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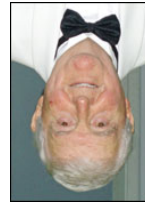
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## Past Masters of The Builders Lodge # 376

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1977 - William Wolf  
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1990 - Richie Letuzow\*  
1990 - Dr. Theodore Simon  
1991 - James Sender

1992 - Brian Baum  
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1994 - Thomas Robarts  
1995 - Aubrey Cross  
1996 - Paul Wilke  
1997 - John Williams  
1998 - David Cladin\*  
1999 - Arthur Stone\*

2000 - Derl Smith  
2001 - Harrison Ragland  
2002 - James Welch  
2003 - Robert Lang  
2004 - Jerry J Russell  
2005 - Michael Jo Swatek  
2006 - Charles J Annis\*  
2007 - Rolf Hohmann\*  
2008 - Allen Sorbie  
2009 - Joseph W. Goggin



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## From the East

Brethren,

Congratulations to Br. Joseph Reynolds who was presented with his Master Mason Certificate from The Grand Lodge at the regular meeting on February 16, 2010.

Br. Dieter Krakow's beloved wife of 40 years, Irene passed away January 31st. Br. Krakow wishes to thank everyone for their cards and phone calls at this difficult time.

Any brother not attending the dinners that we have at the second meeting of the month, is missing out on some wonderful food prepared by our Junior Warden Br. Roger (Dutch) Neihart. It is an excellent way to meet new brothers and attend the Lodge meeting. On February 16, we had an excellent dinner of Southwestern chicken, corn, baked potatoes, corn bread and dessert. Everyone raved about the dinner. I urge every member of our Lodge to join us for dinner and camaraderie. Visitors are always welcomed.

Brother George Moran, our Chaplain for the past 11 years, is recuperating from surgery. Please continue to keep his and Brothers Ed. Haug, Richard Martin, Henry Pfeil and James T. Treferey. Paul Leffew's wife and my daughter -in- law Beth in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally yours  
Nyle Davenport  
Worshipful Master



## Freemasonry and Society:

Freemasonry demands from its members a respect for the law of the country in which a man works and lives. Its principles do not in any way conflict with its members' duties as citizens, but should strengthen them in fulfilling their private and public responsibilities. The use by a Freemason of their membership to promote his own or anyone else's business, professional or personal interests is condemned, and is contrary to the conditions on

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### March Schedule

Mar.2nd Stated Communication 7:30 PM  
Mar. 16th Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Communication 7:30PM  
Mar. 17th Officers Meeting 7 PM W.: Smith's home  
Mar. 25th MMA Meeting 6:45PM, District School of Inst. 7 P Sarasota #147

### From the South

#### March 16th Dinner

Nebraska Venison Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Beans with Onions, and Rolls. Dessert of Brownies and Ice Cream. Suggestions for future dinners will still be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,  
Brother Dutch Neihart  
Junior Warden 941-730-6181

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which he sought admission to Freemasonry. His duty as a citizen must always prevail over any obligation to other Freemasons, and any attempt to shield a Freemason who has acted dishonourably or unlawfully is contrary to this prime duty.

### March Birthdays

John R. Anson 03-18-1952  
William G. Bieber 03-08-1941  
William G. Lancaster 03-13-1937  
Michael J. Miraglia 03-08-1944  
George Moran 03-18-1921  
Barton C. Neddall 03-17-1932  
Henry F Pfeil 03-14-1933  
Gerald G. Reister 03-30-1940  
W. Allen Sorbie 03-11-1968  
John J. Speers 03-29-1941  
Ray C. Wolfe 03-24-1955  
Mark A. Wroblewski 03-27-1962

### March Masonic Birthdays

Peter M. Burnett 03-22-1960  
Robert M. Buchanan Jr. 03-31-1968  
George D. Fraley 03-08-1980  
Edward G. Haug 03-06-1940  
Robert V. Levy 03-08-1980  
Thorton W. O'Duggan 03-09-1991  
Harrison R. Ragland 03-05-1963  
Buell Smith 03-20-1961  
John J. Speers 03-12-1971  
Robert V. Toale 03-26-1994

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### Secrecy:

The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with its traditional modes of recognition. It is not a secret society, since all members are free to acknowledge their membership and will do so in response to inquiries for respectable reasons. Its constitutions and rules are available to the public. There is no secret about any of its aims and principles. Like many other societies, it regards some of its internal affairs as private matters for its members.

### Conclusion:

A Freemason is encouraged to do his duty first to God (by whatever name he is known) through his faith and religious practice; and then, without detriment to his family and those dependent on him, to his neighbour through charity and service. None of these ideas is exclusively Masonic, but all should be universally acceptable. Freemasons are expected to follow them.

