



***THE
GRAND YORK RITE
OF NEBRASKA
2018***

***Proceedings of
GRAND COUNCIL of CRYPTIC MASONS***

***April 6, 2018
held at
Kearney, Nebraska***

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**THE NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT THE
"RIVERSIDE CONFERENCE CENTER"
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA - FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019**

DONALD E. RIFE
136TH MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER



I was born to Daniel J and the late Rawleyce I (West) Rife on October 21, 1953 in McCook Nebraska. I grew up on the family farm west of Stratton Nebraska along with four sisters and a brother. I attended Stratton Public Schools, graduating in 1972, and attended Nebraska Technical College in Milford Nebraska, graduating in 1974. I worked as a submerged arc welder, welding the seams of large transmission poles, at the Valmont plant in Valley Nebraska until 1979. I moved back to Stratton and did farming and ranching on the family farm until 2009. At present I drive a semi truck and run up and down the roads, hauling grains and feed commodities.

Melba (Meguire) Leggott and I were married on April 20, 1986, We have three children, Jarrod, Thomas and Brooke. We also have seven grandchildren, Payton, Ansley, Morgan, Lucinda, Ryker, Tabyn, and Bryndle ,

Masonic activities include:

Raised a Master Mason in Robert Burns Lodge #173 in 1991 Served as Master for 4 years. Dual membership with McCook Lodge #135 Served as Master in 2005

Was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason, Greeted a Royal and Select Master and Knighted a Knight Templar in a one day festival in Kearney
York Rite Bodies in McCook serving as:
High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter #35 in 2007, Grand High Priest of Nebraska 2015-16

Illustrious Master of Occonoxee Council#16 in 2006, Grand Illustrious Master of Nebraska 2017-18 Commander of St. John's Commandery #16 in 2004, Grand Commander of Nebraska 2012-13 Member of the Past Commanders Association of the Knights Templar of Nebraska 2004

Received the honor of Knights Commander of the Temple
(KCT) 2013 Received the Order of the High Priesthood in
2007

Received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 2005, Thrice Illustrious
Master 2017-18 Member of North Platte York Rite Bodies in 2013
Served as Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska
2011-2015

Also a member of:

KYCH Sir Galahad Priory # 7
HRAKTP Sangre De Cristo
Tabernacle L Scottish Rite of the
Hastings Valley Tehama Shrine in
Hastings
Eureka Chapter # 86 OES in McCook
Red Cross of Constantine Shiloh Conclave in Alliance Past
Sovereign 2015 Allied Masonic Degrees in North Platte

Civic and community positions include:

Serving on the Stratton School Board for 8 years. A 50 year member of the United
Methodist Church in Stratton. Chairman of the Board of Trustees for three years (1989-1991), and a member of the Board of trustees for nine years. Served as Church treasurer for one year (2008).

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA -- APRIL 6, 2018**

The One Hundred Thirty-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska was held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska, on Friday, April 6, 2018. Occonoxee Council No. 16 and Zabud Council No. 6 opened a Council of Cryptic Masons.

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

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

Comp. Donald E. Rife, 16.....M.I. Grand Master
Comp. David A. Shaw, 1.....R.I. Deputy Grand Master
Comp. Edward W. Nolte, 1...R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, 4.....R.I. Grand Treasurer
Comp. Dennis A. Newman, 1.....R.I. Grand Recorder
Comp. John Lippert, 12.....R.I. Grand Chaplain
Comp. Steve Lyne, 16.....I. Grand Arch Supervisor
Comp. Walter Johnson, 6.....I. Grand Captain of the Guard
Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1.....I. Grand Conductor of the Council
Comp. Michael Lagueux, 4.....I. Grand Steward
Comp. Harry Waggener, 27.....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. Donald E. Rife, M.I. Grand Master.

Comp. Robert L. Williams, 8	105 th	1986
Comp. Jay H. Speck, 5	Hon.	1993
Comp. Frank D. Smutny, 24	114 th	1995
Comp. John T. Parsons, 1	116 th	1997
Comp. James N. Karnegis, MD, 1	121 st	2002
Comp. Steven G. Lyne, 16.....	126 th	2007
Comp. James A. Clark, 4	128 th	2009
Comp. Jerry F. Bepalec, 4.....	131 st	2012
Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, 1.....	132 nd	2013
Comp. Ronald D. Grass, 33	133 rd	2014
Comp. Steven R. Barchus, 1.....	134 th	2015
Comp. Carl Plants, 4	135 th	2016

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 Royal & Select Masters of Iowa

Companion Wade Sheeler, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Companion Marvin W. Schendel, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Companion James Fischer, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Companion Carl F. Lidstrom, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Missouri

Companion Joseph Elsen, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of South Dakota

Companion Richard McBride, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Companion George Bauder, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder

Companion Jon Gonsor, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master and Ambassador of South Dakota

Companion Roger H. Hansen, Grand Captain of the Guard

Companion Ervin Alspaw, Grand Sentinel

Companion Bruce Crisman, Grand Conductor of the Council

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Wyoming

Companion Calvin Van Zee, Conductor of the Council

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

Companion David Shaw, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska

Sir Knight Frank Borden, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

Companion William Snyder, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and personal representative of David Grindle, Most Puissant General Grand Master

Companion Anthony Johnson, North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master

Companion John T. Parsons, Past North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master

Companion Ronald Grass, Ambassador of Nebraska

Companion Jon Gonsor, Ambassador of South Dakota

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska

Right Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Stites, Grand Senior Warden and Personal Representative of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska

Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Master

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS

Omaha Council No. 1, Omaha, won the Edmund L. Peterson Banner for the greatest number of Greetings with five (5) Greetings.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Right Puissant William Snyder, R.I. General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work announced that Walter Johnson, Zabud Council No. 6 is the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.

