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July turned out to be hot and humid. Had lots of adventures in the last month.

To summarize just a bit, July started off with a bang, or more of a crash. I was in western Nebraska doing what I do for The Nebraska Masonic Home. Went from Chappell Nebraska to Ainsworth to do a presentation. Then I decided to leave Ainsworth and head North to North Dakota's Grand session. Well, I made it eight miles North of Gregory, South Dakota when a good friend of mine (Ms. Deer) decided to become part of my new pickup. Did not even have plates on it yet. My progress stopped. Both air bags diploid, and everything locked up. I was angry, disappointed, and a little discouraged. Luckily, I was not hurt. Not the way I had things diagramed out. Thank you to my friends in Gregory who put me up for the night. Also, thank you Alvin Benemerito for coming up, saving me, and taking me to Beresford to meet up with my wife who came to take me home. I greatly appreciate it my friend. As a side note, my truck is being fixed in Sioux Falls. Hopefully, it will be ready sometime in mid to late August. The sooner the better.

I may have missed North Dakota's Grand session but did make it to Red Cross of Constantine, DeMolay Conclave, and Prince Hall Grand Lodge. In all cases promoting York Rite and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Onto the next few weeks. I will be attending HOKTP and KYCH in Fremont, and then Triennial Assembly in Branson which is during Kathe and my 30th Anniversary. Will be trying to put together a Royal Arch festival in Lincoln in the near future. Also, CSSA will be in Omaha and after that will be the Royal Arch festival in Omaha. We had an ad in The Nebraska Mason promoting Royal Arch. So far there has been no response from this.

I call on all Sir Knights to get out there and get petitions to promote the outstanding work we do. We need members!!! Be a part of the solution.

I hope all of you have had a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing all of you soon. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,  
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