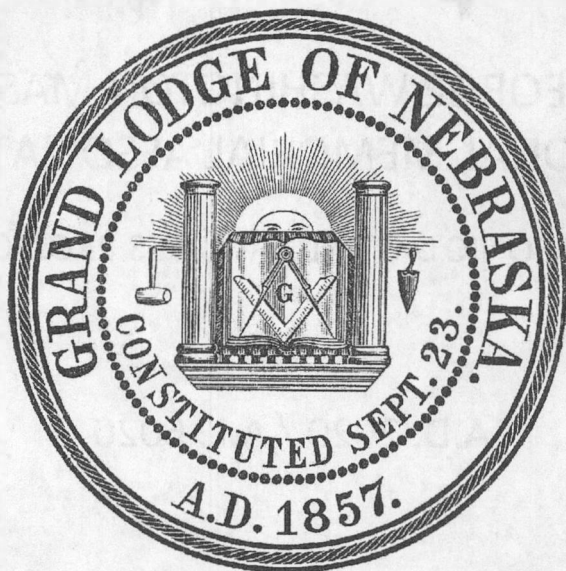


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its twenty-seventh annual communication in the New Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 24, A.:L.: 5884, A.D. 1884, at four o'clock in the afternoon, there being present:

M.:W.: SAMUEL W. HAYES	Grand Master.
R.:W.: JOHN J. WEMPLE	Deputy Grand Master.
W.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT <i>as</i>	Grand Senior Warden.
W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE <i>as</i>	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
V.:W.: JACOB A. HOOD	Grand Chaplain.
W.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT	Grand Custodian.
W.: JOHN HAMMANG	Grand Marshal.
W.: MILTON J. HULL	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: ASBERRY TOWNSEND	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: ERNEST T. HUNGER	Grand Tiler.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form as required by the law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

See appendix for record of special communication.

Bros.: Jefferson H. Foxworthy, 54,* Sylvester S. Royce, 19, and Cyrus E. Hunter, 83, were appointed as the committee on Visitors, and Bros.: Velosco V. Leonard, 6, Charles P. Needham, 25, and D. Rush Daniels, 55, as the committee on Credentials. These committees were congregated by the Grand Master and entered upon their labors.

On roll call it was ascertained that ninety-five (of the one hundred and five) chartered lodges were represented. Whereupon the Grand Lodge was declared open for the dispatch of business.

M.:W.: Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master, ordered that all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge during its sessions.

The Grand Master now delivered his

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The brief period of another year has passed away, and agreeable to our custom, we gather in annual session around our sacred altar, here to renew our allegiance to our time-honored institution, and to attest our faith and belief in its high and holy principles. We are now to receive the reports from the various bands of workmen scattered far and wide over the broad prairies and among the hills and valleys of our jurisdiction. We are now to review the work of our overseers, and to pass in judgment thereon. We are to deliberate upon the condition of the craft, and to draw designs for the future. As we have invoked the blessing of Deity upon our present meeting, let us also be thankful to Him for the bountiful measure of health and prosperity that we have enjoyed during the past year. While fire and floods have invaded the homes of many of our brothers in other jurisdictions, while the hurricane in its wrath has laid waste and destroyed some of the fairest and most fertile portions of our sister states, and disease and death have in other portions of our land brought distress and mourning into many a happy home, we, as a state, have been comparatively free from all these evils. A kind Providence, mindful of the trials and hardships of former years, has smiled upon our efforts and rewarded our labors with plentiful harvests wherewith to supply our needs, and to feed the flocks and herds that dot in countless numbers the broad acres of our beautiful land, causing our hearts to glow

*NOTE.—The figures indicate the lodge to which the brother named belongs.

with gratitude to the great and beneficent Author of our existence for the manifold comforts and blessings we enjoy. In all this, our beloved Fraternity has shared in the general prosperity, for we have lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes until the sound of the gavel is heard throughout the land, calling the sons of light to "deeds of charity and pure benevolence." Let us hope that our growth, while rapid, has also been healthy and permanent.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

In July last, official information was received of the death of R.·W.· Bro.· Oscar M. Marshall, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Also, May 29, was received, through our Grand Secretary, a letter and circular from the Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi, giving notice of the death of Past Grand Master James M. Howry, on the 15th of April; also, Past Grand Master William French, on the 28th of same month, both of that jurisdiction.

While we mourn with our brethren in their sad loss, we feel that these distinguished brothers have infinitely gained in being called from their labors below to refreshment in the paradise of God, and, placed at His right hand, He has been pleased to pronounce them just and upright Masons. I recommend that suitable action be taken by this Grand Lodge relative to the death of our distinguished brothers.

Also, we have received notice of the death of several brothers in our own jurisdiction, viz.: Bros.· J. B. Reynolds, of Fairfield, No. 84, G. H. Jones, of Harvard, 44, Ira G. Dixon, Past Master of Juniata, 42, and Homer Holcomb, Past Master of Acacia, 34. There are probably others not brought to our notice. I recommend that, as heretofore, a memorial page or pages be published with the proceedings of this session, giving the names and rank of the members of constituent lodges who have died during the year.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The peaceful relations heretofore existing between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and our fellow Grand Lodges have remained undisturbed. The labors of the craft have been unimpeded, and harmony prevails.

By a regulation of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, their representatives hold their appointments for three years only. The time of their representative near this Grand Lodge having expired, Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas was recommended for reappointment.

By request of the Grand Master of Masons in Manitoba, a commission was issued to R.·W.· Bro.· A. H. Cameron as representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

A commission was also issued to V.·W.· Bro.· Charles W. Brown as representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada, *vice* Bro.· Robert Ramsay, resigned.

Also, agreeable to the desire of the Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi, a commission was issued to R.·W.· Bro.· J. B. Morgan as Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of that state, *vice* Past Grand Master William French, deceased.

Past Grand Master Lininger was also accredited as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge.

Your Grand Master received a communication from M.·W.· Conrad B. Day, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, accompanying a phototype of Ledger B, St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, from June 24, 1731, to June 24, 1738, to be presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The receipt thereof was acknowledged as follows:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONRY IN NEBRASKA,
April 8, 1884.

CONRAD B. DAY, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania:

M.·W.· Sir and Brother,—Your highly esteemed favor of 27th ult. was duly received, containing a phototype of Ledger B, St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. It is indeed a valuable and interesting document, and will be so regarded by our Grand Lodge, and at its next session, in June, I hope to have the pleasure of presenting it in form, when a proper acknowledgment will be made by the Grand Lodge.

Receive, M.·W.· Sir, the assurance of my most fraternal regards,
[G.·M.· SEAL.]

SAMUEL W. HAYES, *Grand Master.*

CONSTITUENT LODGES.

With very few exceptions, our lodges have enjoyed peace and prosperity. I exceedingly regret that this cannot be said of every lodge within our jurisdiction. There are some weak lodges, unfortunate in their location, perhaps, or in the material of which they are composed. The most prolific source of trouble and weakness that exists—the most to be deplored because so entirely foreign to the principles and teachings of our Fraternity, is that evil of evils, intemperance. Fortunately, and to our credit, it can be said of our lodges that but very few of them have been troubled from this cause. The great masses of the Fraternity are free from this vice; but it is a fact that in some of our lodges there are notable instances wherein the excessive use of intoxicating drinks has sorely afflicted the good and true Mason by the foothold it has gained here and there in the ranks of the Fraternity, bringing trouble and discredit to the craft, and deterring good and true men from knocking at our doors for admission. Brethren, as Masons may, as lodges can, let us do our best to extirpate this evil from our midst; so that when a man is known to be a Mason, it shall be a guarantee that he is temperate and discreet, worthy of trust, and faithful to his vows; a man temperate in habits, firm in the right, prudent in actions, and just to himself and his fellow men; for such, and such alone, can in the fullest sense become just and upright Masons.

GRIEVANCES.

Several complaints have been received from lodges of the invasion of their jurisdiction by adjacent lodges, in taking material that belonged by virtue of residence to the complaining lodge. This is nearly always done through inattention or ignorance of the law regulating the boundaries of their respective lodges. In every case I have reminded them of the law, and required the fee to be paid where the material belonged, and so far as I know the matter has been amicably adjusted. The claim of Bro.· Beetson in the matter of money due him from Ashland Lodge, 18, now extinct, has been

adjusted in accordance with the order of the Grand Lodge at its last annual session. (See page 452, proceedings of '83.)

The case of Bro. F. A. Beeler, a fellow craft, vs. Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, has been brought to my notice. Craftsman Beeler desires to advance. Having removed from Nebraska, he asks for a waiver of jurisdiction by Frank Welch, No. 75. This requires, under our law, a unanimous vote. This has so far been unattainable. It involves the principle of perpetual jurisdiction. I recommend it to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. The papers herewith submitted will explain the matter more fully.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES.

The new lodges to which the Grand Lodge ordered charters to be issued at its last annual communication, twenty-two in number, from No. 91 to 112 inclusive, were all constituted between August 6 and September 17, being within the time required by the constitution. To do this, I was obliged to call upon our Grand Custodian and other Grand Lodge officers, as well as other members of the Fraternity.

The alacrity and cheerfulness with which they responded to the call and hastened to my aid enabled me to get through with an amount of work that were otherwise well nigh impossible. They deserve the thanks of the Fraternity, as they certainly have mine.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted the following dispensations for the formation of new lodges:

1. July 11, 1883, to eleven Master Masons at Brainard, Butler county, to open and hold Brainard Lodge, with Bros. John T. McKnight as Master, Albert H. Ashold, S. W., and William C. Jones, J. W. They were recommended by Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, and indorsed by W. Bro. B. F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian.
2. July 12, to twelve Master Masons to open and hold Harlan Lodge, at Alma, Harlan county, with Bro. James Bradford as Master, George Deans, S. W., and Ed. L. Willetts, J. W. Recommended by Melrose Lodge, No. 60, and indorsed by R. W. Bro. L. P. Gillette.
3. July 18, to fourteen Master Masons to open and hold Hardy Lodge, at Hardy, Nuckolls county, with Bro. Nathaniel M. Ayers as Master, William Hayes, S. W., and Johnson Barker, J. W. Recommended by Nelson Lodge, No. 77, and indorsed by P. G. M. James A. Tulleys.
4. August 2, to thirteen Master Masons to open and hold Saline Lodge at Dorchester, Saline county, with Bros. John C. Thurston as Master, Wm. R. Bolding, S. W., John Barton, J. W. Recommended by Crete Lodge, No. 37, and certified to by P. G. M. A. G. Hastings.
5. September 5, to nine Master Masons to open and hold North Bend Lodge, at North Bend, Dodge county, with Bros. John Y. Smith as Master, Michael Dowling, S. W., and Milton May, J. W. Their petition was recommended by Fremont Lodge, No. 15, and certified to by W. Bro. J. H. Crabbs, P. M. of Fremont Lodge, No. 15.

6. September 26, 1883, to eleven Master Masons to open and hold Wayne Lodge, at Wayne, Wayne county, with Bros.: Cyrus E. Hunter as Master, John T. Bressler, S.:W.:, and James Bretton, J.:W.: They were recommended by Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, and certified to by Bro.: D. R. Daniels, Master Mosaic Lodge, No. 55.

7. November 26, to eighteen Master Masons to open and hold Superior Lodge, at Superior, Nuckolls county, with F. Park Coin as Master, Frederick J. Padden, S.:W.:, and Abner W. Johnson, J.:W.: Petition was recommended by Nelson Lodge, No. 77, and certified to by W.: Bro.: Rawalt.

8. November 26, to nine Master Masons to open and hold Odell Lodge, at Odell, Gage county, with Bros.: John W. Bowen, Master, George L. Roe, S.:W.:, and Josephus Oliver, J.:W.: They were recommended by Tyre Lodge, No. 85, and certified to by W.: Bro.: Rawalt, Grand Custodian.

9. December 8, to twelve Master Masons to open and hold Indianola Lodge, at Indianola, Red Willow county, with S. W. Stilgebaum, Master, J. W. Maikin, S.:W.:, and Henry Crabtree, J.:W.: Petition was recommended by Melrose Lodge, No. 60, and certified to by R.:W.: Bro.: John J. Wemple, Deputy Grand Master.

10. December 25, to seventeen Master Masons to open and hold Auburn Lodge, at Auburn, Nemaha county, with Bros.: Charles H. Willard as Master, Thomas S. Horn, S.:W.:, and Jeremiah H. Taylor, J.:W.: They were recommended by Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, and certified to by P.:G.:M.: R. W. Furnas.

11. January 1, 1884, to twelve Master Masons to open and hold Genoa Lodge, at Genoa, Nance county, with Oakley E. Green as Master, Olaf Netzell, S.:W.:, James M. Kennedy, J.:W.: Their petition was recommended by Cedar River Lodge, No. 89, and certified to by B. D. Slaughter, Master of same lodge.

12. January 16, to eight Master Masons to open and hold Stromsburg Lodge, at Stromsburg, Polk county, with Bros.: Hiram Sapp as Master, George H. Butler, S.:W.:, and Dyer Ford, J.:W.: Their petition was recommended by Osceola Lodge, No. 65, and certified to by Bro.: H. A. Scott, Master of same lodge.

13. January 22, to eight Master Masons to open and hold Minden Lodge, at Minden, Kearney county, with Bros.: Byron W. Marsh as Master, John A. Shickels, S.:W.:, and F. R. Kingsley, J.:W.: They were recommended by Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, and indorsed by W.: Bro.: Rawalt.

14. January 28, to ten Master Masons to open and hold Guide Rock Lodge, at Guide Rock, Webster county, with Bros.: Isaiah B. Hampton as Master, Edwin L. Grubb, S.:W.:, and John B. Fish, J.:W.: Recommended by Charity Lodge, No. 53, and certified to by P.:G.:M.: James A. Tulleys.

15. February 18, to twelve Master Masons to open and hold Blue Hill Lodge, at Blue Hill, Webster county, with Ira O. Martin as Master, Albert Frame, S.:W.:, and Timothy Bigelow, J.:W.: They were recommended by Hastings Lodge, No. 50, and indorsed by the Grand Custodian.

16. February 20, to fourteen Master Masons to open and hold Tuscan Lodge, at Surprise, Butler county, with Bros.: George Miller, Master, Madi-

son Rogers, S.:W.:, and George H. Miller, J.:W.:. They were recommended by Composite Lodge, No. 81, and certified to by W.:Bro.: B. F. Rawalt, G.:C.:.

Making sixteen lodges under dispensation, which, with two lodges, viz.: Valentine and Wisner Lodges, whose dispensations were renewed from last year, make in all eighteen lodges under dispensation. The most, if not all these lodges, will apply for charters at the present session.

I have several petitions for dispensations for new lodges, which came in at so late a day that I declined to issue the dispensations, and advised the petitioners to wait until my successor was installed, when I would place them in his hands, so that, if granted, they would receive them with as little delay as possible.

The amount due to the Grand Lodge for dispensations for sixteen lodges (\$240) has been paid over to your Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF TIME.

Sterling, No. 70, November 28, 1883	\$10 00
Wymore, No. 104, January 25, 1884	10 00
Wymore, No. 104, February 22, 1884	10 00
Ashlar, No. 33, January 21, 1884	10 00
York, No. 56, May 7, 1884	10 00
Rob Morris, No. 46, May 7, 1884	10 00
Blue Hill, U.:D.:, May 2, 1884	20 00
Fees paid	\$80 00

Dispensations have also been issued to several lodges to hold special meetings to elect and install officers, having failed to do so at the time prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

November 29, in compliance with the order of the Grand Lodge at its last session, I appointed a committee to investigate a certain loan of the Orphans' Educational Fund, said committee consisting of the present trustees, to wit: Bros.: Furnas, Oakley and Lamb, together with Past Grand Masters Tulleys and Warren. They will report at the present session.

The Grand Lodge, at its last communication, adopted the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, wherein a new charter for Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, was ordered. There arose some misunderstanding among the brethren as to the new charter, and, under the circumstances, I thought it best to hold the order in abeyance until the present session, when the case could be brought before the proper tribunal for its action. (See page 438, proceedings of '83.)

The duplicate charter for Riverton Lodge, No. 63, was issued, agreeable to the order of the Grand Lodge at its last session. (See page 438, proceedings of '83.)

Shortly after the reports of the disastrous floods on the Ohio River began to reach us, telling of ruined homes, suffering and death, at my request a circular was prepared by the Grand Secretary and sent to our subordinate lodges, asking them to contribute, as they might be able, to a fund for the relief of the suffering in the flooded districts. The promptness displayed by our lodges in answering to the call, and the liberality with which they

responded was truly gratifying. Past Grand Master Lininger was appointed to receive and disburse the contributions, and his report, which is before you, affords the best evidence of the fidelity and efficiency with which he performed the duty assigned to him. For a full account of our doings in this matter you are referred to the accompanying appendix.

Monday evening, June 23, Freemasons Hall at Lincoln was dedicated, the Grand Lodge having been convened in special session for that purpose. After the dedication services were concluded, the Fraternity were invited to a bountiful repast, prepared by the ladies with their usual good taste and liberality, to which the Fraternity did ample justice.

I regret that I have been able to visit so few lodges during the past year. The few that I have been able to visit have displayed a desire for a better knowledge of the work, and were anxious to be guided to a higher and better position in the scale of Masonic principles.

Schools of instruction have been held by your able and efficient Custodian at different times and places. His report is herewith submitted, and I will here take occasion to say that he has aided your Grand Master very materially in the matter of visiting and instructing lodges, and especially in constituting new lodges he deserves special commendation.

My correspondence with our constituent lodges has been almost altogether concerning questions of law and usage, which nine times out of ten were answered by simply referring them to existing laws, rules and decisions. In every case I have advised a closer study of the law by the Master, and a greater familiarity with the usages and customs of the Fraternity. Masons do not read enough.

The following are a few of the decisions I have been called upon to make, and some of these, to one familiar with our laws, might seem to be unnecessary to report:

1. One of our new lodges, previous to the issue of its charter, asked to change the name. I decided that the Grand Lodge (having ordered the charter under the name already given) alone had authority to change it.

2. *Query.* Can a lodge reconsider a vote for the election of officers?
Ans. Yes, if done at the same meeting, with all the members present who were present when the election was held.

3. *Query.* Can a lodge in this jurisdiction receive a petition for initiation from a resident of Kansas? *Ans.* Yes, if it has the consent of the lodge having jurisdiction.

4. *Query.* Can a Master Mason residing in another state legally become a member of a lodge in Nebraska? *Ans.* Yes.

5. *Query.* Is the avouchment of the Grand Custodian sufficient, having sat in a lodge of instruction with the brother? *Ans.* Yes.

6. Elections must be held at the time set by the Grand Lodge. Grand Master cannot issue dispensation prior to that time.

7. *Query.* Is it lawful to receive a petition from a saloon keeper. *Ans.* No.

8. *Query.* Does a lodge U. : D. : lose jurisdiction over applicants for the degrees by the expiration of its dispensation? *Ans.* No. Upon receiving its charter it has a right to complete its work.

9. *Query.* Can the Master of a lodge annul the decision of his lodge?
Ans. No. He must appeal to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

10. *Query.* Is it lawful for a lodge U. D. to appear in public as a lodge, except at a funeral? *Ans.* Not without permission of the Grand Master.

11. A rejected applicant must present a new petition, which, in all respects, must take the same course as in the first instance.

12. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues has no right to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction.

13. *Query.* Can a lodge demit an entered apprentice or a fellow craft?
Ans. No. Demits apply only to members of the lodge.

14. *Query.* A brother is suspended for non-payment of dues, whose lodge afterward surrendered its charter. How can the brother regain his standing in the Fraternity? *Ans.* Apply to the Grand Lodge.