**RECIPIENTS OF THE
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*1975 Thomas H. Blanchard, 1	*1997 Lewis B. Halsey, 26
*1976 Gale Q. Whitney, 23	*1998 Maynard Tatelman, 1
*1977 Paul R. Pierce, 8	1999 Robert L. Ferguson, 29
*1978 E.P. Baruth, 16	*2000 Owen A. Howard, 6
*1979 C. Ray Graham, 14	2001 Steven C. Smith, I, 1
*1980 Otto H. Burkhardt, 19	*2002 Donald O. Bickham, 16
*1981 Hiram A. Hearron, 1	2003 John H. Lichty, Jr., 1
1982 Lloyd F. Bindle, 29	2004 Paul J. Redwine, Jr., 9
*1983 Elmer Sells, 1 & 33	2005 Donald L. Grazier, 1
*1984 W. Dale Page, 7	2006 Roscoe W. Bills, 20
*1985 Joseph H. Bennett, 1	2007 Roger W. Miner, 4
*1986 Leo W. Stevens, 16	2008 Gale R. Carel, 9
*1987 John W. Streeter, 12	2009 James F. Brown, Jr., 4
1988 Jay H. Speck, 5	2010 Michael Jones, 12

*1989 C. Rex Watkins, 20	2011 Edward W. Nolte, 1
1990 Thomas A. Clark, 5	2012 Bryan Burrows, 27
*1991 Merle P. Hayes, 14	2013 Ronald D. Grass
*1992 Marion H. Wiles, 5	2014 James Batten
*1993 Gerald D. Sorensen, 8	2015 Frank Borden, Jr.
1994 Frank W. Smith, Jr., 9	2016 L. Cecil Smith
1995 Warren W. Tiedtke, 33	2017 Fred Way, Jr.
*1996 Willard A. Still, 18	2018 Walter Johnson

*Denotes Deceased.

PRESENTATION OF THE YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

Right Puissant William Snyder , R.I. General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work announced that ***Ronald Nielsen*** is the Youth Service Award.

RECIPIENTS OF THE "YOUTH AWARD"

*1985 Charles W. Yount, 20	2002 Gene F. Wehrbein, 5
*1986 E.P. Baruth, 16	2003 James D. Gunderson, 1
*1987 William G. Hurst, 4	2004 James R. Taylor, 1
*1988 Leland S. Pennington, 12	2005 Thelma Domingo
1989 Richard Trail, 16	2006 Marlin D. Palasek, 1 & 4
*1990 James P. Franson, 4	2007 Fred C. Way, Jr., 8
*1991 Steven K. Jones, 20	2008 Robert L. Williams, 8
1992 Louis C. Hurst, 4	2009 Scott Dodge
*1993 Orval W. Cooley, 12	2010 Robert L. Williams, 8
*1994 Walter Miller, 1	2011 Bruce W. Wood
1995 James W. Wallingford, 26	2012 David Sieler
1996 Marlin D. Palasek, 4	2013 Bruce Anderson, 4
1997 Ivan A. Vrtiska, 1	*2014 Phil Edwards, 1
*1998 Roger L. Galusha, 24	2015 Betty Garwood
1999 Michael W. Stuhr, 1	2016 Kevin Grazier
2000 Winfield Barber, 4	2017 Grady Wells
2001 Arthur E. Twyford, 7	2018 Ronald Nielsen

*Denotes Deceased

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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:

Osconoxee Council No. 16, McCook, Omaha Council No. 1, Hastings Council No. 8.

LADY OF THE COUNCIL

Melva Nickelson was announced as a recipient of the Lady of the Council award for her work in the Council.

Previous Award Winners

2011	2016	2018
Mary E. Williams	Wendy Johnson	Melva Nickelson
Sally Bunnell		
Connie K. Smith		

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS BUSINESS MEETING 18

The M.I. Grand Master requested that the R.I. Grand Recorder call the roll of constituent Councils and named ***Companion Anthony Johnson*** as parliamentarian. Eleven (11) out of thirteen councils were represented, Hiram No. 7 & Temple No. 20 were not in attendance. There being a constitutional number of Councils present, the 138th 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 Ronald Grass, Chairman, Phil Lyons and Frank Borden.***

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:

The business meeting shall be conducted by “MASONIC TRADITION”, not by “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Time limits for speaking on any item of business may be imposed if the officer presiding so announces. 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.

The method of voting on any item of business shall be determined by the Illustrious Grand Master or other officer presiding.

Questions of procedure not provided for by the Grand Council Law, or these rules, shall be determined by the Illustrious Grand Master.

Fraternally Submitted

Dennis Newman, 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. Thirty-one (31) Grand Representatives were absent. Joseph Charbonneau, Roger Miner, Steven C. Smith, I, Thomas G. Townsley, Kirby Hunt, Donald Grazier, Marlin Palasek, Fred Wyant, Donald Kemper, Thomas Clark, Mervin Titchen, Albert Chatfield, James Batten, Gale Carel, Ed Bredemeier, Louis Hurst, Don Monnette, Robert Wunder, Tim Wroot, Bryan Lee, Mike Jones, Edward Morrow, Eugene Jorgensen, Gail Axen, Rick Harris, Ron Glasser, Roy W. Lichtenberger, Gerald Verbeek, David Portwood, Bryan Burrows, 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

I extend greetings to all Dignitaries that have traveled from their Jurisdiction to be with us today. I hope your visit in Nebraska is an enjoyable one and may the Lord watch over your travels on your return your home. A hearty welcome to all companions from across this great state of Nebraska and many thanks to all for coming.

A special welcome to R.I. William G Snyder, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and personal representative of M.I. David A Grindle, General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International. It is a pleasure having you with us today. Welcome to this Great State of Nebraska

A great big THANK YOU to the Companions of Oconoxee Council No. 16 of McCook and Zabud No. 6 of North Platte for the opening this afternoon.