## Chaplains Corner

Should you become ill, or know of a brother who is ill, please call me at 284-9936 so that I may share it with the brothers at the next Lodge meeting.

Joseph Reynolds  
Chaplain



## Attend Lodge Meetings

The Builders Lodge meeting nights are at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. A dinner will be served at 6:30 PM before the 3rd Tuesday meeting. Read the enclosed schedule for other special information on meetings each month. Those who have not paid there 2010 dues please do so at this time

## MASONIC COLUMNS



## 2010 Boosters

W.: Jerry Russell  
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## Guidelines for Meaningful Change

*by Reginald S. Kuhn, Grand Master*

*This article appeared in the Fall 2008 Issue of the Nebraska Mason*

### To My Newer Brothers:

I am impressed by how many of you are taking an active role in your lodge. Your enthusiasm for our fraternity is evident by your actions and in the many personal and email conversations in which I have had the privilege to participate. This is an exciting time for you to be a Mason and I know that Nebraska Freemasonry is beginning a new and wonderful chapter in its history.

However, I also know many of you are frustrated by the attitudes and actions of some of the veteran members of the Craft. You feel that needed changes in how your lodge operates will never come and that your new ideas are met with indifference, condescension, and even hostility.

As one who by temperament is unsettled by change, let me offer some guiding principals for you to consider as you bring meaningful change to your lodge:

**Understanding** – Many of you have grown up in a time of rapid change and it is as natural to you as breathing. However, for many older Masons, the environment of change in which you flourish is unsettling. As you propose changes in your lodge, make sure they are well reasoned, well communicated and are in the best interests of your lodge. Remember, to pursue change merely as an activity is frustrating to many senior brothers.

**Honor** – It is no secret that our fraternity has faced significant challenges during the past several decades. During those times, it is your veteran brothers who kept the faith and worked hard to maintain your lodge. As we enter this new chapter in our history, I urge you to remember and honor the dedication of these brothers.

**Perseverance** – The Master Mason degree teaches us that time, patience and perseverance accomplish all things. If you initially meet with resistance to a new idea, don't give up. As you know, many of the greatest ideas and innovations were initially met with skepticism.

**Leadership** – One of the great secrets of the Masonic experience is that it teaches untold leadership skills. In implementing a new idea, we often feel that we must push all obstacles out of our path. However, a true leader takes his followers by the hand and inspires them to consider the new way. It is a privilege to serve with you. I am confident that by working together you and I can make our Fraternity, but more particularly your lodge, a place where men of all ages will be proud to call each other Brother.

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### To My Experienced Brothers:

I am impressed by the commitment you have made and continue to make to our fraternity. I am sure that during the past several decades you wondered whether the care and concern which you have for the Craft would even be remembered.

With your solid foundation of service, I am extremely hopeful about the future of our Fraternity. While challenges still exist, I have felt the wind of revitalization in many Nebraska lodges. The challenge for us is to skillfully embrace these winds of change for the benefit of the fraternity we love so much.

I know these winds of change are not without discomfort. You fear that our newer, younger brothers may, on occasion, be reckless and seem to undertake change with no real purpose. You also feel that these brothers do not fully appreciate the challenges you faced and overcame.

In any time of change, there will be tension. As one who is change adverse, let me offer some guiding principals for you to consider as you experience change in your lodge:

Understanding – For our younger members, change is a part of their life and they embrace it. However, you can play a vital role in helping shape this environment of change in which our younger members thrive. In particular, remind them that the lessons of our fraternity are as relevant today as they have ever been.

Excellence – For many years, lodges bemoaned the fact that the younger generation seemingly had no interest in Freemasonry. My brothers, the interest is here! However, you need to insure that your lodge is, in fact, a place where younger men find the Masonic experience which they are told they will find.

Leadership – A successful leader identifies and trains his successor. Take the initiative and ask a younger member of your lodge if you can be his mentor. Our younger members will meet with obstacles in their quest for change. However, as a mentor you can give advice and counsel in overcoming those challenges. You will be surprised with the openness of our younger brothers to receive counsel and advice.

Acceptance – Freemasonry, like any other living organization, has changed and will continue to change. Thus, you must learn to accept that our beloved institution will adapt and change. However, accepting the necessity of change in no way negates your duty to see that the tenants of our profession are transmitted through your Lodge, pure and unimpaired to the next generation. It is a privilege to serve with you. I am confident that by working together you and I can make our Fraternity, but more particularly your lodge, a place where men of all ages will be proud to call each other Brother .

### Dr. Theodore Simon

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