15. *Query.* Can the refusal of a brother to pay special assessments, even when made to pay expenses incurred in the care of the sick, subject the brother to lodge discipline? *Ans.* No. Such duties are to be performed freely and of his own accord, and as far as his ability will permit. No good Mason will refuse or neglect *this*, one of the *first* and most *imperative* duties of Masonry.

16. It is morally the duty of a brother to prefer charges against an applicant for advancement whom he desires to prevent being advanced, and especially so when the brother has become a non-resident and asks for a waiver of jurisdiction.

17. *Query.* Has a lodge the right to require of a member of a committee on a petition his reasons for reporting unfavorably on the application? *Ans.* No.

18. *Query.* Was the Master right in declaring the proceedings of his lodge illegal, neither himself nor either of the Wardens being present? *Ans.* Yes, Masonic law and usage so declare it.

To this rule, which I think is agreeable to universal law, I would suggest the propriety of making an exception — allowing an actual Past Master or a Past Warden, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, to convene the lodge for funerals.

Now, as regards decisions by our Grand Masters from year to year, increasing as they do in numbers, and many of them being repetitions of former decisions, many more of them being merely interpretations of already existing law, which, if carefully studied by the Masters of lodges, they would avoid the necessity of asking — in view of these things, I would suggest for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, whether it would not be well to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to take up the whole list of decisions, and eliminate all repetitions and all that merely reiterate a well known law, and attach such as are important in explaining a law to the law to which they apply. In other words, embody them in the law.

And now, my brethren, being near the close of my labors as your Grand Master, I feel that in returning to you the emblem of authority placed in my hands by your suffrage one year ago, I do so with a feeling of relief from a great responsibility. I am conscious that I have come far short of the stand-

ard which I believe it to be the duty of every Grand Master to set up. I am conscious of duties sometimes imperfectly performed, but I have done what I could.

To the brethren who so readily answered our calls for aid in the work of constituting new lodges, together with the officers of the Grand Lodge, I extend my hearty and sincere thanks; and especially have I been fortunate in having the valuable aid of your able and efficient Secretary. Long and familiar as my acquaintance has been with his office, I confess that I had but a slight conception of the duties, the labor and the responsibility of the Grand Secretary; and to those of my brethren who may sometimes feel like making complaints, or who think their interests are neglected, I will say, spend an hour or two — or better, a day or two — with the Grand Secretary, and inspect his work as I have done.

Brethren, I have endeavored to set before you as concisely as possible a report of such of my official acts as would be of interest to you or would require your sanction or deserve your disapproval.

Permit me a retrospect for a moment, and I have done. The first connection I had with Masonry in this jurisdiction was in July, 1866, when I received a dispensation from the hands of the then Grand Master, Furnas, for a lodge at Fremont. Since that time, with but two or three exceptions, I have been present at every session of this Grand Lodge. During all these years the pleasure I received from being able to assist in building up the interests of the craft in our young and growing state has been ample reward. And now, having been placed by the partiality of my brethren in the highest position known to Masonry, if I have achieved any good — if, during the past year, by good advice and wholesome counsel, an erring brother has been induced to forsake his error — if, by any means, our lodges have been reminded of their duty and been strengthened and encouraged in their efforts to correct the faults and failings which are too common to us all — if, through any influence of mine, the standard of Masonry has been advanced toward the high position to which its pure principles entitle it, I shall be therewith content.

For whate'er of good we do,
It is but duty done;
If a sorrow we've lightened,
Or a tear wiped away —
If of poverty's load
We have taken a share
From some weary and desolate soul —
If we've lifted the cup of cold water
To the lips of some famishing brother —
Then in so much
We've done as the Master commanded,
And may hope,
When life's journey is ended,
That charity's pure sunlight
Will guide us
To mansions of rest and refreshment
In the Grand Lodge above.

S. W. HAYES, *Grand Master.*

OMAHA, April 16. 1884.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SAMUEL W. HAYES, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska:

M. W. and Dear Brother,— Having performed the duties assigned me in your circular of February 16, I beg leave to submit my account of same.

It will show that two thousand and twenty-six dollars passed through my hands. The dates will show how promptly the brethren have acted. The bulk of the money reached its destination inside of two weeks, showing that no other organization is so well fitted to do deeds of charity and acts of pure beneficence. While there was considerable work and responsibility connected with this appointment, yet I must say it was a pleasant task — one calculated to make us better and feel more proud of our institution. There are times when I think our Fraternity is doing comparatively nothing in the way of charity, and this report will show that quite a number of our lodges did not respond to the call; but there were enough to respond, and in such a manner as to show that we have some vitality left. Would that you could read all the correspondence connected with this business. If one has grown cold in Masonry it would warm him up. The many words of sympathy and strong desire to do more if necessary, and to do it quickly — some making two and three remittances — many of the small lodges, and lodges considered weak, doing more than their share. You will also notice that the younger lodges have done nobly. It is a good lesson to teach them that charity is the foundation upon which their young lodge rests. I am satisfied that if more frequent calls were made upon our lodges for public charities Masonry would be greatly benefited thereby — and the more we give the more easy it is to give.

I herewith submit all the correspondence, together with the receipts and acknowledgments for moneys sent, and in justice to myself ask that a detailed statement of this account be published with the proceedings. The letter to the Grand Secretary of Ohio indicates the tenor of my letters to the other jurisdictions.

Thanking you for the confidence reposed, I am fraternally yours,

G. W. LININGER, *P. G. M.*

[Circular to the Master of each lodge of Freemasons in Nebraska.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANC. FREE. AND ACC. MASONS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS HALL,

OMAHA, February 16, 1884.

Worshipful and Dear Brother,— Under date of February 15, 1884, the *M. W.* Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, directs that the attention of your lodge be invited to the calamity that has overtaken our brethren in the valley of the Ohio, their homes being destroyed by flood, their families being deprived of shelter, food and the necessities of life, and their livelihood being for the time taken away.

You who, by the long-continued blessings of Providence, are enabled to support yourselves and families, are also able to contribute to the relief of your now distressed brethren, their wives and children. The Grand Master doubts not that you will promptly recognize this sign of distress, and he desires that, as heretofore, the Freemasons of Nebraska will *act quickly and quietly* — with us publicity is no proof of earnestness.

The contributions of your lodge need not be measured; the one-tenth limit of the old-time tithing may be exceeded without offense; and remember that time is of the essence of our contract. Send your funds to M.:W.: George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master, Omaha, who will transmit same without delay.

• To meet the emergency, the M.:W.: Grand Master dispenses with so much of general and special law as prohibits the expenditure of lodge funds except at regular meetings, and authorizes you to convene your lodge (after due and timely notice) to consider this communication and act thereon. But it is hoped that before your lodge can be thus convened, one or more remittances may be made by your members.

Remember *now* the time when, in 1874, fears were in *our* way and the grasshopper became a burden.

By order of

SAMUEL W. HAYES,
Grand Master.
WM. R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary.

Send funds to George W. Lininger, Esq., Omaha — *not to this office.*

OMAHA, NEB., April 16, 1884.

G. W. LININGER, *in account with*

OHIO VALLEY FLOOD SUFFERERS.

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	AMOUNT.
Feb. 19..	Capitol	3	\$200 00
" 19..	Capitol members.....	..	105 50
" 21..	Hope, Nemaha City.....	29	20 00
" 21..	Mount Moriah, Syracuse.....	57	15 00
" 21..	Northern Light, Stanton	41	10 00
" 21..	Mosaic, Norfolk	55	50 00
" 22..	Pawnee	23	10 00
" 22..	Waco	80	10 00
" 22..	Tekamah	31	40 00
" 22..	Ponca	101	20 00
" 23..	Brainard.....	U.D.	13 00
" 23..	York	56	25 00
" 23..	Oliver, Seward.....	38	15 00
" 23..	Evening Star, Sutton	49	25 00
" 23..	Nemaha Valley, Brownville.....	4	10 00
" 23..	Stella	105	11 00
" 23..	Osceola	65	25 00
" 23..	Osceola Lodge members .....	..	16 50
" 23..	Creighton	100	10 00
" 23..	Thistle, Plum Creek.....	61	10 00
" 23..	Edgar	67	19 50
" 23..	Hebron	43	20 00
" 23..	Scotch Rite, Hastings.....	..	7 00
" 23..	Eastern Star, St. Paul .....	..	5 00
" 23..	St. Paul	82	15 00
" 23..	Platte Valley	32	20 00
" 23..	Valentine	U.D.	6 00
" 25..	Fortitude, Ulysses	69	25 00
" 25..	Rob Morris, Kearney	46	25 00

OHIO VALLEY FLOOD SUFFERERS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF LODGE.	No.	AMOUNT.
" 25..	Beaver City	93	\$5 00
" 25..	Nebraska City	12	7 00
" 25..	Western Star, Nebraska City.....	2	100 00
" 25..	Aurora	68	12 00
" 25..	Wymore .....	..	30 00
" 25..	Neligh	71	60 00
" 25..	Palmyra	45	51 00
" 25..	Blue Hill	U.D.	12 50
" 26..	Fremont	15	150 00
" 26..	Albion	78	51 00
" 26..	Juniata	42	10 00
" 26..	Hubbell	92	10 00
" 26..	Hastings.....	50	50 00
" 26..	St. Johns, Omaha	25	50 00
" 27..	Wahoo	59	50 00
" 27..	Plattsmouth	6	24 90
" 27..	Auburn	U.D.	10 00
" 27..	Euclid, Weeping Water	97	20 60
" 27..	Table Rock	108	13 50
" 27..	Omadi, Dakota City.....	5	75 00
" 27..	Hooper	72	50 00
Feb. 28..	Harlan, Alma	U.D.	35 00
" 28..	Wayne	U.D.	10 00
" 28..	Osceola, second remittance	65	4 00
" 29..	Corinthian, Wakefield.....	83	37 00
" 29..	Republican City	98	14 00
" 29..	Springfield	112	13 75
" 29..	Lebanon	58	25 00
March 1..	Friend	73	10 00
" 3..	Brethren of Hastings, second gift	50	76 50
" 4..	Brethren of Norfolk, second gift .....	..	7 00
" 4..	Tecumseh	17	15 00
" 5..	Steele City	107	9 15
" 6..	Guide Rock .....	..	6 00
" 6..	Beaver City	93	5 35
" 7..	Star, Decatur	88	20 00
" 8..	Frank Welch, Sidney	75	10 00
" 8..	Blue Hill, second gift	U.D.	4 00
" 8..	Blue Hill, third gift	U.D.	6 65
" 8..	Harvard	44	25 00
" 10..	Humboldt	40	10 00
" 15..	Ord	103	30 00
" 15..	Fairmount	48	5 00
" 17..	Livingstone, Firth	66	5 00
" 18..	Waterloo	102	5 60
" 19..	Keystone	62	5 00
April 1..	Corinthian, second gift.....	83	6 00
Total.....			\$2,026 00

[The following sums from Nebraska lodges were received by the Ohio Flood Committee, of Cincinnati, Bro. W. B. Melish, secretary, in addition to amounts forwarded by M. W. Brother Lininger, viz.: February 18, 1884, Oakland Lodge, No. 91, \$15.40; February 18, 1884, Washington Lodge, No. 21, \$25.00; February 29, 1884, Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, and Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, \$53.00.]—Gd. Sec'y.

CREDIT.

Feb. 26..	Ohio	\$500 00
“ 26..	Kentucky	500 00
“ 29..	Indiana	300 00
“ 29..	Illinois	200 00
Mar. 12..	Illinois	200 00
“ 1..	Indiana	200 00
“ 3..	Illinois	120 00
Apr. 16..	Illinois	6 00
	Total.....	\$2,026 00

FEBRUARY 26, 1884.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, Gr.:Sec.: Grand Lodge of Ohio, A.:F.: AND A.:M.::

Dear Sir and Brother,—Inclosed I hand you Chicago draft for \$500. The inclosed circular issued by our Grand Master, Samuel W. Hayes, fully explains the object for which this money is sent. We ask that your Grand Master be informed of our action at once, so that he may make the distribution where it is most needed. I make a like remittance this date to the Grand Secretary of Kentucky. I think from the manner in which our lodges are responding we will have from two to three thousand dollars to send the cause. Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft, and much oblige,

Yours fraternally,

G. W. LININGER, P.:G.:M.:

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, F.: AND A.: MASONS,
FREEPORT, ILL., March 3, 1884.

M.:W.: GEO. W. LININGER, Esq., P.:G.:M.: of Nebraska:

My Dear Sir and Well Beloved Brother,—Your beautiful letter of the 29th ult. is before me. The sweetness and generosity of the brethren of Nebraska is manifested in their gifts. Your draft for \$200 for the relief of our brethren in the flood district is received. I will at once forward it to our Grand Master. I desire through you to thank every brother, every lodge, and every man in Nebraska who has contributed to the relief of those in the valley of the Ohio. Truly an appalling calamity has befallen many of our brethren, but the sweetness of charity, like the pleasant odor from the new-mown meadow, filleth all the atmosphere with its delicate perfume. With my warmest personal regards, I am, with high consideration,

Yours fraternally,

L. L. MUNN, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, F.: AND A.: MASONS,
FREEPORT, ILL., March 14, 1884.

GEO. W. LININGER, P.:G.:M.:, Omaha, Neb.:

My Dear Sir and Brother,—Yours of the 12th inst. is before me, and its contents noted, containing your draft for \$200 contributed by the Masons of Nebraska, for the relief of the flood sufferers. I will at once forward the same to Hon. D. M. Browning, Grand Master of Masons for Illinois.

Thanking you and the Masons of your Grand Jurisdiction for their generous gifts, I am, Fraternally yours,

L. L. MUNN, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, F.·. AND A.·. MASONS,
FREEPORT, ILL., April 3, 1884.

M.·W.·. GEORGE W. LININGER, Past Grand Master, Omaha, Neb.:

My Dear Brother,—Your very highly valued favor of the 31st ult. is before me, and its contents carefully noted. The receipt of \$120 for the Relief Fund is hereby acknowledged, and I have forwarded your draft to our Grand Master. The brethren of Nebraska have done nobly. With our best wishes for their future prosperity, I am, Fraternally yours,

L. L. MUNN, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, F.·. AND A.·. MASONS,
FREEPORT, ILL., April 19, 1884.

G. W. LININGER, Esq., Past Grand Master, Omaha, Neb.:

M.·W.·. and Dear Brother,—Yours of the 16th inst. is before me, with draft on New York for six dollars for the "Flood Relief Fund," which I will forward to our Grand Master, the Hon. D. M. Browning. Again thanking you and the Masons of Nebraska for their great liberality, I am, with kind regards, Fraternally yours,

L. L. MUNN, *Grand Secretary.*

No. 204.
\$300.

GRAND LODGE F.·. AND A.·. MASONS, INDIANA,
OFFICE OF R.·W.·. GRAND SECRETARY,
INDIANAPOLIS, March 3, 1884.

Received of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, F.·. and A.·.M.·., \$300 on account of relief flood sufferers for the year 1884.

WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE F.·. AND A.·. MASONS, INDIANA,
OFFICE OF THE R.·W.·. GRAND SECRETARY,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 1, 1884.

M.·W.·. GEORGE W. LININGER, Past Grand Master, Omaha, Neb.:

Dear Brother,—I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th, containing inclosures as stated, and for which I inclose a receipt herewith, coupled with the hearty thanks of the M.·W.·. Grand Master of Indiana. The Masons of Indiana have responded liberally to the cry of distress, but the substantial evidence that the cry of distress has been heard and responded to by a distant state makes our hearts overflow with gratitude to Almighty God that He ever directed our footsteps, and caused us to knock at the door of Freemasonry.

God bless you, my brother, and those noble Masons of Nebraska, and "May fears never again be in your way, nor the grasshopper be a burden."

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, *Grand Secretary.*

No. 217. GRAND LODGE F. . AND A. . MASONS, INDIANA,
 \$200. OFFICE OF R. . W. . GRAND SECRETARY,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 17, 1884.

Received of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, F. . and A. . M. ., two hundred dollars, on account of relief flood sufferers for the year 1884.

WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE F. . AND A. . MASONS, INDIANA,
 OFFICE OF R. . W. . GRAND SECRETARY,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 17, 1884.

M. . W. . GEORGE W. LININGER, Past Grand Master, Omaha, Neb. :

My Dear Brother,—With head and body racked with pain I am scarcely competent to acknowledge, in such language as the subject demands, the magnificent donation received from you this day for our suffering brethren. You have the thanks of the Masons and their families along the Ohio River, and their prayers are daily ascending to heaven for God's richest and choicest blessings to rest and abide with the grand old Masonic Fraternity forever.

In the name of twenty-six thousand Masons of Indiana, I thank you, and pray Almighty God to bless, prosper and protect the Masons of Nebraska.

We think now that we have ample means for all needs.

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, F. . AND A. . M. .,
 MILLERSBURG, KY., February 29, 1884.

G. W. LININGER, Past Grand Master, Omaha, Neb. :

M. . W. . *Sir and Dear Brother*,—With feelings of the liveliest gratitude I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your highly valued favor of the 26th inst., covering draft on Chicago for five hundred dollars (\$500)—a generous contribution from the brethren of your state to those of our jurisdiction who are suffering from the recent floods in the Ohio Valley.

Disinterested generosity like this must cause the "heart to bubble up and overflow the brain"; hence, I am wholly at a loss for words to express the depth of our obligation for this timely relief, and can only pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe may bless, in their persons, their homes, and their lodges, the great-hearted and liberal-handed Masons of Nebraska.

The amount shall be appropriated, as near as may be, in accordance with the intent of the donors.

Fraternally yours,

HIRAM BASSETT, *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE OF F. . AND A. . MASONS OF OHIO,
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
 CINCINNATI, February 28, 1884.

P. . G. . M. . GEO. W. LININGER, Omaha, Neb. :

I hastily glanced at the letter conveying your princely Masonic donation, and directed telegram in acknowledgment to Grand Secretary Bowen.

I most heartily thank you and the Masons of Nebraska, also Bro. .

Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master, for his spirited, soul-stirring circular to the craft in his state. The flood in the Ohio Valley has receded; the famishing were fed—temporary relief given—with great liberality; much sorrow assuaged, but the revelation of destruction was shown daily afterward.

Our distribution has been through a Masonic Flood Committee of twenty-one. We have of our own funds supplied Cincinnati sufferers.

All received from other states has been so far remitted to Masters of lodges, who were asked their needs—lodges on each bank of the Ohio—Ohio and Kentucky.

The intimations from all points are that relief will fall far short of the destitution. I sent a telegram to our Grand Master, whose residence is in Athens, and I await his order as to the distribution.

It is a great revelation of character—this electrical chord of Masonic sympathy that ran through \$1,000 California, \$500 Nebraska, \$500 New Orleans, \$500 Tennessee, \$480 Mississippi, and sparks at numerous other points. Thanks, thanks! With fraternal regards.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
CINCINNATI, March 10, 1884.

Bro.: GEO. W. LININGER, M. W.: Past Grand Master:

Your overflowing generosity, coming like a beneficent flood, may be left unused, but leaving its high-water mark of good intention. I deem it inadvisable to pass the draft over to the committee, but to return it, lest it might, on being mislaid, be transferable (mischievously), as your name is indorsed, but to no person. I inclose it payable again to you for abundant caution. Your hearts, hands and purse are right, in Nebraska, and Ohio cordially grasps your hands—noble, noble charity!

Fraternally,

JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

M. W.: GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M., WEST VIRGINIA,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
WHEELING, W. VA., March 3, 1884.

G. W. LININGER, Esq., Omaha:

M. W. and Very Dear Brother,—We are many times obliged to you and Grand Master Hayes and dear Brother Bowen for all of the favors brought by your letter of February 29. The better part, the noble spirit of Fraternity and sympathy which has prompted and accompanies your letter and Bro.: Bowen's circular, we gladly retain, and will forever treasure in our hearts. Fortunately we do not need the money, and the draft is returned herewith, and may yet do double service in relieving some who need it more than we.