To M.E. Dave Shaw, Grand High Priest and R.E. Frank Borden, Grand Commander, it was truly an honor to serve with you this last year. Thank you for doing such a great job. Your friendships through the years have meant a lot to my Lady Melba and me.

To all the Grand Officers of this Grand Council of Nebraska, thank you for all you have done for the good of the Council this year.

A special thank you to my Lady Melba, for encouraging and supporting me in my endeavors as a York Rite Mason. Thank you for all the time spent making table decorations that were used for the luncheons and banquets, as we have had the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, it is truly appreciated!!! Love you Sweetie

Grand Council By-Laws of Nebraska Duties of the Illustrious Grand Master Article IX

No. 1

a . To issue special dispensation to elect or to install officers of a council at a time other than the fixed by law. NONE

b . To authorize a council to receive and ballot upon a petition for degrees of Cryptic Masonry at a special assembly and that petitions may be received and balloted upon there at. NONE

c . To authorize any council to confer the degrees of Cryptic Masonry in a city or town within this jurisdiction, other than where such council is located, provided that such dispensation shall not be issued to a council to confer the degrees in another county, in which a council or councils are located. NONE

d . May issue a special dispensation for a council to temporarily move their charter to a different location for a specific Cryptic Mason activity.

Approved the move of Charters of Rabud No. 6 of North Platte 6 and Oconoxee Council No. 16 of McCook to the Younes Convention Center in Kearney for the purpose of opening the Grand Council of Nebraska on April 6, 2018.

e. The Most Illustrious Grand Master of Nebraska has the prerogative and power to confer the several degrees of Cryptic Masonry on sight when requested to do so by a constituent Council. NONE

No. 2 To fill vacancies that may occur in the offices of the Grand Council NONE

No 3 Grand Representatives: NONE

I did not appoint anyone to be a representative this year. It seems that a big portion our representatives do little in the way of communicating with their counterparts and have nothing to share with us at our Grand Session.

Visitations:

I attended the three youth groups Grand Sessions this last year, the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and the Demolay for young men. I think it is very important that we show our support to these young adults as hopefully, they will be the one to take this great fraternity into the future.

Grand Illustrious Master Travels for 2017 - 2018

April 6-8	Grand York Rite Session
May 9	Grand Chapter OES in Kearney
June 10	Grand Assembly of the Rainbow Girls in Crete
15	Job's Daughters Grand Session in York
July 15	Grand Session of Nebraska DeMolay in Fremont
Aug 8	KYCH in Fremont
8	HRAHP In Fremont
19	Red Cross of Constantine in Kearney
Sept 21-23	South Dakota Grand York Rite Session
Oct 7	York Festival North Platte
20-21	N Central Grand York Rite Conference Sioux Falls So. Dakota
Jan 16	Installation of McCook Lodge #135
Jan 18	York Rite Meeting McCook
Feb 1, 2, 3	Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska in Kearney
April 5, 6, 7	Attend Grand York Rite Session in Kearney

Dennis Newman visited the Iowa and Minnesota Grand Sessions as my Personal Rep. and also filled in for me at Omaha No. 1, Lincoln No. 4, and Adoniram No. 5 in Plattsmouth. Also presented a 60 year pin to Joseph Manes in Beatrice, on my behalf.

Thank you Companion Dennis

Necrology:

It is always sad to hear of a companion that has reached the end of their journey. We have lost (19) of our fellow companions that have gone to be with the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light”

State of the Craft:

York Rite in Nebraska has been on somewhat of a downhill slide. I need to thank Companions Ed Nolte and A J Johnson in their leadership roles for heading up festivals in Papillion and North Platte. To Walt Johnson for his work in organizing the North Platte festival and making sure everything was in place for the work. Without their efforts we would not have welcomed new ‘companions’ from across the state into this great fraternity. I would offer the incoming Grand Officers the ‘challenge’ to keep working on what has been started and maybe, just maybe, some of our Councils can start doing their own degree work like in years past.

We also need to keep the members we now have because suspensions should never happen. (47) were suspended last year leaving us with a total of (683) companions as of Dec. 31, 2017. We need our number to start climbing. Just wish there was a simple solution to this problem. Fun activities in our Councils (York Rite) would definitely help with retaining members.

I’d like to mention RE Frank Borden, ME Dave Shaw, and GJW Ed Raper who worked diligently to keep the York Rite in Beatrice from giving up their Charters. They met with them on several occasions and have got them going in the right direction. Time, Patience and Perseverance accomplish all things! This is a great example of what can be done if we get out of our comfort zone and try to make a difference. Great job guys !!

Closing Comments

Companions, a great big ‘THANK YOU’ for allowing me to serve as your M I Grand Master of this great State of Nebraska. It was an honor and privilege, and I enjoyed the visits that I did do. It was great to see old friends and it is always enjoyable to make new friends.

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good." Unknown Author

Let each of us to do something good for Cryptic Masonry today and everyday!!

Thank you.

M.I. Donald E. Rife

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 the support I received during my first year as your Grand Recorder. I would like to thank Doc and Jeanne Karnegis and Bruce Anderson for all their help and support in maintaining the records. As this is my first year as Grand Recorder, I want to thank all the Grand Officers and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their patience and their support as I learn the job. I appreciate help and guidance that I have received.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The Grand Council issued Multi-Year pins to the following Companions in the year of 2017:

Donald Kay	Zerubbabel No. 27	1/11/1967	50 yr	08/10/17
Joseph Manes	Raboni No. 9	5/3/1956	60 yr	08/14/17
Marvin Kyes	Hastings No. 8	3/30/1967	50 yr	10/15/17
Charles Putman	Zabud No. 6	10/27/2017	50 yr	10/27/17

