 16	19-Jul-06	115 <sup>th</sup>	1996
Henry S. Greenwalt, 4	1-Nov-05	118 <sup>th</sup>	1999
William G. Hurst, 4	8-Aug-07	119 <sup>th</sup>	2000
Viron E. Baxter, 16	10-Jul-15	120 <sup>th</sup>	2001
Roger L. Galusha	25-Apr-07	123 <sup>rd</sup>	2004

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## GRAND RECORDERS

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*Edwin F. Warren	November 20, 1872 - November 14, 1873
*William R. Bowen	November 14, 1873 - May 6, 1899
*Francis E. White	May 7, 1899 - December 16, 1925
*Lewis E. Smith	December 16, 1925 - December 3, 1946
*Carl R. Greisen	December 3, 1946 - April 8, 1969
*Ralph R. Carleton	April 8, 1969 - April 11, 1980
*Floyd R. McKenzie	April 11, 1980 - April 5, 1990
Jay H. Speck	April 5, 1990 – April 6, 2006
Bruce T. Anderson	April 6, 2006 – April 7, 2017
Dennis A. Newman	April 7, 2017 to present

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\*Deceased

## LIST OF GRAND COUNCILS WITH GRAND RECORDER AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL RECORDER

*David A. Grindle, P.O. Box 332, Meridian, ID 83680-0332*

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Jurisdiction Recorder	Other Jurisdiction Near Nebraska	Nebraska Near Other Jurisdictions
<b>ALABAMA</b>		
Hiram O. Williams, Jr. P.O. Box 100333 Birmingham, AL 35210-0333	Joseph Charbonneau (1) 4324 Burdette Omaha, NE 68111-3911	Howard E. Hayes 540 Camellia Road Birmingham, AL 35215
<b>ALASKA</b>		
Dale S. Cain 1120 Huffman Rd Ste 24-568 Anchorage, AK 99515	Roger W. Miner (4) 1121 West Burnham Lincoln, NE 68522-2124	
<b>ARIZONA</b>		
George E. Weil P.O. Box 26684 Prescott Valley, AZ 86312-6684	Keith J. Herbster (4) 1201 Mocking Bird Lane Lincoln, NE 68512-2352	
<b>ARKANSAS</b>		
Robert L. Jackson P.O. Box 3526 Little Rock, AR 72203-3526	Harry Waggoner 310 Country Club Rd. Chadron, NE 69337-7328	W. Ronald Friczzell 149 Wilf Dr Pl Plains, AR 73568
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		
Kenneth G. Hope 801 Elm Ave. Long Beach, CA 90813	Joe Work II (5) 128 Debra Ave. Plattsmouth, NE 68048-2427	Max C. Livingston P.O. Box 906 L Arrowhead, CA 92352
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