Thanks to the generosity of the Fraternity in our own state, a sufficient sum was placed in the hands of the Masonic relief committee to meet all the wants of our own household and of many others to whom relief from other sources came tardily or not at all. A portion of the committee has returned to-day from a tour of inspection and inquiry to all of the Masonic

lodges in the inundated towns in West Virginia, and inform me that no further funds are needed. Of course we have not undertaken to make good the losses that have been suffered, or to rebuild houses, or replenish stores, or anything of that sort, but only to supply actual want and lend a helping hand to the struggling.

This we have done, and you may rest assured that we are quite as grateful and as much indebted for the generous contribution you have sent as if we had expended every dollar of it. The spirit of the unsolicited tender of aid is of infinitely more value to us than the money itself.

Again thanking you on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity in West Virginia, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

O. S. LONG, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer stated that his report had been handed to the Grand Secretary, and was before the Grand Lodge in printed form:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OMAHA, NEB., June 23, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. and A. M.:

Herewith I submit my report of funds received and disbursed to date:

June 19, 1883,	To balance on hand from last report. . .	\$ 8,235 17
	Of which \$258.76 belongs to Charity	
	Fund, with interest to date.	
June 21, 1883,	Rec'd of Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Sec. . .	651 23
May 8, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
May 15, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
May 17, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
May 22, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
June 1, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
June 12, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
June 20, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	1,000 00
June 21, 1884,	“ “ “ “ ..	250 27
	Cr.	\$ 16,136 67
By Paid Pay Roll, Session 1883	\$ 888 85	
“ Warrant No. 220	50 00	
“ “ 221	50 00	
“ “ 222	15 00	
“ “ 223	4 90	
“ “ 225	100 00	
“ “ 226	85 00	
“ “ 227	92 26	
“ “ 228	170 00	
“ “ 229	85 00	
“ “ 230	85 00	
“ “ 231	100 00	

By Paid Warrant No. 232	\$ 46 40
“ “ 233	85 00
“ “ 234	37 00
“ “ 235	65 00
“ “ 236	85 00
“ “ 237	839 25
“ “ 238	85 00
“ “ 239	43 60
“ “ 240	344 00
“ “ 241	178 25
“ “ 242	85 00
“ “ 243	100 00
“ “ 244	66 70
“ “ 245	85 00
“ “ 246	91 40
“ “ 248	50 00
“ “ 249	150 00
“ “ 250	100 00
	\$ 4,262 61
On hand.....	\$ 11,874 07

Respectfully submitted, C. HARTMAN,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master's address was, on motion, referred to M.:W.:Bros.: Wheeler, 6, Warren, 2, and Tulleys, 53, for sub-division and reference, as was also the following report from the Grand Secretary :

IN GRAND LODGE, St. John's Day, June, 5884.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

The past year has been much the busiest of the twelve years I have served as your secretary. The issuance of charters and books (record book, ledger, compendium, book of demits, and book of uniform Nebraska diplomas) to the twenty-two (22) new lodges was a bigger work than I had expected. If the committee on Charters and Dispensations (W.:Bro.: George B. France, veteran chairman) could arrange so that the Grand Secretary could begin work on new charters when the Grand Lodge closed, instead of waiting thirty days for the filing of demits, it would be beneficial.

Under my rebate-credit system, adopted last year, the annual returns have been forwarded this year with unusual promptness, and all are included in the report of your committee on Returns (R.:W.:Bro.: Eben K. Long, veteran chairman), with two exceptions (lodges No. 20 and 42). Of the \$7,250.27 received by me this year, two-thirds came by or before May 7.* I am satisfied with the effect of the rebate-credit system, and shall no longer present exhortations on the necessity of promptly forwarding funds

* No funds were received during this annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

so that the financial statements of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary can be audited at each annual communication. In another year I think the report of the committee on Returns will be a complete and precise exhibit of our finances, balancing to the last cent, and being an unerring test of correctness in the collection and depositing of your funds. Until this result is reached, I shall not be entirely satisfied. For years our report on Returns has been a more complete statistical statement than is published by any other Grand Lodge (to my knowledge), accounting as it does for each apprentice, fellow craft, suspended Master Mason and Master Mason in good standing, in the jurisdiction, as well as *approximately* showing the amount the Grand Secretary should have received as dues and fees. When the approximation becomes a certainty, I shall be content—not until then.

Keeping, I hope, within the province of my duty, I make the following recommendations for your consideration, preferring to present them to you rather than covertly to your committees:

1. That hereafter the Grand Lodge do not order the publication with its proceedings of any document or matter that is to arrive that is not in shape at the annual communication. The issuance of our proceedings is sometimes delayed for want of promised reports, much to the discredit of Nebraska. I am not so sensitive regarding my reputation as to publish the reasons for tardy issuance, but I like Nebraska to stand well with its fellow Grand Lodges, nevertheless.

2. That provision be made for a standing committee on the Law, to consist of five Master Masons, one to be appointed annually by the retiring Grand Master, to serve for five years; the duty of this committee to be simply that of codifying the law from time to time, putting amendments, resolutions and decisions into concise form as component parts of the "Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska"; its province to be entirely separate and distinct from our committee on Jurisprudence, and to be a committee of arrangement and condensation of existing rules and regulations—not in any degree a committee on the manufacture of new ordinances; its work to be subject to the approval of the whole Grand Lodge.

I am impelled to make this recommendation because, in my term of service, I have seen several important rules of action vanish from our law simply because they had not been whipped into shape. It will be difficult, for instance, to find in our law any precept against a Nebraska Freemason retailing intoxicating drinks.

3. That it be made the duty of the Grand Secretary to supervise (under the direction of the Grand Master) the closing up of the affairs of any of our lodges whose charters may be withdrawn. This is necessary in order to secure correct lists of members, etc.

I invite the attention of the Grand Lodge to the doctrine of "relative membership"—that membership in the organizations built upon Ancient Craft Masonry should be dependent upon, and co-existent with, membership in a lodge of Freemasons. So far as we may, we should, I think, give this doctrine our hearty and unequivocal support.

I submit the following documents from the eighteen lodges under

dispensation, which were yesterday given to the committee on Charters and Dispensations:

NAMES OF LODGES U. D.	Warrant.	Statement of work.	Record book.	Petition for charter.	Demits.	Proposed by-laws.	Proposed seal.	Petition for continuance.
Valentine	1	1	1	1	2	1		
Wisner	1	1	1	1				
Brainard	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	
Harlan	1	1	1	1	16	1	1	
Hardy	1	1	1	1	4	1		
Saline	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
North Bend	1	1	1	1	15	1		
Wayne	1	1	1	1	13	1		
Superior	1	1	1					
Odell	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Indianola	1	1	1	1	9	1		
Auburn	1	1	1	1	3	1		
Genoa	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	
Stromsburg	1	1	1	1		1		
Minden	1	1	1	1	8	1		
Guide Rock	1	1	1	1	4	1		
Blue Hill	1	1	1	1	2	1		
Tuscan	1	1	1	1	7	1		

The financial statements and accounts of this office, same having been delivered yesterday to the committee on Accounts (W. Bro. John J. Mercer, veteran chairman).

A petition from Utica Lodge, No. 96, asking adjustment of jurisdiction with Blue River Lodge, No. 30.

New by-laws from Washington Lodge, No. 21, Hope Lodge, No. 29, Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, and Ponca Lodge, No. 101.

The petition of Bro. Jacob Weixel (late of Eureka Lodge, No. 16, extinct) for restoration.

A printed report of the Masonic Flood Committee of Cincinnati, dated May 20, 1884, and a letter from its secretary, Bro. W. B. Melish, returning to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska \$225, which sum I hold, as directed by the Grand Master, for instructions as to its disposition.

A letter from M. W. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, expressing his disappointment at being unable to visit this Grand Lodge, as invited by our Grand Master.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Mexico, seeking recognition.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, seeking recognition.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Ontario, seeking recognition.

A communication, dated June 22, 1884, from Hon. A. G. Kendall, Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, transmitting an invitation to the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new capitol at Lincoln.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Junior Warden, R.:W.:Bro.: Charles K. Coutant, now entered and took his station.

W.:Bro.: Needham, 25, presented a report from the committee on Credentials, which was adopted, subject to amendment during the session. The report, as amended, was as follows :

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Credentials report that they find present the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and representatives of lodges:

GRAND OFFICE BEARERS.

M.:W.:	SAMUEL W. HAYES	Grand Master.
R.:W.:	JOHN J. WEMPLE.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:	MANOAH B. REESE	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.:	CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.:	CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:	WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
V.:W.:	JACOB A. HOOD.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.:	BENJAMIN S. BAKER.....	Grand Orator.
W.:	BENJAMIN F. RAWALT.....	Grand Lecturer.
W.:	JOHN HAMMANG	Grand Marshal.
W.:	MILTON J. HULL	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.:	ASBERRY TOWNSEND.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.:	ERNEST T. HUNGER.....	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICE BEARERS.

M.:W.:	ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	GEORGE W. LININGER.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	JAMES R. CAIN	Past Grand Master.
M.:W.:	EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Past Grand Master.
R.:W.:	LEE P. GILLETTE.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:	HIRAM C. RIDER	Past Deputy Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska..	1	William F. Martin*.		
Western Star	2	Charles F. Rice.....	E. S. Oppenheimer*	Edwin F. Warren*..
Capitol.....	3	Edwin Davis*.....	William R. Bowen..	
Nemaha Valley	4	John J. Mercer.....	John J. Mercer*....	
Omadi.....	5	George T. Woods*..		George T. Woods...
Plattsmouth	6	Velosco V. Leonard.	Henry E. Palmer*..	Francis E. White*..
Falls City.....	9	Barton C. Mettz*..	W A. Gardner*	
Solomon.....	10	Lewis Vaughn*..		Lewis Vaughn*..
Covert.....	11	Silas I. Aun Moody*	William J. Mount*..	John N. Westburg..
Nebraska City..	12	James W. Chaddock		
Orient.....	13			
Peru.....	14	Daniel C. Cole.....		
Fremont.....	15	Asberry Townsend.		
Tecumseh.....	17	James A. Phelan..	Samuel P. Davidson*	Cornelius Woodley*
Lincoln.....	19	Lee P. Gillette.....	Sylvester S. Royce.	
Rock Bluff.....	20			
Washington.....	21	Fred. W. Kenney...	Edward C. Jackson*	
Pawnee.....	23	Charles E. Pierce...	A Peckenbaugh*	Charles E. Pierce*..
St. Johns.....	25	Charles P. Needham	Fred. J. Borthwick*	
Beatrice.....	26	Henry N. Blake*..	Frank W. Cole*....	Henry N. Blake*..
Jordan.....	27	Emery Briggs.....		George Scott*.....
Hope.....	29		James A. Titus.....	
Blue River.....	30	J H. Culver*..	E H. Landis*..	Fred. S. Hazelton ..
Tekamah.....	31	Melville R. Hopewell	William B. Roberts*	James R. Reed*....
Platte Valley.....	32			
Ashlar.....	33	Charles F. Rollins*.	Charles F. Rollins..	C Schlatfeldt*..
Acacia.....	34	Charles J. Phelps..	G W. Wells*..	B F. Arnold*..
Fairbury.....	35	Benjamin S. Baker.		S S. Lewis.....
Lone Tree.....	36	John W. Sparks ..	Jacob B. Templin ..	Martin V. Scott ..
Crete.....	37	I. T. Benjamin.....	Horace S. Fuller....	Ith. T. Benjamin*..
Oliver.....	38	William Leese.....		
Papillion.....	39			
Humboldt.....	40	Henry A. Scott.....	Joseph Sorbach.....	
Northern Light	41	Charles L. Lamb*..	Charles L. Lamb.....	
Juniata.....	42	E M. Allen*..		
Hebron.....	43	Adam D. Werner ..	Edward S. Past*....	W J. Hanna*..
Harvard.....	44	Ezra Brown*..	Ezra Brown*.....	George W. Howard*
Palmyra.....	45		I N. Foster*..	
Rob Morris.....	46	Frederick J. Switz.	J D. Hawthorne*	
Salem.....	47	J R. Brooke*..		
Fairmont.....	48	Julius O. Chase....	V A. Stuart*..	Harry Musselman ..
Evening Star.....	49	Nels Anderson*..		
Hastings.....	50	D. H. McElkinney..		
Fidelity.....	51	Arthur J. Evans ..		
Hiram.....	52	Samuel G. Glover ..		
Charity.....	53	Wm. H. Strohm*..	William H. Strohm.	
Lancaster.....	54	Jeff. H. Foxworthy..	Wm. L. Fairbrother	Charles M. Carter..
Mosaic.....	55	D. Rush Daniels..		
York.....	56	Robert Armstrong*	Emmet H. Dorr.....	John Zeigler.....
Mount Moriah ..	57	George W. McKee ..		
Lebanon.....	58	Robert H. Henry....	J R. Meagher*..	
Wahoo.....	59	J C. Polesley ..	I M. Davis.....	W G. Keifer*..
Melrose.....	60	Lewis H. Kent.....		
Thistle.....	61	Frank H. Young ..		
Keystone.....	62	J N. Brock.....	John Foster*.....	
Riverton.....	63		Joel G. Childs.....	
Blue Valley.....	64	L E. Goodell ..		William H. Mann*..
Osceola.....	65	Horace A. Scott ..		A N. Jay.....
Livingstone.....	66	Luther R. Horrum..		
Edgar.....	67	Samuel J. Whitten*.	John G. Glazier*....	C G. Hayes*....
Aurora.....	68	Frank J. Engle.....		
Fortitude.....	69	Sunmer Darnell ..	James B. Pardee ..	Henry A. Byam.....
Sterling.....	70	Alfred Shipman....		
Trowel.....	71			
Hooper.....	72	Henry Schwab.....		
Friend.....	73	Joseph G. Boynton.		
Alexandria.....	74			
Frank Welch.....	75		Peter Smith.....	
Joppa.....	76	Seth S. Pickering*..		
Nelson.....	77	Robt. Hollingsworth		
Albion.....	78	John C. Mann*..		J S. Miller*....
Geneva.....	79	W H. Pardee ..	J H. Dempster ..	

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Waco	80	James H. Stewart*.		
Composite	81	Frederick E. Wilson		
St. Paul	82	Collin E. Forbes		
Corinthian	83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
Fairfield	84	William S. Randall	Benj. F. Rawalt*	
Tyre	85			Cornelius A. Wessel
Doniphan	86			
Ionic	87	Solomon Draper		
Star	88	Melbourne J. Kenyon		
Cedar River	89			
Elk Creek	90	Julius L. Young	George W. Woolsey.	
Oakland	91	A. Lundville*	Henry Newman	
Hubbell	92	Andrew F. Agnew*	Robert Kyle*	Robert Kyle*
Beaver City	93			Stephen D. Harding
Bennett	94	Daniel H. Harris		
Garfield	95	Neri T. Hoxsie		
Utica	96	Joseph Jones	E. J. Porter	Lyman Calder
Euclid	97	John A. Marshall*	S. W. Orton*	E. Kirkpatrick*
Republican	98	Edward Cornet		
Shelton	99			
Creighton	100	Robert M. Peyton	Jacob M. Miller	
Ponca	101	John B. Barnes		
Waterloo	102	Isaac A. Arnold		
Ord	103	Aldwin D. Robinson		
Wymore	104	Elias C. Wilcox	Jacob C. Lininger	
Stella	105	Lewis H. Battles*		Lewis H. Battles
Porter	106	J. E. Blackman		
Steele City	107	J. N. Millholland*		
Table Rock	108	James A. Carlock		Crowl L. Wemple*
Arapahoe	109	B. L. Chambers*		
Pomegranate	110	Henry A. Guild	Abel B. Fuller*	John C. Tylee*
De Witt	111	Frank M. Suiter	Leroy J. Cross	Enoch Hastings
Springfield	112			

* Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges:

Alabama	JAMES W. CHADDUCK.
Arkansas	SAMUEL W. HAYES.
California	JOHN J. WEMPLE.
Canada	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Connecticut	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.
England	GEORGE W. LININGER.
Florida	HIRAM C. RIDER.
Georgia	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Idaho	JAMES A. TULLEYS.
Iowa	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Kansas	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Manitoba	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Michigan	DANIEL H. WHEELER.
Minnesota	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Nevada	JAMES R. REED.
New Hampshire	FRANK W. HAYES.
New Jersey	JAMES R. CAIN.
New Mexico	HENRY E. PALMER.
North Carolina	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Ohio	ROBERT W. FURNAS.

PennsylvaniaWILLIAM R. BOWEN.
 Vermont.....WILLIAM R. BOWEN.

Announcement of the standing committees was now made (being a modification of the announcement of May 22, 5884), the committees on Accounts and on Charters and Dispensations having already been at work twenty-four hours, and the committee on Returns for several weeks:

On Visiting Brethren — Bros.: Jefferson H. Foxworthy, 54, Sylvester S. Royce, 19, and Cyrus E. Hunter, 83.

On Credentials — Bros.: Velosco V. Leonard, 6, Charles P. Needham, 25, and D. Rush Daniels, 55.

On Accounts — Bros.: John J. Mercer, 4, Charles F. Rice, 2, and Asberry Townsend, 15.

On Charters and Dispensations — Bros.: George B. France, 56, James W. Chaddock, 12, John W. Sparks, 36, and Samuel G. Glover, 52.

On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges — Bros.: Ithamar T. Benjamin, 37, John B. Barnes, 101, Leverett E. Goodell, 64, Barton C. Metz, 9, and Colin E. Forbes, 82.

On Ways and Means — Bros.: Melville R. Hopewell, 31, William Leese, 38, Elias C. Wilcox, 104, and Henry E. Palmer, 6.

On Charity — Bros.: Edward Cornet, 98, Henry A. Guild, 110, Henry A. Scott, 40, Arthur J. Evans, 51, and William L. Handy, 91.

On Grievances — Bros.: Charles J. Phelps, 34, Alfred Shipman, 70, David McElhinney, 50, and Robert M. Peyton, 100.

On Unfinished Business — Bros.: Robert H. Henry, 58, Daniel H. Harris, 94, Emory Briggs, 27, and Solomon Draper, 87.

On Pay Roll — Bros.: Francis E. White, 6, James A. Phelan, 17, Horace A. Scott, 65, Frank J. Engle, 68, and Neri T. Hoxsie, 95.

On Jurisprudence — The Past Grand Masters present, with the junior as chairman.

On Returns — Bros.: Eben K. Long, 11, Frank H. Young, 61, Frederick B. Lowe, 11, Charles E. Pierce, 23, and William S. Randall, 84.

The following report was now presented and adopted, and Bros.: Hastings, 19, Hartman, 11, Wemple, 50, Gillette, 19, and Warren, 2, were appointed as the committee of conference:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee to which was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, fraternally submit a partial report upon the same as follows:

Referring to the invitation extended by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings of Nebraska, made by Hon. A. G. Kendall, Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, to lay the corner stone of the new capitol building with

Masonic ceremonies, we respectfully recommend that the invitation be accepted, and that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the state officers and agree upon a convenient date for the same, and report to this Grand Body at once.

Fraternally,

DANIEL H. WHEELER,	} <i>Special</i>	
J. A. TULLEYS,		} <i>Committee.</i>
E. F. WARREN,		

On motion of M. : W. : Bro. : Warren, 2, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the new capitol building take place in July, 1884, at a date to be fixed by agreement, notice thereof to be given.

W. : Bro. : Switz, 46, made a statement of the reasons why Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, did not want the charter ordered by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication (page 438, proceedings of 5883).

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until eight o'clock this evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 24, 5884.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock this evening, M. : W. : Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master, presiding.