GRAND COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

	Council Proposed- 2017	Actual- 2017
TOTAL		
Starting Balance	\$426.58	\$1,309.86
Receipts		
501 Dues	\$11,500.00	\$9,225.65
502 Fees	\$200.00	\$290.00
503 Reinstatements	\$50.00	\$50.00
504 Bond Premium	\$60.00	\$51.86
505 Charities	\$640.00	\$930.34
506 Sale of Supplies	\$300.00	\$19.00
507 Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
508 Annual Grand Session	\$3,000.00	\$2,868.78
Perpetual Life		
510 Membership	\$1,200.00	\$2,415.22
Investment		
512 Redemptions	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
514 Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$144.35
Total	\$16,950.00	\$19,995.20
<u>Total plus starting balance</u>	\$17,376.58	\$21,305.06
Disbursements		

	Grand Officers		
551	Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Annual Meeting		
552	Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,774.50
553	Triennial	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Grand Secretary		
554	Salary	\$4,688.00	\$4,137.36
	Grand Secretary		
555	Travel	\$256.00	\$24.92
556	Treasure Travel	\$150.00	\$123.86
	Bond Premium &		
557	Fidelity	\$160.00	\$439.68
558	Transfers	\$0.00	
	Personal Property		
559	Insurance	\$832.00	\$1,125.07
560	Supplies for Resale	\$300.00	\$0.00
561	Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$192.76
	Equipment		
562	Replacement	\$50.00	\$89.44
563	Postage	\$500.00	\$419.29
564	Rent	\$1,160.00	\$947.20
565	Telephone	\$250.00	\$329.33
	Perpetual Life		
566	Membership	\$1,200.00	\$2,448.95
567	General Grand Dues	\$1,800.00	\$1,928.50
568	Philanthropies	\$600.00	\$930.34
	Past Grand Officer		
570	Jewel	\$75.00	\$132.38
571	Youth	\$300.00	\$288.00
572	Memorials	\$20.00	\$0.00
	Equipment Rental &		
574	Maintenance	\$700.00	\$862.05
576	Utilities	\$80.00	\$197.33
578	Workman's Comp.	\$112.00	\$97.92
	Taxes		
579	(Fed/Unempl/State)	\$992.00	\$939.90
580	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$10.56
	Total	\$19,325.00	\$21,239.34
	Receipts less		
	Disbursements	-\$1,948.42	\$65.72

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

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

Grand Chapter	\$57,856.39	
Grand Council	\$51,427.90	
Grand Commandery		\$51,427.90
Morgan Stanley Account Value Dec. 31, 2017		\$160,712.20

YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND

Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2016		\$4,785.56
RECEIPTS:		
Interest Earned	\$3.28	
Funds transferred.....	\$1419.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1422.80	
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1603.00	
Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2017		\$4,607.81

COUNCIL RETURNS

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

Number of Chartered Councils, December 31, 2016 ... 13

Number Greeted	6
Number Admitted.....	2
Number Reinstated	2
TOTAL GAIN	10

Number Demitted	1
Number Died	20
Number Suspended	47
TOTAL LOSS	68
NET LOSS.....	58

Number of Cryptic Masons, December 31, 2016.....741

Number of Cryptic Masons, December 31, 2017.....683

Number of Chartered Councils, December 31, 2017..... 13

Fraternally,
Dennis A. Newman, 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 Grand Arch Supervisor. This year's festivals went well and I thank the companions that took the time to put them on.

There were no calls for help in opening and closing or for help in degree work.

The following Councils received the Grand Illustrious Master or his representative:

Omaha #1

Adonriam #5

Lincoln #4

Zabud #6

Oconoxee #16

Raboni #9

The following Councils for opening and closing

Omaha #1

Adonriam #5

Lincoln #4

Zabud #6

Oconoxee #16

Hastings #8

Raboni #9

The following for degree work

Zabud #6

Oconoxee #16

Omaha #1

Steve Lyne

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 2018.

	TOTAL	2018
Starting Balance		-\$512.82
Receipts		
501 Dues		\$10,000.00
502 Fees		\$200.00
503 Reinstatements		\$50.00
504 Bond Premium		\$60.00
505 Charities		\$640.00
506 Sale of Supplies		\$300.00
507 Interest		\$0.00
508 Annual Grand Session		\$3,000.00
Perpetual Life		
510 Membership		\$1,200.00
Investment		
512 Redemptions		\$5,000.00
514 Miscellaneous		\$0.00
Total		\$20,450.00
<u>Total plus starting</u>		
<u>balance</u>		\$19,937.18
Disbursements		
Grand Officers		
551 Expense		\$1,500.00
Annual Meeting		
552 Expense		\$3,000.00
553 Triennial		\$300.00
Grand Secretary		
554 Salary		\$5,008.00
Grand Secretary		
655 Travel		\$256.00
556 Treasurer Travel		\$150.00
Bond Premium &		
557 Fidelity		\$160.00
558 Transfers		\$0.00
Personal Property		
559 Insurance		\$832.00
560 Supplies for Resale		\$300.00
561 Office Supplies		\$300.00
Equipment		
562 Replacement		\$50.00

563	Postage	\$500.00
564	Rent	\$1,160.00
565	Telephone	\$250.00
	Perpetual Life	
566	Membership	\$1,200.00
567	General Grand Dues	\$1,800.00
568	Philanthropies	\$600.00
	Past Grand Officer	
570	Jewel	\$75.00
571	Youth	\$300.00
572	Memorials	\$20.00
	Equipment Rental &	
574	Maintenance	\$700.00
576	Utilities	\$0.00
578	Workman's Comp.	\$112.00
	Taxes	
579	(Fed/Unempl/State)	\$992.00
580	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Total	\$19,565.00
	Receipts less	
	Disbursements	\$372.18

Respectfully Submitted,
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

The following report is submitted for the Codification of the Law Committee which includes PGIMs Don Monnette, Ron Grass and Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson (Chairman). As Chairman, I would like to thank the other two PGIMs who served with me this 2017-2018 year.

The committee was not asked to review the bylaws, nor did the Illustrious Grand Master request any assistance for any actions he may have performed over the year. The Committee was presented a

resolution though for review concerning the raising of dues to cover a per-capita raise by General Grand Council and to provide for the future financial stability of the Grand Council of Nebraska. As Chairman I provided recommendations for clarification of the resolution and with the assistance and review of the committee we determined it was in proper format to send to Councils for review prior to the Grand Annual Assembly to be held from the 6th of April in Kearney Nebraska.

No other items were presented to the Codification of the Law Committee so I request acceptance of this report.

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 6, 2018.

7 Grand Officers were present.

5 Past Grand Officers were present.

15 Out of State Officers and Visitors

All constituent bodies were represented except; Hiram No. 7, Temple No. 20

42 Ballots Issued

62 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 76 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

On April 5, 2018, at 9:30 PM, the Jurisprudence committee met to review the address and report of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Don Rife.

The first several paragraphs were welcomes and thank yous and do not require any actions.

The next section was concerned with the duties of the Illustrious Grand Master. All the activities were approved as being within the proper actions of the Illustrious Grand Master; however a “typo” was identified in section “d” dealing with the relocations of Charters for this Grand Session where the words “Grand Commandery” were used instead of “Grand Council”.

The visitation section documented his official Masonic travels in Nebraska and other jurisdictions and required no action.

The last few paragraphs covered other activities and comments relating to our Grand Council and, by extension, Masonry as a whole, and were composed of opinions requiring no action by Jurisprudence.

We thank Most Illustrious Companion Don Rife for his service this past year move acceptance of the Jurisprudence Committee Report.

Respectively submitted,
Carl Plants, 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, eighteen have passed from our midst.

Curtis O Wood	Jeffrey D Jones
George Finnell	Webb McNally
William J Reh, Jr.	Virgil E Irelan
Keith E Wheeler	Ellis Sutton
C Earl Bucy, Jr.	William Hasemeyer
Emmett Scott	William Meyer
Leland Meisinger	Robert Lowe
Earl H Veskerna	Loren Mleynek

Herman Hinzman

Kenneth Martin

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, Chairman

Ill. Grand Chaplain

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

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Most 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 PLM Committee presents the results of investment decisions made during the 2017 year in the accompanying tables.

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR 2017

Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2016	\$ 223,565.51
ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2017	<u>3,080.00</u>
Withdrawals for 2017 Distribution	<u>6,706.97</u>
Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception	<u>\$ 215,062.46</u>
Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2017	\$ 257,950.35
Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2017	\$ 223,565.51
Increase in Fund Value During Year 2017	<u>\$ 34,384.84</u>

Percentage increase in Fund Value During Year 2017

15.38%

DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT INCOME GENERATED IN YEAR 2017

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska ¹	\$ 2,974.68	38.44%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska ²	\$ 2,048.38	26.47%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska ³	<u>\$ 2,715.44</u>	35.09%
Total Distributions	<u>\$ 7,738.50</u>	

NOTES:

¹ Two new PLM purchased during 2017.

² One new PLM's purchased during 2017.

³ Two new PLM purchased during 2017.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLM'S BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
	<u>LIVING</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DEAD</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska	151	493	644	74.55%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska	126	386	512	75.39%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska	<u>122</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>489</u>	75.05%
Total Members	<u>399</u>	<u>1246</u>	<u>1642</u>	

HISTORICAL ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END-OF-YEAR FUND VALUES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>FUND</u>
	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
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	\$ 6,706.97	\$ 223,565.51
2017	\$ 7,738.50	\$ 257,950.35

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 2017 meeting for the PLM Committee. The fund performed well again this year. Consequently, the PLM Committee voted to continue the 3% payout, resulting in a distribution of \$7,738.50 to the bodies comprising the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. Buzz Garlock, our Financial Advisor, suggested we continue to rebalance the portfolio with more of it being in fixed income positions. The rise in the stock funds left us at 12% in fixed income funds, and last year the PLM Committee agreed on a target of 25%. The PLM Committee voted to move \$25,000 from the S & P stock fund into the two bond funds after two good years of performance, so we view this decision as taking some of our profit out our stock funds into bonds.

The December 31, 2017 asset allocation mix for the PLM fund is as follows:

RBC Bank Deposit Program	\$ 9,009.91	4%
Cash and money market	665.56	0%
US equities	134,923.72	52%
International equities	55,153.93	21%
Fixed income	<u>58,197.23</u>	<u>23%</u>
Current account value	<u>\$ 257,950.35</u>	<u>100%</u>

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

US Equities	
Growth Fund Amer Inc Cl C (GFAIX)	\$20,379.65
Spdr S&P Dividend ETF (SDY)	\$21,258.00
Washington Mut Invs Fd Inc Cl C (WSHCX)	\$93,286.07

Current US Equities Value	\$134,923.72
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International Equities	
Capital World Growth & Income Fund Class A (CWGIX)	\$ 6,244.11
Capital World Growth & Income Fund Inc CL C (CWGCX)	\$15,433.95
Euro Pac Growth Fund CL C (AEPCX)	\$ 6,485.44
Euro-Pacific Growth FD CL A (AEPGX)	\$26,990.43

Current International Equities Value **\$55,153.93**

Fixed Income	
Loomis Sales FDS II	\$24,632.26
Loomis Sayles Investment (LSIIX)	\$16,888.11
Metropolitan West FDS	
Total Return BD FD CL I (MWTIX)	\$16,676.86

Current Fixed Income Value **\$58,197.23**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman: James F. Brown, Jr.

Chapter Members: Edward W. Nolte, Reginald S. Kuhn, and Michael E. Jones

Council Members: James F. Brown, Jr., Walter W. Johnson, and Anthony T. Johnson

Commandery Members: Donald E. Rife, James A. Carlton, and Fred Way, Jr.