M. : W. : Bro. : Wheeler, 6, presented the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman :

To the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your special committee, to which was referred the address of the Grand Master, M. : W. : Samuel W. Hayes, have duly considered the same, and recommend that so much as refers to our "fraternal dead" be referred to a special committee of seven. [Bros. : Scott, 27, Lamb, 41, Switz, 46, Allen, 42, Hoxsie, 95, Wilcox, 104, and Barnes, 101, were appointed.]

That so much as relates to the appointment of Representatives near other Grand Lodges be approved and the appointments confirmed.

That so much as refers to "phototype of Ledger B, St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons," received from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, be referred to a special committee of seven. [Bros. : Hastings, 111, Tylee, 110, Wemple, 108, Kirkpatrick, 97, Calder, 96, Kyle, 92, and Miller, 78, were appointed.]

That so much as relates to the case of Fellow Craft F. A. Beeler be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to dispensations for new lodges, to special dispensations and to new charter for Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to contributions to the Ohio flood sufferers be referred to a special committee of seven. [Bros.: Dempster, 79, Smith, 75, Glazier, 67, Dorr, 56, Foster, 62, Stuart, 48, and Foster, 45, were appointed.]

DANIEL H. WHEELER,	} <i>Special</i>
J. A. TULLEYS,	
E. F. WARREN,		} Committee.

The report of the committee was adopted, as was also the following report from the same committee :

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your special committee to which was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, R.:W.: William R. Bowen, having considered the same, fraternally report and recommend as follows:

That so much as relates to the issuance of charters and books be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That recommendation 1 be referred to a special committee of seven. [Bros.: Palmer, 6, Auchmoody, 11, Werner, 43, Chase, 48, Foxworthy, 54, Cornet, 98, and Arnold, 102, were appointed.]

That recommendation 2 be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That recommendation 3 be referred to the committee on Returns.

That so much of, and the documents relating to, lodges under dispensation be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to finances and accounts of the Grand Secretary be referred to the committee on Accounts.

That so much as relates to, and the petition from, Utica Lodge, No. 96, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

That so much as relates to new by-laws from lodges Nos. 21, 29, 33 and 101 be referred to the committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges.

That so much as relates to, and the petition from, Bro.: Jacob Weixel be referred to the committee on Grievances.

That so much as relates to, and the report from, the Masonic Flood Committee of Cincinnati, May 20, 1884, and all correspondence to the Grand Secretary relating thereto, together with the question as to the disposition of the funds returned, be referred to the committee on Accounts.

That the communications from the Grand Lodges of Mexico, Victoria and Ontario be referred to the committee on Masonic Correspondence.

That so much as refers to "relative membership" be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

DANIEL H. WHEELER,	} <i>Special</i>
J. A. TULLEYS,	
E. F. WARREN,		} Committee.

An invitation to the Grand Lodge from Bro. Charles J. Nobes, Warden, to visit the Nebraska Penitentiary to-morrow was, on motion, accepted with thanks.

On the motion of Bro. Fuller, 110 (the Grand Secretary reporting that the present balance was three dollars and forty cents), it was

Resolved, That the dues heretofore collected, or which may hereafter be collected, from members of the late Ashland Lodge, No. 18, by the Grand Lodge, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated to the use of Pomegranate Lodge, No. 110, and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to draw his order from time to time in favor of said Pomegranate Lodge, No. 110, for the same.

W. Bro. White, 6, stated the dormant condition of Rock Bluff Lodge, No. 20, and on his motion the matter was referred to the Grand Master for action at his discretion.

The following petition, with nineteen signatures, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska:

We, the officers and members of Beaver City Lodge, No. 93, would respectfully ask your honorable body to grant us the privilege to initiate, pass and raise Charles O. Crommett, of this county, and within the jurisdiction of this lodge. The said Crommett lost a leg in the war, but we have full confidence that there is no danger of his becoming a charge upon the lodge, as he has ample means, and is a moral, upright man and citizen.

The following report from the committee on Returns was adopted, and on motion of W. Bro. Rawalt, 84, the committee on Pay roll was directed to include in the pay roll the sum of fifty dollars to R. W. Bro. Long, 11, for his services as chairman of the committee on Returns.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. and A. M.:

Your committee on Returns ask leave to submit a report of the result of their labors, with a summary of the work for the year ending April 30, 5884, as shown by the accompanying statistical table, compiled from the corrected returns of lodges:

Number initiated	519
Passed	457
Raised	453
Admitted	703

Reinstated	25
Gain by other causes	3
Number on rolls April 30, 5883.....	4,329
	5,513
Number demitted	221
Deaths	34
Suspensions.....	65
Expulsions	4
Loss by other causes.....	1
	325
Number Master Masons on rolls April 30, 5884.....	5,188
Rejections	170

AMOUNTS DUE GRAND LODGE.

Dues	\$3,312 75
Fees	2,675 00
Debits less credits	698 64
Ten per cent penalty —	
Rock Bluff, No. 20	1 65
Juniata, No. 42	4 08
Mount Moriah, No. 57.....	4 03
Blue Valley, No. 64	10 10
	\$6,704 25

Your committee find the following returns strictly correct, viz.: Nos. 1, 4, 10, 12, 14, 17, 21, 25, 32, 34, 37, 39, 41, 44, 50, 52, 53, 54, 61, 67, 70, 71, 75, 76, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 93, 96, 104, 106, 110.

By the amendment passed last year, adding paragraph 4 to Article IX of the Grand Lodge by-laws, the committee were instructed to recommend credits for the early transmissions of reports and funds due, provided the return is "reasonably accurate and well made." Your committee, on a *strict* construction of above-mentioned rule, would only recommend the returns of such lodges as are reported correct; but as in a *very large* majority of the reports found incorrect the errors are of a slight nature, your committee would therefore recommend that the following credits be allowed under the rule:

Nebraska, No. 1.....	\$ 5 12
Western Star, No. 2.....	28 50
Capitol, No. 3.....	52 25
Nemaha Valley, No. 4	15 50
Omadi, No. 5	11 76
Plattsmouth, No. 6.....	27 25
Falls City, No. 9	22 50
Solomon, No. 10	4 35
Covert, No. 11	31 75
Nebraska City, No. 12	8 75
Orient, No. 13	42
Peru, No. 14.....	5 00

Fremont, No. 15	\$28 75
Tecumseh, No. 17	21 00
Lincoln, No. 19	41 50
Washington, No. 21	19 00
Pawnee, No. 23	12 00
St. John's, No. 25	38 00
Beatrice, No. 26	23 00
Jordan, No. 27	8 75
Hope, No. 29	11 50
Blue River, No. 30	10 75
Tekamah, No. 21	15 00
Platte Valley, No. 32	24 50
Ashlar, No. 33	24 75
Acacia, No. 34	14 00
Fairbury, No. 35	13 25
Lone Tree, No. 36	19 25
Crete, No. 37	15 75
Oliver, No. 38	14 50
Papillion, No. 39	8 88
Humboldt, No. 40	6 02
Northern Light, No. 41	4 75
Hebron, No. 43	12 00
Harvard, No. 44	7 05
Palmyra, No. 45	3 84
Rob Morris, No. 46	21 00
Salem, No. 47	9 00
Fairmont, No. 48	7 20
Evening Star, No. 49	16 50
Hastings, No. 50	23 25
Fidelity, No. 51	12 50
Hiram, No. 52	8 00
Charity, No. 53	16 75
Lancaster, No. 54	21 50
Mosaic, No. 55	9 02
York, No. 56	11 75
Lebanon, No. 58	11 00
Wahoo, No. 59	61
Melrose, No. 60	1 56
Thistle, No. 61	11 50
Keystone, No. 62	6 75
Riverton, No. 63	5 10
Osceola, No. 65	10 75
Livingstone, No. 66	20
Edgar, No. 67	13 75
Aurora, No. 68	9 75
Fortitude, No. 69	1 70
Sterling, No. 70	8 74

Trowel, No. 71.....	\$6 72
Hooper, No. 72.....	8 00
Friend, No. 73.....	6 97
Alexandria, No. 74.....	7 75
Frank Welch, No. 75.....	7 82
Joppa, No. 76.....	5 40
Nelson, No. 77.....	6 08
Albion, No. 78.....	10 50
Geneva, No. 79.....	8 50
Waco, No. 80.....	7 25
Composite, No. 81.....	6 75
St. Paul, No. 82.....	11 50
Corinthian, No. 83.....	4 60
Fairfield, No. 84.....	7 25
Tyre, No. 85.....	12 25
Doniphan, No. 86.....	3 75
Ionic, No. 87.....	3 60
Star, No. 88.....	3 75
Cedar River, No. 89.....	3 60
Elk Creek, No. 90.....	3 52
Total amount due Grand Lodge.....	\$6,704 25
Less amount credits, as above stated.....	984 38
Available funds.....	\$5,719 87

Your committee would commend the general correctness of the reports for this year, which is largely due to the efforts of the chairman of the committee for the past two years, Bro. Frank H. Young, and would suggest to the secretaries all over the state that if they would strictly follow the instructions printed on each page of the returns, they could not "*materially err,*" but would each present a perfect report.

Fraternally submitted.

EBEN K. LONG, *Chairman.*

June, 1884.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5883.

MAST. MASONS		MASTER MASONS.						GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.										
Reinstatement.	By Death.	By Expulsion.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 5884.	No. May 1, 5883.	Gain.			Loss.			Am'ts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.	Am'ts Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Am'ts Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5884.	Rejections.	No. of Lodge.
						By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	Other Causes.	Total.	By Demission.							
1	1	1	3	32	32	0	2	1	1	2	360	150	24 00	30 00	25 50	2	1	1
2	2	2	6	114	114	4	3	1	1	5	486	150	25 50	50 00	115 50	2	2	2
2	2	2	6	209	209	1	12	1	1	15	478	150	25 50	52 00	121 75	2	3	3
2	2	2	6	17	17	1	1	1	1	4	120	50	16 25	15 00	31 75	2	4	4
2	2	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	48	50	36 75	15 00	43 25	2	5	5
2	2	2	6	109	109	4	8	10	1	23	81 75	100 00	67 50	15 00	82 25	6	6	6
2	2	2	6	7	7	3	4	7	1	15	67 50	50 00	21 75	15 00	21 75	2	9	9
2	2	2	6	29	29	1	1	1	1	4	27	50	16 50	25 00	33 75	10	10	10
1	1	1	3	127	127	2	1	10	5	18	95 25	30 00	57 00	55 00	125 25	4	11	11
1	1	1	3	35	35	1	1	2	2	6	26 25	5 00	31 25	5 00	31 25	2	2	2
1	1	1	3	21	21	1	1	1	1	4	17 50	10 00	15 75	10 00	27 43	13	13	13
2	2	2	6	20	20	1	1	1	1	4	16 25	15 00	16 25	15 00	16 25	1	14	14
2	2	2	6	13	13	1	1	1	1	4	18	15 00	16 25	15 00	16 25	1	15	15
2	2	2	6	40	40	4	7	3	2	16	73 75	80 00	124 50	25 00	145 50	2	16	16
2	2	2	6	184	184	4	7	3	2	16	124 50	25 00	139 00	25 00	145 50	2	17	17
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2	2	2	6	5	5	7	10	4	1	22	57 00	55 00	114 81	114 81	114 81	21	21	21
2	2	2	6	16	16	4	4	6	1	15	36 00	25 00	61 00	62 50	62 50	2	23	23
2	2	2	6	232	232	3	2	26	19	59	114 00	120 00	234 00	234 00	234 00	25	25	25
2	2	2	6	92	92	3	3	2	2	10	69 00	30 00	99 25	98 25	98 25	2	26	26
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2	2	2	6	8	8	1	1	1	1	4	34	20 00	32 89	20 00	32 89	2	28	28
2	2	2	6	46	46	1	1	1	1	4	32 25	15 00	47 25	47 25	47 25	30	30	30
2	2	2	6	43	43	3	3	3	3	12	45 00	35 00	80 85	80 85	80 85	1	31	31
2	2	2	6	60	60	5	5	8	3	21	73 50	5 00	78 50	76 50	76 50	1	32	32
2	2	2	6	98	98	1	1	1	1	4	74 50	80 00	156 00	156 00	156 00	6	33	33
2	2	2	6	118	118	1	1	1	1	4	78 50	80 00	156 00	156 00	156 00	6	34	34
2	2	2	6	56	56	1	1	1	1	4	42 00	30 00	72 00	76 10	76 10	4	35	35
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2	2	2	6	47	47	3	3	4	1	11	35 25	20 00	55 14	55 14	55 14	2	45	45
2	2	2	6	24	24	3	3	3	3	12	35 25	20 00	55 14	55 14	55 14	2	46	46
2	2	2	6	53	53	2	2	2	2	8	39 75	15 00	54 77	54 77	54 77	4	47	47
2	2	2	6	11	11	1	1	1	1	4	18 00	10 00	28 12	28 12	28 12	4	48	48
2	2	2	6	84	84	11	11	25	9	44	63 00	65 00	127 21	127 21	127 21	4	49	49
2	2	2	6	36	36	2	2	3	2	9	27 00	15 00	42 00	42 00	42 00	1	50	50
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2	2	2	6	66	66	3	3	6	4	16	49 50	15 00	64 50	63 75	63 75	1	52	52
2	2	2	6	60	60	3	3	4	2	13	49 50	15 00	64 50	63 75	63 75	1	53	53
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2	2	2	6	46	46	1	1	1	1	4	37 50	45 00	82 50	82 50	82 50	5	55	55
2	2	2	6	50	50	1	1	1	1	4	24 00	10 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	1	56	56
2	2	2	6	32	32	1	1	1	1	4	50 25	45 00	95 25	95 25	95 25	1	57	57
2	2	2	6	67	67	2	2	7	4	15	50 25	45 00	95 25	95 25	95 25	1	58	58
2	2	2	6	86	86	17	17	24	3	47	64 50	20 00	84 50	84 50	84 50	2	59	59
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2	2	2	6	44	44	3	3	5	2	13	35 25	10 00	45 25	45 25	45 25	1	70	70
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2	2	2	6	44	44	3	3	5	2	13	35 25	10 00	45 25	45 25	45 25	1	72	72
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2	2	2	6	44	44	3	3	5	2	13	35 25	10 00	45 25	45 25	45 25	1	77	77
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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.							SUSP.								
		Gain.			Loss.				No. on Rolls April 30, 5884.	Gain.			Loss.				No. on Rolls April 30, 5884.	No. May 1, 5883.	By Suspension.	Total.				
		No. May 1, 5883.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.		Other Causes.	Total.	No. May 1, 5883.	By Passing.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Raising.					Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.
Trowel	71	7	5	5	4	1	5	7	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Hooper	72	6	6	6	5	1	5	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	3	3				
Friend	73	2	4	4	3	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1				
Alexandria	74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Frank Welch	75	1	8	8	3	1	6	3	3	2	6	6	6	4	1	5	3	3	1	1				
Joppa	76	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Nelson	77	3	6	6	3	2	4	5	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3				
Albion	78	5	3	3	3	1	2	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Geneva	79	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Waco	80	3	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Composite	81	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
St. Paul	82	3	10	10	11	1	12	1	2	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	2	2	2				
Corinthian	83	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Fairfield	84	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4				
Tyre	85	5	16	16	16	16	16	5	3	12	15	15	15	25	25	25	25	3	3	3				
Doniphan	86	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Ionic	87	3	7	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Star	88	2	7	7	2	2	2	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	7				
Cedar River	89	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6				
Elk Creek	90	2	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2				
Oakland	91	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Hubbell	92	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2				
Beaver City	93	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Bennett	94	3	2	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Garfield	95	2	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4				
Utica	96	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4				
Euclid	97	1	5	5	6	6	6	1	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	1	1	1				
Republican	98	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Shelton	99	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Creighton	100	3	7	7	8	8	8	2	2	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	3	3	3				
Ponca	101	7	9	9	9	9	2	14	2	4	12	11	11	3	14	11	11	2	2	2				
Waterloo	102	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3				
Ord	103	4	6	6	4	4	4	6	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4				
Wymore	104	2	8	8	9	9	9	2	1	9	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9				
Stella	105	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Porter	106	3	7	7	4	4	4	6	2	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	1	1				
Steele City	107	4	4	4	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2				
Table Rock	108	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Arapahoe	109	2	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1				
Pomegranate	110	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2				
De Witt	111	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	4	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	1	1				
Springfield	112	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Valentine	U,D	7	7	7	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Wisner	U,D	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Brainard	U,D	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5				
Harlan	U,D	7	2	2	9	9	9	7	2	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	1	1				
Hardy	U,D	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Saline	U,D	9	1	1	10	10	10	8	2	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	1	1				
North Bend	U,D	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	1	1				
Wayne	U,D	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3				
Superior	U,D	13	13	13	8	8	8	5	2	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	1	1				
Odell	U,D	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	1	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	1	1				
Indianola	U,D	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Auburn	U,D	10	10	10	8	8	8	2	2	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	2	2				
Genoa	U,D	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Stromsburg	U,D	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Minden	U,D	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Guide Rock	U,D	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Blue Hill	U,D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Tuscan	U,D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
TOTAL		540	519	28	547	457	11	5	4	477	610	196	457	6	464	450	2	2	3	457	203	482	65	65

W. Bro. France, 56, presented the following report from the committee on Charters and Dispensations :

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which was referred the records, petitions for charters and proposed by-laws of eighteen lodges under dispensation, having carefully examined and considered the same, fraternally reports, recommending

1. The issuance of charters to the following lodges heretofore under dispensation: Globe (Valentine, U. D.), Wisner, Brainard, Harlan, Hardy, Doric (Saline, U. D.), North Bend, Wayne, Superior, Jasper (Odell, U. D.), Indianola, Auburn, Mount Nebo (Genoa, U. D.), Stromsburg, Minden, Guide Rock, Blue Hill and Tuscan.

2. That the by-laws of these lodges as amended by the committee be approved by the Grand Lodge.

3. That lodges under dispensation, hereafter applying for charters, adopt substantially the code of by-laws prepared by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. William R. Bowen.

Attention is fraternally invited by the committee to the accompanying detailed reports regarding each lodge above named.

The report was adopted, except so much as referred to Tuscan Lodge, U. D. Bro. Pardee, 69, made a statement regarding Tuscan Lodge, and, on motion, the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Bros. Hastings, 19, Henry, 58, Chaddock, 12, Cain, 9, and Fuller, 110.

W. Bro. White asked that action be taken on the proposed amendment to Article VIII of the Grand Lodge by-laws (page 453, proceedings of 5883), in order that the committee on Pay roll might enter upon its labors. On the question of adopting the proposed amendment (increasing the mileage of representatives), a vote by lodges was had, and the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

The following statement was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations :

Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, A. F. and A. M., requested Beaver City Lodge, U. D., to pass and raise Apprentice James McComb, for which service Rob Morris Lodge gave Beaver City Lodge one-half the fee. Bro. McComb afterward became a charter member of Beaver City Lodge, No. 93 (being reported as raised in that lodge while under dispensation, without

any explanation of his relation to Rob Morris Lodge), without the knowledge or consent of Rob Morris Lodge, and without squaring up the books of Rob Morris Lodge. Rob Morris Lodge reported, and paid Grand Lodge dues for the present session on Bro.: McComb, without knowing of his action. By right, whose member is he now?

F. J. SWITZ,

Master Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.

Bros.: Wheeler, 6, and Phelps, 34, were excused from attendance to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until half-past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 5884.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at half-past eight o'clock, M.:W.: Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master, presiding, and all the Grand Lodge office bearers present excepting R.: W.:Bro.: Reese, Grand Senior Warden, who arrived during this morning's session; his station was filled by W.:Bro.: Rawalt, 84.

The Grand Master announced the following special committees on portions of his address: On the Fraternal Dead—Bros.: Scott, 27, Lamb, 41, Switz, 46, Allen, 42, Hoxsie, 95, Wilcox, 104, and Barnes, 101; On the Gift from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania—Bros.: Hastings, 111, Tylee, 110, Wemple, 108, Kirkpatrick, 97, Calder, 96, Kyle, 92, and Miller, 78; On the Ohio Flood—Bros.: Dempster, 79, Smith, 75, Glazier, 67, Dorr, 56, Foster, 62, Stuart, 48, and Foster, 45. Also on the first recommendation of the Grand Secretary's report—Bros.: Palmer, 6, Auchmoody, 11, Werner, 43, Chase, 48, Foxworthy, 54, Cornet, 98, and Arnold, 102.

Bro.: Young, 90, was excused from further attendance.

W.:Bro.: Mercer, 4, chairman of the committee on Accounts, presented the following report :

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

We, your committee on Accounts, beg leave to make the following report, to wit:

That we have carefully examined the books of our brother Grand Secretary, and compared the accounts of the receipts and disbursements from June 19, 5883, up to the same date in 5884, and find that they have been carefully and correctly kept; and that we find the balance of Grand Lodge funds now on hand, as shown in the said books, to be \$11,874.07.

The report was adopted, as was also the following report from the same committee :

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Accounts reports as follows on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary :

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	\$8,886 40
Amount received from Grand Secretary.....	7,250 27
	<u>\$16,136 67</u>
Warrants paid.....	4,262 61
On hand.....	\$11,874 06
The amount of Charity Fund, \$258.76, included, balance on hand.	

The following queries were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

By W.:Bro.: Randall, 84. Does a Master Mason of this jurisdiction, engaging in the wholesale liquor business, subject himself to Masonic discipline? Should charges be made against a brother Master Mason who does engage in the wholesale liquor business?

By Bro.: Carter, 54. Does the rule in regard to saloon keepers apply to persons engaged in the wholesale liquor business?

By Bro.: Wessel, J.:W.:, 85. If a brother, a member of a lodge, is sick, another lodge assumes the task of sitting up with, and caring for at night, a brother, a member of the lodge, is summoned and requested to sit up with the sick brother, and he refuses: is he subject to discipline, and guilty of a Masonic offense?

By Bro.: Downs, 54. Referring to Rule 36, page 51, of rules for the government of subordinate lodges, does the fee of ten dollars for a dispensation to confer the three degrees apply to a dispensation to confer one degree, or is the fee levied by the Grand Lodge *pro rata*?

In response to an inquiry from its chairman, W.:Bro.: White, 6, the committee on Pay Roll was instructed to

allow members of Grand Lodge committees mileage as well as per diem, and to make up the pay roll for three days.

M. : W. : Bro. : Robert W. Furnas, 4, submitted the following report of the Orphan Educational Fund, which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

DETAILED REPORT OF THE ORPHAN SCHOOL FUND, FROM ITS ORIGIN TO DATE, JUNE 1, 1884.

To the M. : W. : Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

As Trustee of the Orphan School Fund, having in charge the active management of the same, and for the particular information of newer members of this Grand Lodge, and newer subordinate lodges, I present herewith a detailed statement from origin,—twenty-four years ago,—to date, June 1, 1884.

It will be remembered by the older members and lodges that this fund originated in 1860, and was first suggested by the donation of Grand Lodge certificates of indebtedness, given representatives for mileage and per diem, at a time when there were no funds to meet such expenses. Afterward it was increased by a small per cent tax levied on subordinate lodges for a few years, and various other sources, as donations in different ways, until the sum of \$5,000 was reached. Since that time the accumulation of interest has made the present fund, as shown.

As I was the originator of this plan of providing a fund for the future, its management, especially of late years, has been left almost entirely in my hands.

During the first years, all moneys were left in hands of Grand Treasurer, as other funds. While Bro. : T. W. Bedford was Grand Treasurer, his safe was robbed, and all the fund then on hand,—about \$1,000,—was lost, and never recovered.

What is shown in report of 1883 as loan No. 1 was made by Bro. : Geo. B. Graff, while Grand Treasurer and custodian of this fund, to B. F. Lushbaugh. The original sum, June 21, 1871, was \$786.93. Lushbaugh died, and Graff gave his note for the amount, with an assignment of a claim he held against said estate, in the sum of \$1,192.26, as security. On this, the administrator has paid from time to time, dividends, as shown by indorsements, and reports heretofore made, \$521.79.

The administrator informs me there will, likely, be no more dividends, as the estate of Lushbaugh is exhausted.

Loans Nos. 2, 4, and 6, as shown in report, 1883, are made to Robt. W. Furnas, secured by life policies in two divisions of the Iowa Masonic Assurance Association, in the sum of \$3,000.

No. 2 was originally \$358.45, given March 1, 1880.

No. 4 was originally \$464.90, made March 1, 1881.

No. 6 was originally \$889.92, made April 1, 1878.

No. 3, originally \$4,000, date, October 17, 1874, was made to the "Ma-

sonic Temple Craft," Omaha, and secured by first mortgage on grounds and building, known as Freemasons Hall, Omaha. The principal and accumulated interest, to February 6, 1880, amounted to \$5,748.72. To that date, interest was ten per cent; since that time, eight per cent.

No. 5, originally \$1,506.65, was made to Wm. R. Bowen, October 17, 1874, secured by mortgage on real estate in the city of Omaha.

Cash on hand, interest paid on several loans named, to June 1, 1884, \$1,384.70.

This sum is on deposit in First National Bank, Brownville, Nebraska, drawing a small rate of interest,—four per cent.

The Graff loan drew twelve per cent interest for a few years, then ten per cent. All loans drew ten per cent to February 1, 1880; since then, eight per cent per annum.

No funds were in my hands until at, or about, the meeting of Grand Lodge, 1871.

Loan No. I—Lushbaugh and Graff—

Amount to May 31, 1883.....	\$1,621 88
Interest to May 31, 1884.....	129 75
Total.....	\$1,751 63

Loan No. II—Furnas—

Amount to May 31, 1883.....	\$ 488 68
Interest to May 31, 1884.....	39 09
Total.....	\$ 527 77

Loan No III—Furnas—

Amount to May 31, 1883.....	\$ 543 56
Interest to May 31, 1884.....	43 48
Total.....	\$ 587 04

Loan No. IV—Furnas—

Amount to May 31, 1883.....	\$1,403 11
Interest to May 31, 1884.....	112 24
Total.....	\$1,515 35

Loan No. V—Omaha Temple Craft—

Amount to May 31, 1883.....	\$6,062 25
Interest to May 31, 1884.....	484 98
Total.....	\$6,547 23
Less interest paid to February 1, 1884.....	459 90
Total.....	\$6,087 33

Loan No. VI—Bowen—

Amount to May 31, 1883.....	\$2,437 86
Interest to May 31, 1884.....	195 02
Total.....	\$2,632 88

I will be permitted to say, as the originator of this fund, the object was, and is, to have it reach the sum of \$20,000, before attempting to put in active use for purposes designed. While it has been the pride of my Masonic

labor for near a quarter of a century — twenty-four years — and while it has met with some misfortunes, I hope to see the original object and intent accomplished. My plan and design now is to call in all present loans as soon as possible, and invest the entire fund as one loan, or investment, in some safe securities, even at a lower rate of interest. I am of opinion that, perhaps, better satisfaction may be given by such, or some other change of investment.

If the Grand Lodge think the enterprise can be better managed, I will cheerfully concur in any action it may take, and turn over into other hands.

RECAPITULATION UNDER NEW NUMBERING AND DEFINITE DESIGNATION.

Loan No. I—Lushbaugh—Graff	\$ 1,751 63
Loan No. II—Furnas	527 77
Loan No. III—Furnas.....	587 04
Loan No. IV—Furnas.....	1,515 35
Loan No. V—Temple Craft.....	6,087 33
Loan No. VI—Bowen.....	2,632 88
Cash on hand	1,384 70
Total fund	\$14,486 70

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ROBT. W. FURNAS.

M.:W.: Bro.: Hastings, 19, made the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman, and the report was adopted. Later in the session the Grand Master announced that M.:W.: Bro.: Furnas, 4, had consented to deliver the address:

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee to whom was referred the invitation of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings for Nebraska, for this Grand Lodge to lay the corner stone of the capitol building, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that the invitation be accepted, and the work be done by this Grand Body. That the 15th of July next, at four o'clock p.m. be the time fixed, and that the several subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction be invited to attend and assist in the ceremonies, and permission is hereby given to any and all of the lodges to appear in the public procession on that day. That Past Grand Master, Bro.: Robert W. Furnas be invited to deliver the oration on that occasion, and that Bros.: A. G. Kendall, S. S. Royce and W. L. Fairbrother be appointed a special committee to secure excursion rates for the lodges and members attending on that occasion, and to make such other arrangements for the convenience and comfort of all attending as may be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. HASTINGS,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
E. F. WARREN,	
C. HARTMAN,	
L. P. GILLETTE,	

Bro.: Palmer, 6, presented the following report, which was concurred in by the Grand Lodge:

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your special committee on the first recommendation of the Grand Secretary in his annual report to this Grand Lodge, to wit: "That hereafter the Grand Lodge do not order the publication with its proceedings of any document or matter that is to arrive—that is not in shape at the annual communication," beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the recommendation and recommend its adoption.

H. E. PALMER, 6, *Chairman.*

S. I. AUCHMOODY, 11.

A. D. WERNER, 43.

I. A. ARNOLD, 102.

ED. CORNET, 98.

J. O. CHASE, 48.

Bro.: Henry, 58, presented the following report from the committee on Unfinished Business:

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Unfinished Business invite attention to the proposed amendment to Sec. 7, Art. II of the by-laws, the consideration of which was postponed at the last annual communication. (See pages 221, proceedings of 5882, and 453, proceedings of 5883.)

Also to the amendment proposed by W.: Bro.: Gilbert, 3, that section 24 of our by-laws be repealed. (Page 462, proceedings of 5883.)

The first part of the report (an amendment defining the duties of the Grand Custodian, and fixing his salary at one thousand dollars per annum, etc.) was referred to the committee on Accounts.

The second part of the report (repealing the law which prohibits the issuance of demits except to a brother who wishes to join another lodge) was earnestly considered, and the amendment was defeated.

Bro.: Palmer, 6, gave notice that he would propose an amendment strengthening the existing law regarding demits.

W.: Bro.: Switz, 46, was excused from further attendance.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the choice of its office bearers, resulting in the choice of

Bro.: JOHN J. WEMPLE, 50.....Grand Master.
 Bro.: MANOAH B. REESE, 59.....Deputy Grand Master.
 Bro.: CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11.....Grand Senior Warden.

During the balloting other business was considered.

M.:W. . Bro.: Lininger, 3, for and on behalf of Mrs. Edwin Davis, Omaha, presented to the Grand Lodge a portrait of M.:W.: Robert C. Jordan, 33, the first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, the oil painting being from her own studio. Bro.: Lininger's address was as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—Arts and sciences are a part of our Masonic system. As fellow crafts we are taught to be lovers of the liberal arts. In tracing our genealogy back to the first formation of society we are aided by the noble works of our brethren left upon canvas and marble. Such artists as Michael Angelo, Raphael, Angelico, Rubens, Rembrandt, Sir Christopher Wren, and others, have left their marks upon canvas and marble, giving us an insight into history that could not have been preserved or communicated to us in any other way. It is generally conceded that art had reached the highest point of perfection about the sixteenth century. There has been a gradual decline since that period until the present, when we seem to be again improving. It is astonishing what a number of artists are springing up all over the country. It is generally conceded that America produces the best sculptors, such as Rogers, Powell, Story, Ball and others.

In paintings there are no prominent leaders, as was the case in the sixteenth century; but we can number them by hundreds, with the artists of France in the lead. Our own country has had but little time to study fine art. Our centennial exposition afforded our people an opportunity of seeing and studying what was being done in the old world. They were not slow in embracing the opportunities offered, and we see the good effects on every hand. Even Nebraska contains more fine artists than any one would dream of. I was somewhat astonished a few days ago, when asked to perform this pleasant duty, to learn that Mrs. Edwin Davis, of Omaha, possessed such rare ability as portrait painter. I was still more surprised and pleased when that good lady showed me what she had in store for this Grand Lodge. It was a happy and generous thought of Bro.: Edwin Davis when he suggested to his better half that a portrait of the first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska would be a nice thing for them to present to this Grand Lodge, to be handed down to future generations, as the past has done for us in older jurisdictions.

Bro.: R. C. Jordan cannot but feel flattered in seeing himself so finely done in oil by this gifted lady. It is not my purpose to make any

extended remarks about this picture; the artist has made it to speak for itself, and all must agree with me that it is a perfect likeness of our venerable and beloved brother. Here it is, and in the name of Mrs. Edwin Davis, allow me to present it to this Grand Lodge with her compliments.

The Grand Master accepted the gift to the Grand Lodge, and by his direction M.:W.: Bro.: Warren, 2, made suitable response. On motion, Bro.: Warren was requested to draft resolutions conveying the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Mrs. Davis. The resolutions were as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nebraska accepts with pleasure and gratification the life-like portrait in oil, of our first Grand Master, M.:W.: Bro. Robert C. Jordan, whose living presence for so many years has encouraged, strengthened and animated us, and whose "counterfeit presentment" will serve to remind us of the wisdom, fidelity and zeal that he always displayed in the earlier days of our history.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge feels especially indebted to Mrs. Edwin Davis. The artistic skill displayed in this piece of handiwork must be seen to be appreciated. No words that we can write will convey to others any adequate idea of its true merits as a work of art. Our satisfaction and pleasure is greatly increased when we reflect that "home talent" is capable of producing a work of such genuine merit.

M.:W.: Bro.: Warren, 2, presented the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the M.:W.: Grand Master, having had the same under consideration, report:

1. That we approve decisions Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18.

2. With decision No. 2 we do not concur. When the result of an election has been announced and the candidate elect has accepted the office, it is final. It would be opening the door to great abuses.

To decision No. 3 add, "and with consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction within which the petitioner resides."

Decision No. 7 declares it unlawful to *receive* the petition of a saloon-keeper. We see no impropriety in his so petitioning, since, under the declared law of this jurisdiction, the result could not be doubtful.

Decision No. 9 puts the burden of appeal upon the Master. We adhere to the decisions heretofore made by this Grand Lodge, that the Master is supreme in his lodge, and that he alone is responsible to the Grand Lodge for its government. If the lodge is dissatisfied with his ruling, it can appeal.

No. 14 is erroneous. By paying his dues the brother *ipso facto* reinstates himself. If his lodge is extinct, let him pay his dues to the Grand Secretary and take his certificate.

Decision No. 15 we reverse; the reasons given by the Grand Master seem to us to support the opposite conclusion to the one he reached.

It is the *imperative duty* of a subordinate lodge to care for the sick, as declared by this Grand Lodge. If the individual members are absolved from their duty to contribute, the subordinate lodge cannot perform its duty. "No good Mason will refuse or neglect *this*, one of the *first* and most *imperative* duties of Masonry"; and if he does so refuse, he is liable to discipline.

3. To the petition of "the officers and members of Beaver City Lodge, No. 93," for permission to receive the petition and initiate, pass and raise a man who "lost a leg in the war," we are compelled to return our refusal. The loss of a leg disqualifies, and, while disposed to be liberal, we cannot override a landmark.

Bro. : Dempster, 79, presented the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman, which report was adopted :

To the M. : W. : the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

We, the special committee to whom was referred the disposition of the money returned from the Ohio flood sufferers, would recommend that it be placed in the Charity Fund, to be used at the discretion of the M. : W. : Grand Master.

And we would further recommend that the M. : W. : Grand Master exhaust the fund (should occasion require) before calling upon subordinate lodges.

J. H. DEMPSTER, 79,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
PETER SMITH, 75,	
I. N. FOSTER, 62,	
V. A. STUART, 48,	
E. H. DORR, 56,	
J. FOSTER, 45,	

W. : Bro. : France, 56, chairman of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made report as follows, which was agreed to :

To the M. : W. : the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the matter of the membership of Bro. : James McComb, beg leave to report:

1. That, in the opinion of your committee, Bro. : James McComb is a member of Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.

2. Your committee would suggest that, since by mistake the name of Bro. : James McComb was placed on the charter of Beaver City Lodge, No. 93, he be requested to pay whatever sum may be due Rob Morris Lodge, and that, when this is done, Rob Morris Lodge demit Bro. : James McComb, and that the demit be sent the Grand Secretary, and the same be attached to the dispensation of Beaver City Lodge.

The following report from the same committee was also concurred in:

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address referring to the new charter of Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, beg leave to report:

That, in the opinion of your committee, the M.:W.: Grand Master's action in the premises ought to be sustained.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following report submitted by W.:Bro.: McElhinney, 50, and relieved the committee from further consideration of the subject matter.

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

We, your committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint of Utica Lodge, No. 96, claiming that Blue River Lodge, No. 30, has initiated, passed and raised one, James O'Neil, who, complainant claims, at the time of his petition to Blue River Lodge, resided in the jurisdiction of Utica Lodge, upon investigation are unable to find that he did not reside within the jurisdiction of Blue River Lodge; and we find that the said James O'Neil, at the time of his petitioning Blue River Lodge, represented that he lived nearer to Milford than Utica, and that Blue River Lodge acted in good faith in its subsequent action in the matter; and we ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

W.:Bro.: Wilson, 81, was excused from further attendance.

And the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 5884.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, M.:W.: Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master in the East, and the office bearers in their respective stations and places.

The election of office bearers continued, while other business received attention, resulting in the choice of

Bro.: MILTON J. HULL, 67.....Grand Junior Warden.
 Bro.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.....Grand Treasurer.
 Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.....Grand Secretary.

Later the following appointments were made:

Bro.: JACOB A. HOOD, 34	Grand Chaplain.
Bro.: WILLIAM LEESE, 38	Grand Orator.
Bro.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT, 84	Grand Custodian.
Bro.: ASBERRY TOWNSEND, 15	Grand Marshal.
Bro.: JAMES F. BURNS, 72	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro.: LEWIS H. KENT, 60	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: WILLIAM J. MOUNT, 11	Grand Tiler.
Bro.: EDWIN F. WARREN, 2	Trustee Orphan Edu'l Fund.

The trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund are Bro.: Robert W. Furnas, 4, until June, 5885; Bro.: Charles L. Lamb, 41, until June, 5886; Bro.: Edwin F. Warren, 2, until June, 5887.

W.: Bro.: Benjamin, 37, made report from the committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges as follows, which report was adopted:

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges beg leave to make the following report:

That the amendments proposed to the by-laws of Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, be approved.

That the by-laws of Hope Lodge, No. 29, be amended as follows:

1st. That Sec. 1, Art. II, be amended by striking out the words "Festival of St. John the Baptist," and insert the following in lieu thereof: "regular meeting in July, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

2d. That Sec. 2, Art. III, be stricken out, and the following be adopted as a substitute for the same:

"All applications for initiation into the lodge shall be made by written petition, signed by the applicant's own hand, in form approved by the Grand Lodge. This petition shall be recommended by at least two members Master Masons, and delivered to the Secretary, with ten dollars accompanying it. If the lodge consent to receive, it shall then be referred to a committee of three Master Masons, members of the lodge (other than the recommenders), who shall diligently investigate the character and standing of the applicant, and make a report to this lodge at its regular meeting one month thereafter."

That Sec. 3, Art. IV, be amended by striking out the word "twelve," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six."

That the by-laws of Washington Lodge, No. 21, be amended as follows:

1st. That Sec. 1, Art. III, be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected at the regular meeting in June of each year, and all officers shall be installed on or before the regular meeting in July following, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

2d. That Sec. 1, Art. X, be amended by striking out the words "three-fourths," and inserting the words "two-thirds" therefor.

The committee would recommend that the by-laws of Ponca Lodge, No. 101, be approved entire.