Ex-Officio: Dennis A. Newman and Bruce T. Anderson

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Council of Cryptic Masons Publicity

In reviewing the recently revised Grand Council By-Laws dated 2015, the Publicity Committee was deleted—it no longer exists. The current committees for Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska consist of following: Credentials, Budget and Finance, Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Necrology, Charters and Dispensations, Codification of the Law, and Prepaid Life Membership. In addition, since Cryptic Masons do not have a monthly or quarterly publication like their Chapter and Commandery counterparts, publicity is left to the Grand and Constituent Councils to plan and execute. As the Chairman of this now non-existent Publicity Committee, this will obviously be my last report, but since I have started, I will continue to provide some suggestions in this regard. I recommend that Constituent Councils inform potential Master Masons and potential York Rite Masons at Community Masonic Friendship Dinners about the Council of Cryptic Masons, what R&SMs do, and our Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund. Educate new Companions on the lessons of Cryptic Masonry, its ritual and meaning, and how the story fits in time with the Blue Lodge and Chapter Degrees. Ensure that the Council is visible with its signage and its presence and be relevant in its community.

When York Rite Masons speak with Master Masons in Lodge about joining Chapter, Council and Commandery, ask them how many are already York Rite Masons. Every hand should go up because Blue Lodge Masonry is York Rite Masonry, and they are already Brethren in the first body of York Rite Masonry. Then for Royal Arch Masonry, ask them what their wages are and would they like to know. Next, ask them why are they satisfied with the substitute word when they could learn the true word. Then tell them that they cannot be a true, Past Master of their Lodge until they receive the Past Master Degree. Until then, they will merely be former Masters. For the Council Degrees, ask them the significance to the Three Lesser Lights. Ask them what they know about King Solomon's Temple, the Sacred Vault, where it was located, and what it contained. For Knights Templar, tell them that at a time when Christians are being physically and spiritually attacked all over the world, even in the U.S., every Christian Mason ought to be a Knight Templar, the only direct Christian Order in Masonry. Then tell them that York Rite Masons constitute the top 10% of all Masons in Nebraska, and would they like to associate with this select group of Masons. This little soliloquy usually gets one or two petitions from my Lodge Brethren.

Right Illustrious Companion Edward W. Nolte
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Grand 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 2019 Grand Session will be at the Riverside Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Nebraska April 4-6.

Bids for 2020-2024 Grand Sessions were read and discussed. It was voted to have the Grand York Rite Sessions at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney for these years.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

Comp. David A. Shaw, 1.....M. Ill. Grand Master

Comp. Edward W. Nolte, 1.....R. Ill. Deputy Grand Master

Comp. Walter A. Johnson, 6.....R. Ill. Grand Principal Cond. of the Work

Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, 4R. Ill. Grand Treasurer

Comp. Dennis A. Newman, 1.....R. Ill. Grand Recorder

The following officers were appointed:

Comp. Timothy Peters, 1.....R. Ill. Grand Chaplain

Comp. Daniel Marr, 1.....Ill. Grand Arch Supervisor
 Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1.....Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard
 Comp. Michael D. Lagueux, 4..... Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council
 Comp. Frank L. Borden, Jr., 14.....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 William Snyder, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and personal representative of David Grindle, Most Puissant General Grand Master. Comp. Bill 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 you own jurisdiction.

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. Don Rife welcomed everyone to the installation and introduced the following installing officers:

Comp. Steven R. Barchus, *PMIGM*Installing Officer
 Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, *PMIGM* Installing Marshal
 Comp. Donald E. Rife, *PMIGM*Installing Chaplain
 Comp. Jay Speck, *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	David A. Shaw
I. Dep. Grand Master	Edward W. Nolte
R.I. Gr. Prin. Cond. of the Work	Walter A. Johnson
R.I. Grand Treasurer	Bruce T. Anderson
R.I. Grand Recorder	Dennis A. Newman
R.I. Grand Chaplain	Timothy Peters*
I. Grand Arch Supervisor	Daniel Marr
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Jeffrey M. Coleman
I. Grand Cond. of the Council	Michael D. Lagueux
I. Grand Steward	Frank L. Borden, Jr.
I. Grand Sentinel	Harry Waggener

* To be installed later

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Don Rife was presented with his jewel.

The M.I. Grand Master thanked the Installing Officers for a fine job & introduced his wife Marcy 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 Kearney, Nebraska, April 6, 2018, and printed under my direction.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of the GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS IN NEBRASKA, this 6th day of June 2018.

Dennis A. Newman, R. I. Grand Recorder

GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2017-2018

BUDGET & FINANCE: Jay H. Speck, Chairman; John Parsons, Ronald D. Grass.

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

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

CREDENTIALS: Frank Smutny, Chairman; LaVern Work, II, 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: Steve Lyne

JURISPRUDENCE: Carl Plants, Chairman; all Living Past Most Ill. Grand Masters.

NECROLOGY: John Lippert, Chairman; Kenneth Bunnell, Joseph Charbonneau.

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP: James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman; Walter Johnson, Anthony Johnson

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. Belpalec, 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 5, 2018 at the Younes Center, Kearney, Nebraska, by T.I. Don Rife. There were 25 members and visitors present. The degree of Thrice Illustrious master was conferred on:

Dan Marr, 1
Adam Thayer, 4
Mervin Ransom, 12

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

The current balance in the T.I. Savings account with Bank of the West as of December 31, 2017 is \$344.87.

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 2018-2019. He was assisted by Comp. A.J. Johnson as Marshall.