W.:Bro.: McElhinney, 50, laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Weixel to Falls City Lodge, No. 9, A.:F.: and A.:M.:, in regard to the restoration of said Jacob Weixel, which petition sets forth that he was expelled for violation of standing resolution No. 15 of proceedings 1877, on the — day of —, 18—. Your committee, believing that Falls City Lodge, No 9, being familiar with the facts in the case, and the present reputation of the party, and inasmuch as Falls City Lodge has unanimously recommended the petition, your committee therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Bros.: Leonard, 6, Palmer, 6, Chadduck, 12, Culver, 30, Sparks, 36, Armstrong, 56, Dorr, 56, Zeigler, 56, Pickering, 76, Lundville, 91, Newman, 91, and Barnes, 101, were excused from further attendance.

W.:Bro.: Young, 61, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Returns, having considered the third recommendation contained in the Grand Secretary's report, recommends its adoption.

Your committee recommends that the intention of the Grand Secretary to hereafter account for (by name and number) the members of the extinct lodges, whose demise he supervises, be extended to apply to the lodges whose charters have been heretofore canceled, and, being familiar with his office work, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to employ a clerk to do this work, it having accumulated before his time.

To the committee on Jurisprudence was referred the following resolution, introduced by W.:Bro.: Davidson, 17. (See page 59.)

WHEREAS, Several Masons have removed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who, previous to their removal, had attained an elevated past official rank in the Fraternity, within the jurisdiction from which they came, therefore be it

Resolved, That all Masons who, having attained any rank in the Fraternity in the jurisdictions from which they came, have removed, or may here-

after remove, to Nebraska, be accorded the same rank within this jurisdiction, with all the rights and privileges here belonging to the same.

The following report was received from W. Bro. Rawalt, 84, Grand Custodian, and was adopted, excepting his recommendation as to salary, which portion was referred to the committee on Accounts :

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S REPORT.

To the M. W. G. M. and Brethren of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Anc. Free and Acc. Masons :

BRETHREN,—I have the honor to make the following report of my work for the past Masonic year :

July 16, I installed the officers of Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, who were elected in conformity with the action of the Grand Lodge at Beatrice, changing the election of officers of lodges.

By order of the M. W. Grand Master, Samuel W. Hayes, armed with his proxy, I instituted in form the following lodges, and installed their officers :

August 6, Hubbell Lodge, No. 92.

August 13, Republican Lodge, No. 98.

August 23, Arapahoe Lodge, No. 109.

September 1, Beaver City Lodge, No. 93.

September 14, Steele City Lodge, No. 107.

September 15, Wymore Lodge, No. 104.

September 15, Table Rock Lodge, No. 108.

At the same time instructed said lodges in the work of the jurisdiction.

During the year I have examined the following halls :

November 12, Blue Hill Hall.

November 16, Superior Hall.

November 28, Minden Hall.

January 9, Surprise Hall.

Each of which I found to conform to all the requirements of our work.

December 27, by invitation of the R. W. John J. Wemple, Deputy Grand Master, acting with the proxy of the Grand Master, I visited and assisted him and others in the dedication of the Masonic Hall at Red Cloud.

SCHOOLS INSTRUCTION.

December 10 to 15 inclusive, I held school of instruction in Hastings, at which school there were fifteen lodges only represented.

March 14 and 15, held school instruction in Pawnee Lodge, No. 23. Five lodges were represented.

March 25 to 29, held special school in Hastings for the instruction of officers of lodges.

June 23 and 24, held school at Lincoln, when a majority of the lodges were represented.

During the year I have visited, either in person or by competent assistants, all lodges that have asked for the services, excepting one, when I was

prevented by unavoidable cause, over which I had no control. And in all visiting and instructing I have found the brethren all willing and ready to accept the work of the jurisdiction, and find them all conforming to the same, so far as they are instructed in the same.

During the year I have been called upon to officiate as Master at the burial of two brothers.

March 11, at Harvard, where Bro.: H. G. Jones, aged 82 years, was buried with Masonic honors by Harvard Lodge, No. 44.

March 13, W.:Bro.: Ira G. Dillon, Master of Juniata Lodge, No. 42, was buried with Masonic honors. This was one of the most impressive occasions I have ever witnessed, where a brother full of vigor and life was, in a few days, stricken down to death by an accident. In Bro.: Dillon's death the brethren attending were impressively taught how a good Mason dies (in the faith of a glorious immortality).

February 9 and 10, I visited Ulysses, and met M.:W.: Samuel W. Hayes, and, in company with him, visited Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, and instructed them in the work. In a majority of the visits to lodges I have conferred some one or two degrees for them, they having the material properly prepared beforehand.

I could have visited more lodges during the year had a sufficient salary been paid to the Grand Lecturer to enable him to employ all his time to the work. I find that the general schools for instruction, as a rule, are not as effective for good as when the Grand Custodian visits the individual lodge. More good can be done in two days in an individual lodge than five days in a general school.

I find the officers throughout the state heartily concur in obedience to the edict which was issued by the Grand Master in 5883, and that the wisdom of that edict is already discernible in this—that we are having a more uniform work throughout the jurisdiction than could have been had otherwise. I would recommend that the Grand Custodian's title be changed back to "Grand Lecturer," and that the Grand Lecturer be paid a salary of \$1,500 and traveling expenses, the traveling expenses to be paid by the lodges visited. By doing so, in a few years, we can have a perfect and uniform lecture throughout the state.

I am greatly obliged to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master for kindness at their hands, and especially to Past Deputy Grand Master L. P. Gillette, Past Grand Masters Warren, Jordan and Hastings for valuable assistance.

Fraternally,

B. F. RAWALT, *Grand Custodian.*

W.:Bro.: White, 6, chairman, submitted the pay roll of this annual communication, which was adopted subject to amendment by the committee; and asked that an appropriation be made to cover the expense of providing blank pay rolls like those this year furnished by the Grand Secretary, which request was referred to the committee on Accounts:

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	DAYS.	PR. DIEM.	TOTAL.
W. F. Martin	Nebraska	1	Bellevue	60	\$3 60	3	\$6 00	\$9 60
C. F. Rice	Western Star	2	Nebraska City	57	3 42	3	6 00	9 42
Edwin Davis	Capitol	3	Omaha	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
J. J. Mercer	Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	79	4 74	4	8 00	12 74
Geo. T. Woods	Omadi	5	Dakota City	164	9 84	3	6 00	15 84
V. V. Leonard	Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	55	3 30	3	6 00	9 30
B. C. Metz	Falls City	9	Falls City	92	5 52	3	6 00	11 52
Lewis Vaughn	Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	94	5 64	3	6 00	11 64
S. J. Auchmoody	Covert	11	Omaha	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
J. W. Chadduck	Nebraska City	12	Nebraska City	57	3 42	4	8 00	11 42
	Orient	13	Rulo					
D. C. Cole	Peru	14	Peru	73	4 38	3	6 00	10 38
A. Townsend	Fremont	15	Fremont	70	4 20	4	8 00	12 20
J. A. Phelan	Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	49	2 94	3	6 00	8 94
L. P. Gillette	Lincoln	19	Lincoln			3	6 00	6 00
	Rock Bluff	20	Rock Bluffs					
F. W. Kenney	Washington	21	Blair	98	5 88	3	6 00	11 88
Chas. E. Pierce	Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	70	4 20	3	6 00	10 20
C. P. Needham	St. Johns	25	Omaha	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
H. N. Blake	Beatrice	26	Beatrice	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Emery Briggs	Jordan	27	West Point	105	6 30	3	6 00	12 30
James A. Titus	Hope	29	Nemaha City	84	5 04	3	6 00	11 04
J. H. Culver	Blue River	30	Milford	20	1 20	3	6 00	7 20
M. R. Hopewell	Tekamah	31	Tekamah	115	6 90	3	6 00	12 90
	Platte Valley	32	North Platte					
C. F. Rollins	Ashlar	33	Grand Island	122	7 32	3	6 00	13 32
C. J. Phelps	Acacia	34	Schuyler	99	5 94	3	6 00	11 94
B. S. Baker	Fairbury	35	Fairbury	144	8 64	3	6 00	14 64
J. W. Sparks	Lone Tree	36	Central City	93	5 58	4	8 00	13 58
I. T. Benjamin	Crete	37	Crete	20	1 20	3	6 00	7 20
Wm. Leese	Oliver	38	Seward	25	1 50	3	6 00	7 50
	Papillion	39	Papillion					
Henry A. Scott	Humboldt	40	Humboldt	74	4 44	3	6 00	10 44
Chas. L. Lamb	Northern Light	41	Stanton	138	8 28	3	6 00	14 28
E. M. Allen	Juniata	42	Juniata	103	6 18	3	6 00	12 18
A. D. Werner	Hebron	43	Hebron	144	8 64	3	6 00	14 64
Ezra Brown	Harvard	44	Harvard	81	4 86	3	6 00	10 86
I. N. Foster	Palmyra	45	Palmyra	24	1 44	3	6 00	7 44
F. J. Switz	Rob Morris	46	Kearney	136	8 16	3	6 00	14 16
J. R. Brooke	Salem	47	Salem	86	5 16	3	6 00	11 16
J. O. Chase	Fairmount	48	Fairmount	54	3 24	3	6 00	9 24
Nels Anderson	Evening Star	49	Sutton	70	4 20	3	6 00	10 20
D. M. McElhinney	Hastings	50	Hastings	97	5 82	3	6 00	11 82
A. J. Evans	Fidelity	51	David City	56	3 36	3	6 00	9 36
S. G. Glover	Hiram	52	Arlington	78	4 68	3	6 00	10 68
W. H. Stroh	Charity	53	Red Cloud	138	8 28	3	6 00	14 28
J. H. Foxworthy	Lancaster	54	Lincoln			3	6 00	6 00
D. R. Daniels	Mosaic	55	Norfolk	100	6 00	3	6 00	12 00
Rob't Armstrong	York	56	York	51	3 06	3	6 00	9 06
G. W. McKee	Mount Moriah	57	Syracuse	36	2 16	3	6 00	8 16
Rob't H. Henry	Lebanon	58	Columbus	74	4 44	3	6 00	10 44
J. C. Polesley	Wahoo	59	Wahoo	39	2 34	3	6 00	8 34
Lewis H. Kent	Melrose	60	Orleans	198	11 88	3	6 00	17 88
Frank H. Young	Thistle	61	Plum Creek	196	11 76	3	6 00	17 76
J. N. Brock	Keystone	62	St. Joe	85	5 10	3	6 00	11 10
Joel Childs	Riverton	63	Riverton	152	9 12	3	6 00	15 12
L. E. Goodell	Blue Valley	64	Wilber	31	1 86	3	6 00	7 86
Horace A. Scott	Osceola	65	Osceola	80	4 80	3	6 00	10 80
L. R. Horram	Livingstone	66	Firth	22	1 32	3	6 00	7 32
S. J. Whitten	Edgar	67	Edgar	124	7 44	3	6 00	13 44
Frank J. Engle	Aurora	68	Aurora	74	4 44	2	4 00	8 44
Sumner Darnell	Fortitude	69	Ulysses	34	2 04	3	6 00	8 04
Alfred Shipman	Sterling	70	Sterling	36	2 16	3	6 00	8 16
	Trowel	71	Neligh					
Henry Schwab	Hooper	72	Hooper	90	5 40	3	6 00	11 40
J. G. Boynton	Friend	73	Friend	38	2 28	3	6 00	8 28
John Enslow	Alexandria	74	Alexandria	142	8 52	3	6 00	14 52
Peter Smith	Frank Welch	75	Sidney	365	21 90	5	6 00	27 90
Seth S. Pickering	Joppa	76	Bloomington	167	10 02	3	6 00	16 02
R. Hollingsworth	Nelson	77	Nelson	142	8 52	3	6 00	14 52
John C. Mann	Albion	78	Albion	129	7 74	3	6 00	13 74

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W. H. Pardee	Geneva	79	Geneva	62	\$3 72	3	\$6 00	\$9 72
Jas. H. Stewart	Waco	80	Waco	40	2 40	3	6 00	8 40
F. E. Wilson	Composite	81	Rising	67	4 02	3	6 00	10 02
C. E. Forbes	St. Paul	82	St. Paul	150	9 00	3	6 00	15 00
C. E. Hunter	Corinthian	83	Wakefield	150	9 00	3	6 00	15 00
W. S. Randall	Fairfield	84	Fairfield	116	6 96	3	6 00	12 96
C. A. Wessell	Tyre	85	Blue Springs	62	3 72	3	6 00	9 72
S. Draper	Doniphan	86	Doniphan	280	16 80	3	6 00	22 80
M. J. Kenyon	Ionic	87	Niobrara	130	7 80	3	6 00	13 80
J. S. Young	Star	88	Decatur	56	3 36	3	6 00	9 36
A. Lundville	Cedar River	89	Fullerton	130	7 80	3	6 00	13 80
A. Agnew	Elk Creek	90	Elk Creek	113	6 78	3	6 00	12 78
S. D. Harding	Oakland	91	Oakland	210	12 60	3	6 00	18 60
D. K. Harris	Hubbell	92	Hubbell	17	1 02	3	6 00	7 02
N. T. Hoxsie	Beaver City	93	Beaver City	283	16 98	3	6 00	22 98
Joseph Jones	Bennett	94	Bennett	37	2 22	3	6 00	8 22
John A. Marshall	Garfield	95	O'Neil	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Edward Cornet	Utica	96	Utica	179	10 74	3	6 00	16 74
Rob't M. Peyton	Ruclid	97	Weeping Water	243	14 58	3	6 00	20 58
J. B. Barnes	Republican	98	Republican	200	12 00	3	6 00	18 00
I. A. Arnold	Shelton	99	Shelton	62	3 72	3	6 00	9 72
A. D. Robinson	Creighton	100	Creighton	188	11 28	3	6 00	17 28
E. C. Wilcox	Ponca	101	Ponca	62	3 72	3	6 00	9 72
L. H. Battles	Waterloo	102	Waterloo	188	11 28	3	6 00	17 28
J. E. Blackman	Ord	103	Ord	62	3 72	3	6 00	9 72
J. N. Mulholland	Wymore	104	Wymore	80	4 80	3	6 00	10 80
J. A. Carlock	Stella	105	Stella	172	10 32	3	6 00	16 32
B. L. Chambers	Porter	106	Loup City	93	5 58	3	6 00	11 58
H. A. Guild	Steele City	107	Steele City	64	3 84	3	6 00	9 84
Frank M. Suiter	Table Rock	108	Table Rock	217	13 02	3	6 00	19 02
S. W. Hayes	Arapahoe	109	Arapahoe	24	1 44	3	6 00	7 44
J. J. Wemple	Pomegranate	110	Pomegranate	37	2 22	3	6 00	8 22
M. B. Reese	De Witt	111	De Witt	112	6 72	3	6 00	12 72
C. K. Contant	Springfield	112	Springfield	100	6 00	3	6 00	12 00
C. Hartman	BANK.			97	5 82	3	6 00	11 82
Wm. R. Bowen	Grand Master			39	2 34	2	4 00	6 34
Jacob A. Hood	Dep. Grand Master			68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
B. S. Baker	G. Senior Warden			68	4 08	3	50 *	54 08
B. F. Rawalt	G. Junior Warden			68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
John Hammang	Grand Treasurer			68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
M. J. Inull	Grand Secretary			87	5 22	3	6 00	11 22
Ernest Hunger	Grand Orator			128	7 68	3	6 00	13 68
S. S. Royce	Grand Custodian			97	5 82	4	8 00	13 82
Geo. B. France	Grand Marshal			52	3 12	3	6 00	9 12
F. E. White	G. Senior Deacon			124	7 44	3	6 00	13 44
Rob't C. Jordan	Grand Tiler			..	..	..	12 00	12 00
E. F. Warren	Com. on Visitors			..	..	3	6 00	6 00
D. H. Wheeler	Com. on Ch. and Dis.			51	3 06	4	8 00	11 06
Rob't W. Furnas	Com. on Pay-roll			55	3 30	3	6 00	9 30
A. G. Hastings	Com. on Jurispr.			68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
Geo. W. Lininger	"			57	3 42	3	6 00	9 42
Jas. A. Tulleys	"			55	3 30	3	6 00	9 30
Jas. R. Cain	"			79	4 74	3	6 00	10 74
E. K. Long	"			..	..	3	6 00	6 00
	Com. on Returns			68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
				138	8 28	3	6 00	14 28
				92	5 52	3	6 00	11 52
				..	..	..	50 00	50 00

Total.....\$1,472.88

*Salary.

Bro. . Hastings, 111, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the R.:W.: Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, recommend that the unique and valuable present accompanying said communication be accepted, and that the following resolutions be adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska are hereby tendered to Conrad B. Day, R.:W.: Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, for a photographic copy of the original book of St. John's Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Philadelphia, Pa., dated June 24, A.D. 1731, and that we desire to express our appreciation of this rare document, evidencing the skill of our pioneer craftsmen in organizing the first Masonic lodge on this continent.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the R.:W.: the Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania.

ENOCH HASTINGS,	} <i>Special</i>
C. L. WEMPLE,	
LYMAN CALDER,	
E. A. KIRKPATRICK,	
ROBERT KYLE,	

. The following report, presented by M.:W.: Bro.: Hastings, 19, on Tuscan Lodge, U.:D.:, was concurred in :

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your special committee to whom was referred the question of granting a charter to Tuscan Lodge, U.:D.:, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that the charter be not granted, but that the M.:W.: Grand Master be requested, as soon as possible, to visit Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, at Ulysses, and Composite Lodge, No. 81, at Rising, and also the proposed new lodge at Surprise, and that if in his opinion the good of the craft will be promoted thereby, that the dispensation of Tuscan Lodge, U.:D.:, be continued until the next session of this Grand Body, and that the name of Bro.: George F. Cook be placed on the dispensation, and that a new Senior Warden be appointed in the place of Madison Rodgers, who has removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. HASTINGS,	} <i>Special</i>
J. R. CAIN,	
A. B. FULLER,	
R. H. HENRY,	

The credentials of M.:W.: George W. Lininger, 3, as representative of the Grand Lodge of England, were now presented, and that brother was received with due honor. He responded, giving an outline of the work of the Grand Lodge he represented, dwelling upon its extensive relief and charity.

W.: Bro.: Mercer, 4, chairman of the committee on Accounts, made report as follows, which was adopted, and the name of the Charity Fund was declared to be changed to the Relief Fund :

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Accounts, to which the printed report of the Masonic Flood Committee of Cincinnati was referred, recommends that the funds returned to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be turned over to the Charity Fund. We further recommend that the name "Charity Fund" be changed to "Relief Fund."

Your committee finds correct and recommends payment of the account of Bro.: J. H. Foxworthy, \$7.50, for services and expenditures as chairman of the committee on Visitors.

Your committee recommends an appropriation of forty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for blank pay rolls for the Grand Lodge.

Your committee has carefully examined our R.: W.: Grand Secretary's statement of office expenses since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge; it contains nothing but what seems to us to have been necessary for the use of his office. The appropriation last year being \$90.20 less than the expenses of the office, your committee recommends that the sum of \$90.20 be allowed to make up the deficiency. And your committee further recommends that an appropriation of four hundred dollars be made for the office expenses of the Grand Secretary for the coming year.

Your committee recommends payment of the bill of J. & D. Newman, \$4.20, for fans purchased for use during this communication; also of the account of G. J. Hindey, tiling the Grand Custodian's Lodge, June 23 and 24, 1884, \$5; also of the account of the "State Journal Company," \$63.40, for printing and stationery purchased for use of the Grand Lodge during the present session.

The following report from the same committee was received, and, on motion of Bro.: Leese, 30, was adopted, excepting so much thereof as relates to the investment of the funds when collected, and the location at Omaha :

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the report of the trustees of Orphans' Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find it correct, a copy of which is attached.

Your committee would also recommend that the trustees of this fund be instructed to collect the same as soon as convenient, and invest it judiciously in real estate at Omaha, for the purpose of establishing an orphans' and widows' home.

The following report from same committee was considered, and, on motion of M.:W.:Bro.: Lininger, 3, was re-committed, with instructions to substitute for the proposed salary "four dollars per day for such time as he is actually employed, such sum to be paid by the lodge visited, except that when sent by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge will pay mileage and per diem.

Your committee on Accounts, to which was referred that part of the Grand Custodian's report relating to salary of that officer, would recommend that the Grand Custodian be paid the sum of \$1,200 per year, payable monthly, he to devote his entire time to the duties of his office, lodges that he may visit paying his traveling expenses while making said visits.

Later in the session, W.:Bro.: Mercer, 4, submitted the following report from the committee on Accounts, as instructed; a motion to adopt the report was not agreed to.

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee, to which was referred that part of the Grand Custodian's report relating to salary of same, would recommend that the Custodian be paid four dollars per day, when he is actually employed, such sum to be paid by the lodge visited, except that, when sent by order of the Grand Master, then the Grand Lodge will pay mileage and per diem.

On motion of W.:Bro.: White, 6, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a demit to Bro.: John D. Tutt, upon the payment of twenty-five per cent of the amount standing against him on the books of Macoy Lodge, No. 22, when said lodge surrendered its charter.

Freemasons Hall, Omaha, was now chosen as the place of the next annual communication.

M.:W.:Bro.: Tulleys, 53, seconded by six brothers, moved

That Sec. 4, Art. XII, of the constitution, be amended by striking out in the second line the word "fifteen," and inserting "twenty-five," and by striking out in the third line the word "thirty-five," and inserting the word "fifty."

This proposed amendment to the constitution, increasing the fees for dispensations and charters for new lodges, lies over for the action of the constituent lodges.

W.:Bro.: Wilcox, 104, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address relating to the fraternal dead, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of our eminent R.:W.:Bro.: Oscar M. Marshall, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, we hereby tender to our brethren of that jurisdiction our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow, in the loss of a faithful and honored workman.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge learns with sorrow of the death of P.:G.:M.: James M. Howry, and P.:G.:M.: William French, both of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and hereby tenders its fraternal condolence to the brethren of that jurisdiction, in the loss of two such eminent and distinguished members of the Fraternity, and trust that their labors have prepared them for rest in the Grand Lodge above.

Your committee would not forget those who have been removed by death from our own jurisdiction, and would recommend that, as heretofore, a memorial page be published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in accordance with the recommendation of the M.:W.: Grand Master.

GEO. SCOTT,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
E. C. WILCOX,	
E. M. ALLEN,	
C. L. LAMB,	

M.:W.:Bro.: Cain, 9, presented the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to "relative membership," would report:

That while we recognize it as a fundamental principle that the lodge is the basis of all Masonic standing, and that "every Mason should belong to a lodge," we have no authority to prescribe to other Masonic bodies, which are founded upon the Blue Lodge, any regulations respecting their membership, but we earnestly remind our brethren that their first duty and allegiance is due to the lodge, no matter how many "degrees" they may have received.

Your committee would further report regarding the query of Bro.: Downs, of Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, that, under rule 36, no dispensation can be issued, whether for one or more degrees, for a less sum than ten dollars.

The query of the Junior Warden of Tyre Lodge, No. 85, your committee answers in the affirmative.

The following report from the same committee was

adopted, but after full consideration the resolution (see page 50) was not agreed to :

To the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the resolution with regard to recognizing the past official rank of brethren removing to Nebraska from other Grand Jurisdictions, would recommend the adoption of said resolution, provided the resolution is so amended as to require the affiliation of said brethren with some chartered lodge in this jurisdiction.

W. : Bro. : Leese, 38, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Orphan Educational Fund, when collected in as provided by the report of the committee on Accounts, be invested in loans secured by first mortgage on real estate.

At the suggestion of the Grand Senior Warden, the following words were added to the resolution :

“on farms, the amount loaned not to exceed one-half the appraised value.”

The resolution was then adopted, with the addition stated.

The following report from the committee on Accounts was considered. M. : W. : Bro. : Hastings, 19, moved to adopt same ; W. : Bro. : White, 6, moved to reduce the appropriation one-half ; the amendment was lost, and the appropriation was not agreed to.

To the M. : W. : the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Accounts would recommend the appropriation of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as the Grand Secretary may deem expedient, for the purpose of binding the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

On motion of W. : Bro. : Foxworthy, 54, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered all the railroads in Nebraska for favors in the way of reduced rates given members of this Grand Body, at the present session.

M. : W. : Bro. : Lininger, 3, duly seconded, offered the following amendments to the constitution, which require the sanction of the constituent lodges :

Amend Art. II of our constitution by adding, in the ninth line thereof, the words “and Grand Wardens.”

Amend Art. II of our constitution by adding thereto the following words: "And all Past Masters affiliated with the chartered lodges of the jurisdiction shall be entitled to seats and voices in the Grand Lodge."

Whereupon the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until eight o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY — EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 25, 5884.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, M. : W. : Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master, in the East.

On motion of W. : Bro. : Rawalt, 84, it was

Resolved, That five hundred dollars be appropriated of the funds of the Grand Lodge, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to pay the services of the Grand Custodian for the ensuing Masonic year, to be expended under the direction of the Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Lininger, assisted by Past Grand Master Furnas, now installed all the newly chosen office bearers of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary invited attention to the fact that M. : W. : Bro. : Hayes, 55, had omitted to submit a statement of his expenses as Grand Master. On motion, the committee on Accounts was directed to recommend an appropriation to cover same.

The Grand Orator, W. : Bro. : Benjamin S. Baker, 35, now delivered the following oration, for which thanks were returned, and a copy requested for publication.

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—Agreeable to an order from the throne of power, and acting under a sense of duty, I will on this occasion give expression to a few thoughts.

Craftsmen,—The origin of Freemasonry has been by many authors credited to divers causes and to divers periods, but none are a *res adjudicata*, or an estoppel to further investigation by the unconvinced. It would be very presumptuous for me to attempt to elucidate this great problem; but if you will bear with me, I will state some facts and circumstances which, while they may not convince the Masonic student that Freemasonry sprang from the ancient sun worship, yet I hope at least to point him to an untrod path that leads to a field of broad research.

How natural it was for the ancients to worship the sun! They saw the mighty forest spread its mantle of green, that withered and fell to earth under the solar command; they realized that the same power and goodness germinated the seed that made their harvest. In short, they saw all the products of earth spring from their sepulcher of rest—that had been apparently sealed by eternal decay—into productive life and beauty. Let us place ourselves under the light and circumstances of that day, what would appear to us the most worthy object to worship? What was the apparent source of all good and precious gifts? It could have been none other than the sun.

Lovers of nature, whose souls drink to overflowing with joy when you behold the lofty mountains clad in their evergreens, the grand and majestic rocks, with their brows cooled with the clear, pure water that sprays the fragrant and beautiful flowers in the valley beneath, and feel the chord of a harp of a thousand strings within your souls, tuned to the sweet music of the birds, and whose souls swell with pride at the mighty power of nature, when you see the high and rolling billows and hear the roar of the mighty ocean, and forget all but profound happiness; when you are lost amid the waving forest, intuitively moving from flower to flower, and breathing their holy sweetness—from off this high pinnacle of happiness step into the blackness of darkness, where you are conscious of naught save the dismal black shades that surround you, then what is your value of existence? It is the memory of the beauty and sweetness of nature, and the hope that they will return again, when the darkness will be expelled by the rays of the great luminary. Amid this darkness all is dead to you, and you dead to yourselves; and were it not for the hope of the return of the God of the sun worshipers, to breathe into you life again, and recall your souls from that mortal lethargy which has chained you to the shades of chaos, all would be misery, and only a sensation of continued weariness. How glad is all nature when the darkness begins to disappear, and the great god of day returns to vivify everything! This is the god whom all men have worshiped, whom poets have praised and sung, and who has been portrayed and represented under many different names by painters and sculptors who have embellished the temples erected to the great cause, the god of nature. Thus the Chinese have their famous Ming-tang, or temple of light; the Persians, the monuments of their Mithras; the Egyptians, their temples of Osiris; the Romans, their temple of Tellus and others.

I assert, and refer you to history to corroborate me, that the inhabitants of all earth in the days of antiquity knew no other god than visible nature, of which the sun was the center and recognized divinity. One author, referring to Agameinnon in Homer, where he addresses the sun as follows: "Oh, sun! which sees all and hears all," says, "This is not here a mere poetical figure or metaphor; it is a dogma constantly received, and the first philosopher who dared to proclaim that the sun was nothing but a mass of fire was regarded as an impious man."

All the great cycles in nature and the celestial system were worshiped and celebrated by every nation of antiquity, by feasts and festivals. At the

winter solstice, when the sun began to rise and resume its route toward their native clime, and the equinox that brought back the long days, with their active and genial heat, that set alive all the germs and ripened all the products of nature, these annual returns were celebrated by the Persians by their Muruz, or feast of the sun; the Assyrians had their feasts of the Pyres: the Egyptians, at the time of these feasts, walked the sacred cow seven times around the temple in honor of the seven planets, and one writer says: "All nations have had their feasts of ember week, or of the four seasons. Dupuis, in his work on the "Origin of all Religious Worship," says that "Christmas and Easter of the Christians, those worshipers of the sun under the name of Christ, which was substituted for that of Mithras, whatever the allusion which ignorance and bad faith may try to make itself, are yet an existing proof among us."

The worshipers of nature, or of the sun, revered the signs of the zodiac. The famous labyrinth of Egypt represented the twelve houses of the sun, to which they were consecrated, by twelve palaces, which engendered the year and the seasons in circulating in the twelve signs of the zodiac. The twelve columns of the temple of Heliopolis were decorated with symbolic emblems of the twelve signs of the zodiac.

Three hundred sixty was recognized by the theology of Orpheus as a sacred number, being the number of days in a year, not including the epacts, and represented by three hundred sixty gods. The priests of Egypt, at the city of Achante, poured from the Nile three hundred sixty cups of water into the sacred cask. The Arabs surrounded the god-sun Bel by three hundred sixty small statues. The Chinese built three hundred sixty temples on the mountain Loham. The wall of three hundred sixty stades, which surrounded the famous Babylon, and, in the words of another, "the three hundred sixty genii who take possession of the soul after death, according to the doctrine of the Christians of St. John," are illustrations of the recognized division of three hundred sixty degrees over which the sun travels.

Not only the sun and its effect on the earth were worshiped, but the constellations were represented and illustrated in the ancient temples of worship. The remark of Lucian, that "the religious system of the Egyptians was entirely sketched upon the heavens," does well apply to all the religious systems of antiquity.

I assume, and no doubt correctly, too, that this audience is familiar with the forms, ceremonies, faith and belief of the sun worshipers, and by virtue of that assumption, you know that everything in nature, except darkness, was, by the sun worshipers, revered as an element of the great god-sun, the fountain of goodness and purity, and that darkness was feared as evil, or the evil spirit. Plutarch, referring to the light as good, and darkness as evil, says: "This dogma of the two principles had been generally received by all nations; that it runs back to the highest antiquity, and that it is to be found with the barbarians as well as with the Greeks, and received its largest development with those nations which were most revered for their wisdom."

Having pointed out some of the striking features of the religion of the sun worshipers, now let us see if these features are not the corner stones and

foundation of Freemasonry. As the sun is the prime and constant cause of the day, so is the Worshipful Master the fountain of light and the sole monarch of his lodge. As the sun in his majesty appears in the east, imbued with all the power and glory of day, and shoots his darting rays of light into the gloom of darkness, and illuminates and makes beautiful all the darkness, and guides and directs the growth and workings of nature, by his light and heat, so the Worshipful Master rises in the east of his lodge, and sets the Masonic wheel rolling, stimulates all to work, and gives them unerring instructions. This power is as exclusive in the Master as is the power of day in the sun. And "as the sun in the south, at its meridian height, is the beauty and glory of the day, so stands the Junior Warden in the south, the better to observe the time to call the craft from labor to refreshment, superintend them during the hours thereof, and see that none convert the purposes of refreshment into those of intemperance or excess, and to call them on again in due season, that the Worshipful Master may have honor, and they pleasure and profit thereby."—(Mackey.) Thus the Junior Warden's station in the lodge is symbolic of the great god-sun at its meridian height. And to illustrate, or rather to represent, the great luminary as it quietly disappears in the west, leaving the red sky and gilded clouds, to lead us gently into the darkness of repose, so officiates the Senior Warden in the west of the lodge, to harmonize the craft, and keep perpetual the power of peace. These cardinal points of the organic construction of the Masonic lodge ought to be sufficient to lead us to recognize that they may have been taken from the fundamental formula of the sun worshipers, or else to believe that their adoption was a mere accident or coincidence, susceptible of no explanation. Nor are these all the striking similarities between the two institutions.

Without the sun you have no day; without the light of the sun no day is recorded upon the annals of time; without the light of the sun you have no Masonic lodge; and to prove this, my Masonic brother, suffice it to say that no lodge is *Masonic* unless the great luminary of earth, the great divinity of the sun worshipers, is there represented by the illumination of the burning taper.

The compasses circumscribe and keep the Mason within the circle of rectitude, emblematic of the circle of three hundred and sixty degrees, the sacred number of the sun worshipers, to which we have hereinbefore referred. The square, the fourth part of a circle, so familiar to the Mason, is typical of the same sacred number, referring to the revolutions of the sun.

Solomon's temple, like Babel, Jupiter, Dagon, and many others dedicated to the sun, was so constructed as to receive the first rays of the morning sun, and openings at the south and west were provided to further honor it and to receive its benefits, while the north, being a place of darkness, the temples were without openings, and so built as to bar against its evil influence. Even the candidate's preparation, relative to light, is indicative of his destitution of religious light, and as one author says, referring to the first step in Masonry, "He still remains in the dark quarter of the lodge, though not in the north, but half way toward the east, the place of light."

The ancients of Greece and Rome, when the priests were engaged in the

rite of sacrifice, they and the people walked three times around the altar while singing a sacred hymn, always commencing the circumambulation in the east, and moving, in imitation of the course of the sun, from east to east by way of the south.

Pierson, in his "Traditions of Freemasonry," says: "Blue Masonry has retained the circuit, but has utterly lost the explanation, which is, that in the mysteries the candidate invariably represented the sun descending southward toward the reign of the evil principle, Ahriman, Siva or Thyphon (darkness and winter); then figuratively to be slain, and after a few days to rise again from the dead and commence to ascend to the northward * * * the number of revolutions may and does vary according to different contingencies, although, of course, the number three is most important as a mystic and sacred number, but that at all times the ceremonies must be performed with the course of the sun, turning to the right, and leaving the altar on the right hand." While this author recites that Masonry has thus adopted one of the sacred rites and ceremonies of the system of religion of the sun worship, and also quotes from Bazot's *Manuel du Franc-Macon* the following: "The veneration which Masons entertain for the east confirms an opinion previously announced, that the religious system of Masonry came from the east, and has reference to the primitive religion, whose first occupation was the worship of the sun," yet he tells us, Freemasonry is a system based upon the knowledge and acknowledgment of God, who is the creator of the world, and the author and giver of every good and perfect gift." This is the ring of true metal for modern Masonry, but it was not the foundation on which Masonry was first erected.

The ancient sun worshipers of Greece recognized, considered and called the east the right side of the world, because of the appearance of the sun in the east, and the west the left side of the world. Can the craft recognize in this anything peculiar to Masoury? And can you give any reason why it is thus, only that it is one of the ancient landmarks of the order handed down to us by the Fraternity? It is only another mark of the parent visited upon the offspring.

The two pillars, Boas and Jachin, are by some reliable authors said to represent the equinoxes. From one author we have: "The equinoctial points are called pillars because the great semicircle, or upper hemisphere, seems to rest upon them. Those who assign Masonry to an astronomical origin say the two pillars represent the two imaginary columns supposed to be placed at the equinoxes to support the heavens."

A point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular lines, representing the Sts. John, is another striking feature borrowed from the sun worshipers. While the representation of a point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines is beautiful, and its signification most pure and sublime, yet it is an emblem. From whence it came, the following quotation from "Mackey's Masonic Ritualist" must aid an answer: "The true interpretation of the point within the circle is the same as that of the Master and Wardens of a lodge. The reference to the symbolism of the world and the lodge is preserved in both. The Master and Wardens are symbols of the sun,

the lodge of the universe or the world; the point also is the symbol of the sun, and the surrounding circle of the universe, while the two parallel lines really point, not to two saints, but to the two northern and southern limits of the sun's course." There are other points of similarity in the two institutions. I believe sufficient has been said to spur the Masonic student to investigation.

The great Pythagoras, the indefatigable Mason, so recognized by every author on Masonry, was one strongest in the faith of the sun worshipers. He traveled for thirty years in Egypt, Arabia, Phœnicia, Judea, Babylonia, Gaul, India, and many other countries, "to be the better," as one author says, "fitted and calculated to establish his theory of religion." In about the year A. M. 3490 Pythagoras, after his travels, settled in Greece and instituted a lodge, which he called "Masonry," and which was the first Masonic lodge by name in existence, and says Oliver, in his "Antiquities of Freemasonry," referring to this lodge of Pythagoras: "From this system originated the name of our science, and the representation of the great luminary which invigorates all nature with its beams was placed in the center of his lodge, as an emblem of the union of speculative with operative Masonry, which had been before practiced by King Solomon in the middle chamber of his temple."

With this I leave the argument, and leave you to determine its weight; but be it true that Masonry originated in the system of religion known as the sun worship, it does not detract one iota from the value, purity and permanency of the Order. Masonry was founded and stands upon principles that idolatry cannot corrupt; they are fixed and immutable, coextensive with time and eternity; they were never created, nor can they be annihilated; they are a part and parcel of the holy divinity; they are the crystalline founts that hold in eternal ice the imperishable germs of purity, and even if they were first recognized by idolators, "So mote it be"; yet they are the same "yesterday, to-day and forever," and their holiness and purity stand out in bold relief against the clear sky of God's unchanging truths. And we who cherish and live to Masonry will, when the solemn shades of that night close in upon us, when our brows are fanned by the breeze that sweeps o'er the Stygian wave, and our feet dip in the dull, black waters of that river from whose other shore there comes no sound of friendly greeting, and across which there is no clasping of hands, and the veil that separates us from its other shore is as impervious to the human eye as when the gates of Eden closed behind the unhappy pair, then will we be received by the Senior Deacon of the celestial lodge, who will conduct us to the realms of eternal bliss.

W. Bro. Mercer, 4, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Accounts, to which was referred the matter of expense incurred by Past Grand Master Hayes, during his term of office, would recommend that an appropriation be made of seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as is required to pay the same.

M.:W.:Bro.: Hastings, 19, moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Bro.: John M. Thurston, 25, for his address at the dedication ceremonies last Monday evening, and that a copy thereof be requested for publication with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The motion prevailed.

On motion of W.:Bro.: France, 56, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to our Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Samuel W. Hayes, for the earnest, faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of Grand Master during the past year.

The query of Bro.: Warren, 2,

“Is it competent for the Grand Master to entertain and decide an appeal from the action of a subordinate lodge in sustaining or dismissing charges against one of its members, or are such matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?”

was now taken up (see pages 244 of proceedings of 5882, and 463, proceedings of 5883). On motion of M.:W.:Bro.: Lininger, 3, consideration of the report of the committee on Jurisprudence was again postponed one year.

On motion of W.:Bro.: France, 56, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, and Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, for the excellent and comfortable arrangements provided for the session of the Grand Lodge, and for the kind reception and entertainment of the members thereof.