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

The order was closed at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Bruce T. Anderson

Bruce T. Anderson
Recorder/Treasurer

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 Bespalec
*1981 Maurice W. Hall	*2014 Larry Zwart
*1982 Harley G Lofton	2015 Edward Nolte
*1983 Dale C. Wilson	2016 Thomas Michaelson
1984 Gail Axen	2018 Donald Rife
*1985 Gerald Reeves	
*1986 Robert C. Franklin	
*Denotes Deceased	

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS RECORDER

*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 Bespalec	2010
Bruce T. Anderson	2011

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS AND OFFICERS 2018-19							
Council	No	Location	Meeting	Chtd.	Master	Recorder	Phone
Omaha	1	1908 Franklin St. Bellevue	3 rd Thur.	July 8, 1867	Dan Marr 1608 Farrell Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005	Arthur Highman 104 Matthies Dr. Papillion 68046	531-721-4743
Lincoln	4	1635 "L" St., Lincoln	1 st Wed.	Jan. 7, 1875	Adam Thayer 3110 S 72 nd St Apt 142 Lincoln 68506	Tom Michaelson 901 Starview Ln. Lincoln 68516	402-314-6310
Adoniram	5	513 Main St., Plattsmouth	2 nd Mon.	Dec. 22, 1876	Eddie Birmingham 1905 S 124 th St Omaha, NE 68144	Brett R. Bennett 1219 James St. Plattsmouth 68048	402-651-9173
Zabud	6	1600 W. "B" St., N. Platte	1 st 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 rd St. , Fremont	2 nd Wed.	Dec. 15, 1886	Frank Veverka 1525 E 5 th St Fremont, NE 68025	Karl Rassmussen, IV 350 E. 23 rd Fremont 68025	
Hastings	8	411 North Hastings, Hastings	2 nd 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 th Tues.	Dec. 12, 1888	Paul Redwine 1024 N 9 th St. Beatrice, 68310	Jason Mackichan 11890 So. 96 th Adams 68301-8759	
Gebal	12	4722 28 th St., Columbus	2 nd Thur.	Dec. 16, 1891	Mervin Ransom RR 1 Box 31 Osceola, NE 68651	John H. Lippert 3205 40 th St., Columbus 68601	402-563-3852
Damascus	14	311 North Com. Ave., Superior	2 nd 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 rd Thurs.	Dec. 12, 1894	Steve Lyne 1404 W H St McCook 69001	Philip Lyons 1007 East 1 st St. McCook 69001	308-345-2189
Temple	20	1434 10 th St., Gering	3 rd 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 th St., Chadron	1 st Tues.	Dec. 12, 1917	Clifford Burrows 4876 400 th Ln Hay Springs, NE 69347	Bryan P. Burrows 4876 400 th Rd. H. Springs 69347	308-638-7588
Triad	33	301 N. 13 th Tekamah	3 rd Mon.	Apr. 7, 1983	Clifford Morrow 4691 CR E Tekamah 68061	Randall L. Hart 412 S. 12 th Street Tekamah 68061	402-374-1278

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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
Triangle Council No. 19	Norfolk	September 6, 2016

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Robert L. Williams, 8, 1000 Showboat Blvd., Hastings 68901-8423	(105 th) 1986
Don R. Monnette, 3, Rt. 2, Box 45, Humboldt 68379-9418	(108 th) 1989
Theodore J. Johnson, 9, 1514 Doyle Lane, Beatrice 68310-4711	(112 th) 1993
Jay H. Speck, 5, 606 Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth 68048-2061	(Hon.) 1993
Edward I. Morrow, 33, 1419 "I" St., Tekamah 68061-1230	(113 th) 1994
Frank D. Smutny, 24, 206 Wainwright, Grand Island 68802-8374	(114 th) 1995
John T. Parsons, 1, 1512 Beechwood Ave., Papillion 68133-2506	(116 th) 1997
Kirby E. Hunt, 33, 524 N. 9 th St., Tekamah 68061-1169	(117 th) 1998
James N. Karnegis, 1, 20975 Bonanza Blvd., Elkhorn, NE 68022-1838	(121 st) 2002
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Steven G. Lyne, 16, 1404 West H. Street, McCook, 69001-2970	(125 th) 2007
Robert E. Wunder, 4, 1820 NW 44 th St. Lincoln, 68524	(126 th) 2008
James A. Clark, 9, 896 County Road 2350, Crete	(127 th) 2009
Steven C. Smith, I, 1, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha, 68154-2135	(128 th) 2010
Marlin D. Palasek, 1&4, 4859 So. 96 th Plaza, Apt. #5, Omaha, 68127-2345	(129 th) 2011

Jerry F. Bepalec, 9, 1140 Grove Avenue, Crete, 68333-2350	(130th) 2012
Anthony T. Johnson, 1 2613 Alberta Ave, Bellevue, NE 68147	(131st) 2013
Ronald Grass, 33 420 N 13 th St, Tekamah, NE 68061	(132nd) 2014
Steven Barchus, 1 1521 S 94 th St, Omaha, NE 68124	(133rd) 2015
Carl Plants, 4 6134 NW 6 th St., Lincoln, NE, 68521	(134 th) 2016
Donald Rife, 16 35405 US Hwy 34, Stratton, NE 69043	(135 th) 2017

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO THE NINETH ARCH

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

Arthur Truesdell, 7	3-Sep-20	21 st	1903
Gustave Anderson, 1	2-Oct-11	22 nd	1904
Lorenzo D. Woodruff, 4	1-Jan-19	23 rd	1905
Charles C. Cannon, 11	4-Feb-18	24 th	1906
John E. Simpson, 1	16-Dec-64	25 th	1907
Fredrick J. Schaufelberger, 8	20-Nov-47	26 th	1908
Francis McGiverin, 7	7-Mar-30	27 th	1909
John W. Mitchell, 14	27-Aug-21	28 th	1910
George S. Powell, 1	20-Dec-15	29 th	1911
Chauncey L. Wattles, 20	22-Mar-45	30 th	1912
Lewis E. Smith, 23	10-Jul-65	31 st	1913
Charles P. Philbrick, 22	October 22,1929	32 nd	1914
August J. Albers, 7	11-Sep-47	33 rd	1915
John F. Kutz, 6	13-Oct-37	34 th	1916
William Pieper, 4	10-Mar-56	35 th	1917
Herbert A. Senter	23-May-24	36 th	1918
Barthold Koehler, 26	11-Dec-26	37 th	1919
Carroll D. Evans, Sr., 12	12-Aug-38	38 th	1920
Fredrick W. Tyler, 4	2-Feb-52	39 th	1921
John T. Dysart, 1	1-Jan-45	40 th	1922
Benjamin F. Pittman, 27	7-Feb-50	41 st	1923
Harry S. Villars, 5	21-Dec-40	42 nd	1924
George S. Ticknor, 1	8-Aug-27	43 rd	1925
Clarence M. Davis, 17	January 2,1958	44 th	1926
Seward E. Cogswell, 24	15-Apr-38	45 th	1927
James W. Wynkoop, 4	27-May-39	46 th	1928
Louis F. Schonlau, 1	12-Oct-44	47 th	1929
Charles G. Montgomery, 6	25-Jul-38	48 th	1930
Clendeen W. Mitchell, 27	17-Sep-49	50 th	1932
Roy W. Hunter, 14	10-Aug-48	51 st	1933
Vioney B. Trimble, 8	8-Nov-39	52 nd	1934

Paul A. Wilcox, 1	18-Mar-44	53 rd	1935
Harley V. Styer, 4	30-Nov-65	54 th	1936
Lewis W. MacDonald, 23	16-Dec-39	55 th	1937
William M. Sloan, 26	17-Dec-72	56 th	1938
W. Carleton Rector, 12	31-Oct-59	57 th	1939
Virgil L. Johnson, 9	7-Aug-56	58 th	1940
Guy A. Brown, 26	27-Dec-67	59 th	1941
John J. Loomis, 4	21-Mar-45	60 th	1942
Ellis W. Cass, 1	30-May-46	61 st	1943
Robert E. Lund, 12	14-Nov-76	62 nd	1944
Walter R. Raecke, 24	9-Apr-60	63 rd	1945
Linden S. Crain, 4	13-Mar-68	64 th	1946
Osborne P. Simon, 16	7-Mar-58	65 th	1947
Herbert T. White, 1	12-Oct-75	66 th	1948
Clarence A. Pittman, 12	5-May-65	67 th	1949
Edward E. Carr, 6	16-Sep-59	68 th	1950
Jack Watson, 4	30-Jan-59	69 th	1951
Warren D. Lichty, Sr., 27	22-Dec-79	70 th	1952
Charles W. Reeve, 1	7-Feb-75	71 st	1953
Carl L. Greisen, 6	29-Jun-95	Hon 72 nd	1954
Fred Fouts, 24	18-Mar-62	73 rd	1954
Brisben J. Hofer, 16	8-Apr-66	74 th	1955
Alfred F. Walter, 1	11-Mar-85	75 th	1956
Wilfred C. Boldt, 6	15-Jan-67	76 th	1957
Charles F. Adams, 24	17-Apr-80	77 th	1958
Harold H. Thom, 1	14-Jun-74	78 th	1959
Eugene S. Whitney, 9	12-Jan-75	79 th	1960
Edward H. Lockwood, 20	23-Sep-94	80 th	1961
Archie W. White, 7	27-Oct-01	81 st	1962
Harvey A. Smith, 1	7-Mar-81	82 nd	1963
J. Adolf Wensien, 3	8-Dec-73	83 rd	1964

Earl W. Schultz, 32	15-Jan-83	84 th , 85 th	1965, 1966
Harley G. Lofton, Sr., 16	26-Jun-98	86 th	1967
Clarence Isaacson, 19	1-Mar-85	87 th	1968
C. Harold Edwards, 3	12-Mar-89	88 th	1969
Louis V. Sylvester, 1	4-Dec-97	89 th	1970
Donald G. Hafer, 20	25-Apr-97	90 th	1971
Russell E. Ellis, 6	26-Feb-87	91 st	1972
Curtis M. Maynard, 8	7-Aug-83	92 nd	1973
Wayne W. Reese, 4	9-Jun-90	93 rd	1974
Morton P. Steyer, 1	Feb. 14, 1997	94 th	1975
Wayne L. Campbell, 20,	26-Oct-95	95 th	1976
Doane O. Trail, 16	16-Jan-95	96 th	1977
Ralph R. Carlton, 1	22-Jan-81	Hon 97 th	1978
J. Herb Price, 7	6-Nov-01	97 th	1978
Harry A. Tollander, 1	Feb. 22, 1997	99 th	1980
Delbert V. Clark, 6	25-Apr-83	100 th	1981
Richard N. Nielsen, 7	1-Apr-90	101 st	1982
Robert M. McDonald, 16	13-Jun-99	104 th	1985
Gordon B. Pinney, 27	23-Dec-10	106 th	1987
Dale C. Wilson, 1	19-Apr-89	Hon 106 th	1987
Morgan A. Hartman, 26	4-Sep-08	107 th	1988
Floyd R. McKenzie, 7	9-Jun-91	Hon 107 th	1989
Warren D. Lichty, Sr., 27	23-May-12	109 th	1990
Bert C. Keith, 6	31-Jul-92	110 th	1991
Steven K. Jones, 20	9-Nov-92	Hon 111 th	1992
Virgil L. Tubach, 4	17-Nov-01	111 th	1992
Fred R. Prell, 16	19-Jul-06	115 th	1996
Henry S. Greenwalt, 4	1-Nov-05	118 th	1999
William G. Hurst, 4	8-Aug-07	119 th	2000
Viron E. Baxter, 16	10-Jul-15	120 th	2001
John F. Dale	6-Mar-18	122 nd	2003

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*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
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