W.:Bro.: McElhinney, 50, moved that the subject matter of the codification of the laws of the Grand Lodge be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next annual communication, which motion was lost.

M.:W.:Bro.: Cain, 9, presented the two following reports, in which the Grand Lodge concurred.

To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, having had under consideration the recommendation of Bro.: Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, in regard to the appointment of a standing committee on the Law, would respectfully recommend that no action be taken thereon at this session.

To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address relative to waiver of jurisdiction of Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, in case of Bro.: Beeler, a fellow craft of said lodge, beg leave to report that the right of waiver rests entirely with Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, and this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction in the premises.

Whereupon, no further business appearing, the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was closed in ample form at eleven o'clock, peace and harmony prevailing.

JOHN J. WEMPLE,
Grand Master.


Grand Secretary,

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama.....	Palmer J. Pillans.....	Mobile.....	May 31, 1870.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.....	March 21, 1878.
British Columbia.....	Robert P. Rithet.....	.....	April 20, 1874.
California.....	William A. Davies.....	Stockton.....	June 2, 1873.
Canada.....	Charles W. Brown.....	Toronto.....	February 22, 1884.
Colorado.....	Henry M. Teller.....	Central City.....	April 20, 1874.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.....	April 9, 1877.
Dakota.....	George W. Kingsbury.....	Yankton.....	March 18, 1878.
Delaware.....	Daniel McClintock.....	Wilmington.....	December 11, 1869.
District of Columbia.....	John H. Russell.....	Washington.....	September 22, 1869.
England.....	Brackstone Baker.....	Lee, Kent.....	June 24, 1881.
Florida.....	William A. McLean.....	Jacksonville.....	February 12, 1877.
Georgia.....	Joseph E. Wells.....	Macon.....	September 22, 1869.
Idaho.....	Barton R. Hughes.....	Pioneerville.....	February 12, 1877.
Illinois.....	John M. Palmer.....	Springfield.....	.....
Indiana.....	Martin H. Rice.....	Indianapolis.....	.....
Indian Territory.....	John T. Adair.....	.....	July 29, 1879.
Iowa.....	William E. Woodward.....	Burlington.....	March 20, 1872.
Italy.....	Nicola Sinimberghi.....	Rome.....	June 24, 1881.
Kansas.....	Edward D. Hillyer.....	Valley Falls.....	September 22, 1869.
Kentucky.....	Lorenzo D. Croninger.....	Covington.....	June 1, 1871.
Louisiana.....	A. L. Tissot.....	New Orleans.....	March 14, 1883.
Maine.....	Edward P. Burnham.....	Saco.....	March 29, 1870.
Manitoba.....	A. H. Cameron.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	Edward J. Oppelt.....	Baltimore.....	February 12, 1877.
Michigan.....	Abraham T. Metcalf.....	Kalamazoo.....	January 17, 1874.
Minnesota.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.....	.....
Mississippi.....	J. B. Morgan.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis.....	June 3, 1877.
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	April 9, 1877.
Nevada.....	Charles E. Laughton.....	Carson.....	November 20, 1876.
New Brunswick.....	William Wedderburn.....	St. John.....	January 1, 1873.
New Hampshire.....	Alpheus W. Baker.....	Lebanon.....	March 18, 1878.
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.....	September 22, 1869.
New Mexico.....	Willis E. Maynard.....	Socorro.....	March 14, 1883.
New York.....	Robert M. C. Graham.....	New York city.....	April 9, 1877.
North Carolina.....	James B. Batchelor.....	Raleigh.....	.....
Nova Scotia.....	George Frazier.....	Halifax.....	.....
Ohio.....	Robert Gwynn.....	Cincinnati.....	.....
Oregon.....	Thomas McF. Patton.....	Salem.....	June 9, 1883.
Pennsylvania.....	James W. Robbins.....	Philadelphia.....	May 24, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd.....	John Muirhead.....	Charlottetown.....	March 21, 1877.
Rhode Island.....	Edward L. Freeman.....	Providence.....	April 17, 1877.
Scotland.....	D. Murray Lyon.....	Edinburgh.....	June 24, 1881.
South Carolina.....	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	March 20, 1877.
Tennessee.....	James O. Connor.....	Jackson.....	August 2, 1869.
Texas.....	Joseph D. Sayers.....	Bastrop (c. h.).....	March 20, 1877.
Utah.....	Thomas E. Clohecy.....	Salt Lake City.....	November 3, 1875.
Vermont.....	William H. Root.....	Burlington.....	October 3, 1881.
Virginia.....	James A. Scott.....	Richmond.....	February 3, 1877.
Washington Territory.....	James Biles.....	Tumwater.....	June 3, 1873.
West Virginia.....	B. F. Martin.....	Pruntytown.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	Merrick P. Wing.....	La Crosse.....	April 9, 1877.
Wyoming.....	John H. Symons.....	Laramie City.....	May 5, 1882.

NOTE.—Information is desired wherewith to fill the blanks in the foregoing statement.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	James W. Chaddock	Nebraska City	September 22, 1869.
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes	Norfolk	March 6, 1878.
British Columbia	William Adair	Dakota City	May 12, 1874.
California	John J. Wemple	Hastings	March 24, 1893.
Canada	Robert C. Jordan	Omaha	August 1, 1878.
Colorado	Josiah B. Redfield	Omaha	May 11, 1874.
Connecticut	Alfred G. Hastings	Lincoln	February 20, 1877.
Dakota	Gustavus Stevenson	Omaha	February 25, 1878.
Delaware	Edwin A. Allen	Omaha	December 1, 1869.
District of Columbia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	September 18, 1869.
England	George W. Lininger	Omaha	June 23, 1883.
Florida	Hiram C. Rider	Crete	February 1, 1877.
France	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 30, 1869.
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	March 31, 1883.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys	Red Cloud	February 1, 1877.
Illinois	Harry P. Deuel	Omaha	September 8, 1869.
Indiana	George H. Thummel	Grand Island	September 2, 1872.
Indian Territory	Bradner D. Slaughter	Fullerton	August 4, 1879.
Iowa	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	October 1, 1883.
Kansas	Robert C. Jordan	Omaha	
Kentucky	J. Newton Wise	Plattsmouth	September 14, 1870.
Louisiana	J. Newton Wise	Plattsmouth	October 25, 1869.
Maine	N. S. Harding	Nebraska City	December 1, 1869.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	March 24, 1877.
Maryland	George Armstrong	Omaha	February 2, 1877.
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler	Plattsmouth	January 3, 1870.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan	Omaha	
Missouri	J. Newton Wise	Plattsmouth	August 17, 1869.
Mississippi	John M. Burks	Lincoln	December 31, 1869.
Montana	Charles F. Goodman	Omaha	August 14, 1878.
Nevada	James R. Reed	Tekamah	February 14, 1870.
New Brunswick	Edwin A. Allen	Omaha	September 22, 1869.
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes	Fremont	February 8, 1879.
New Jersey	James R. Cain	Falls City	September 24, 1878.
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer	Plattsmouth	April 25, 1879.
New York	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 13, 1869.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	September 20, 1869.
Nova Scotia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	June 10, 1871.
Ohio	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	September 10, 1869.
Oregon	Henry Brown	Nebraska City	
Pennsylvania	William R. Bowen	Omaha	May 5, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd	William H. Platt	Grand Island	February 19, 1877.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp	York	April 9, 1877.
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard	North Platte	January 14, 1881.
Tennessee	J. Newton Wise	Plattsmouth	June 24, 1869.
Texas	Martin Dunham	Omaha	February 22, 1877.
Utah	George B. Graff	Omaha	December 5, 1872.
Vermont	William R. Bowen	Omaha	June 13, 1877.
Virginia	William E. Hill	Nebraska City	October 21, 1879.
Washington Territory	Charles A. Holmes	Tecumseh	February 15, 1877.
West Virginia	Henry T. Davis	Lincoln	October 12, 1866.
Wisconsin	Alexander Atkinson	Omaha	January 29, 1877.
Wyoming	Rolland H. Oakley	Lincoln	March 7, 1877.

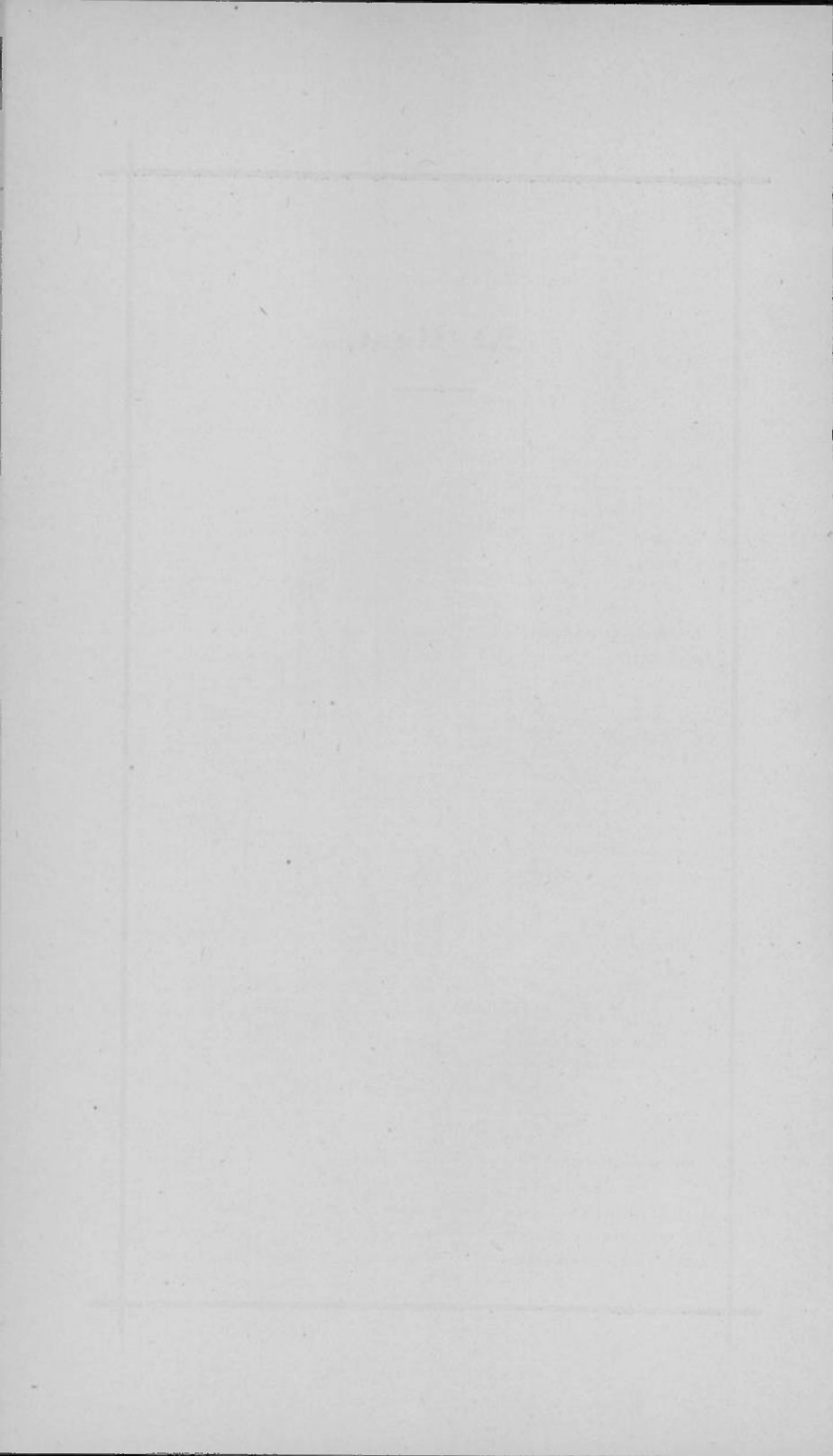
LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Edward C. Neufelder	Victoria.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmet Blackshear	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Silver City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham, Deputy Gr. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Azariah T. C. Pierson	Saint Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	Saint Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	Saint John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward's Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie.

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR
BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
JOSEPH D. LUCE	Nebraska, No. 1.....	Oct. 13, '83
JESSE R. SOUSLEY	Western Star, " 2.....	May 24, '83
D—— P. BAILY.....	Western Star, " 2.....	Oct. 12, '83
GEORGE R. McCULLUM.....	Western Star, " 2.....	March 11, '84
SAMUEL BEAN.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Aug. 6, '83
JOHN KEATING.....	Capitol, " 3.....	Feb. 4, '84
JOEL T. GRIFFIN.....	Capitol, " 3.....	March 3, '84
BENSON M. BARLEY	Nemaha Valley, " 4.....	May 15, '83
MATTHEW A. HANDLEY	Nemaha Valley, " 4.....	Dec. 12, '83
DAVID R. HOLT.....	Falls City, " 9.....	Jan. 7, '84
ELAM CLARK	Solomon, " 10.....	Nov. 2, '83
JOHN B. DETWILER.....	Covert, " 11.....	Nov. —, '83
ALBERT E. SIMPSON	Covert, " 11.....	Oct. —, '83
THOMAS E. BROOKS.....	Washington, " 21.....	Oct. 3, '83
RODNEY DUTCHER.....	Saint Johns, " 25.....	May 27, '83
JOHN G. JACOBS.....	Saint Johns, " 25.....	Oct. 14, '83
LOUIS BEINDORF.....	Saint Johns, " 25.....	Dec. 9, '83
GEORGE A. ENGLAND	Saint Johns, " 25.....	—, —
PATRICK DALY	Saint Johns, " 25.....	—, —
JOSEPH YOHE.....	Beatrice, " 26.....	Aug. 4, '83
ALFRED MILLER	Beatrice, " 26.....	Aug. 17, '83
JAMES J. CARDY.....	Blue River, " 30.....	June 12, '83
LOUIS T. WINGET.....	Platte Valley, " 32.....	Jan. 14, '84
IRA G. DILLON.....	Juniata, " 42.....	March 13, '84
ALONZO B. GRANNIS.....	Hebron, " 43.....	Oct. 19, '83
HENRY R. WHEELER	Harvard, " 44.....	Nov. 10, '83
SAMUEL L. SAVIDGE	Rob Morris, " 46.....	Nov. 30, '83
JOHN J. THOMPSON	Hiram, " 52.....	March 16, '84
WESLEY B. ALEXANDER.....	Wahoo, " 59.....	May 5, '84
THOMAS FLEMING	Wahoo, " 59.....	April 13, '84
E—— P. HAMPTON	Friend, " 73.....	Nov. 21, '83
ISAAC B. REYNOLDS	Fairfield, " 84.....	March 3, '83
M. WILDER FRARY.....	Star, " 88.....	Feb. 28, '84
WILLIAM A. JAMESON	Creighton, " 100.....	Dec. 9, '83



ROLL OF LODGES.

APRIL 30, 5884.

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WITH OFFICE-BEARERS FOR YEAR 5884-5.

NEBRASKA LODGE, NO. 1, BELLEVUE, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or preceding the full moon each month.

SEAL — Master's apron, with square and compasses laid thereon.

Frank E. Caldwell, Master.	William F. Martin, Secretary.
Joseph M. Whitted, Senior Warden.	William D. Rowles, Senior Deacon.
Silas B. Bachelder, Junior Warden.	George Clifton, Junior Deacon.
James Sipp, Treasurer.	George Clauson, Tiler.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 2, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday evening on or before the full moon.

SEAL — A star (rayed) above the Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tiler's sword: motto, "*Lux esto.*"

Lewis Dunn, Master.	Elias S. Oppenheimer, Secretary.
Benjamin J. Ewing, Senior Warden.	Charles F. Rice, Senior Deacon.
Herbert C. Freeman, Jun. Warden.	Fred H. Brauer, Junior Deacon.
William A. Cotton, Treasurer.	Granville H. Hail, Tiler.

CAPITOL LODGE, NO. 3, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Monday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL — The first capitol building in Nebraska.

William R. Bowen, Master.	Lewis M. Rheem, Senior Deacon.
Milo C. Wilson, Senior Warden.	Gustave A. Engel, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Samler, Junior Warden.	George M. Nattinger, Sen. Steward.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	Peter Clossen, Junior Steward.
John Bamford, Secretary.	Harlan P. Devalon, Tiler.

NEMAHA VALLEY LODGE, NO. 4, BROWNVILLE, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses, with rays, surrounded by the words "Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4," and two stars.

John J. Mercer, Master.	James C. McNaughton, Secretary.
Alfred G. Burnett, Senior Warden.	David H. Mercer, Senior Deacon.
Thomas L. Jones, Junior Warden.	Thomas F. Perry, Junior Deacon.
Andrew R. Davison, Treasurer.	Albert D. Marsh, Tiler.

OMADI LODGE, NO. 5, DAKOTA CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full moon.

William Adair, Master.	Theodore D. Curtis, Secretary.
William Cheney, Senior Warden.	J. C. Lowrey, Senior Deacon.
N. E. Cowles, Junior Warden.	Thomas J. King, Junior Deacon.
Denis Armour, Treasurer.	Joachim Oesterling, Tiler.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE, NO. 6, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Monday evenings of each calendar month.

Velosco V. Leonard, Master.	William Hayes, Senior Deacon.
Justus G. Richey, Senior Warden.	Albert D. Despain, Junior Deacon.
Ackland Salisbury, Junior Warden.	Edward S. Grensel, Senior Steward.
Alfred W. White, Treasurer.	Wellington W. Drummond, Jun. S.
Albert W. Crites, Secretary.	William B. Brown, Tiler.

SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR.

(Charter Surrendered.)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 8, GOLD HILL, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, COLUMBUS.

(Charter Surrendered.)

FALLS CITY LODGE, NO. 9, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or after each full moon.

SEAL — An apron inscribed in a circle. The word "Chartered" above the apron. The words "Falls City Lodge" upon the bib. No. 9, A. F. & A. M., Falls City, Nebraska, upon apron proper, etc.

James R. Wilhite, Master.	Joseph C. Yutzy, Secretary.
George W. Holland, Senior Warden.	Henry C. Lapp, Senior Deacon.
Clark Shelly, Junior Warden.	Jacob N. Herbst, Senior Deacon.
Thomas C. Shelly, Treasurer.	William R. Cain, Tiler.

SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 10, FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

Edwin N. Grenell, Master.	Lorenzo Crounse, Treasurer.
W C. Vaughan, Senior Warden.	John B. Kuony, Secretary.
Carl Myers, Junior Warden.	Austin W. Beales, Senior Deacon.

COVERT LODGE, NO. 11, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL — Mosaic pavement.

Frederick B. Lowe, Master.	Charles F. Driscoll, Senior Deacon.
John N. Westberg, Senior Warden.	A C. Lichtenberger, Jun. Deacon.
Silas S. Auchmoedy, Junior Warden.	James R. Crigler, Senior Steward.
Henry C. Akin, Treasurer.	Michael O. Maul, Junior Steward.
Horatio L. Seward, Secretary.	William J. Mount, Tiler.

NEBRASKA CITY LODGE, NO. 12, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

David R. Thompson, Master.	William F. N. Houser, Secretary.
John Adle, Senior Warden.	, Senior Deacon.
Oliver D. Waterman, Jun. Warden.	Charles B. Bichel, Junior Deacon.
George M. Brinker, Treasurer.	Casper Lauer, Tiler.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 13, RULO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Monday on or before the full moon.

PERU LODGE, NO. 14, PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

Benjamin W. Knott, Master.	Daniel C. Cole, Senior Deacon.
Jacob Zaring, Senior Warden.	, Junior Deacon.
John H. F. Scott, Junior Warden.	, Senior Steward.
Sterling P. Majors, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
George W. Heywood, Secretary.	George Ashley, Tiler.

FREMONT LODGE, NO. 15, FREMONT, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday of each month.

SEAL — Three columns, with the plumb, square and level at their base.

William H. Munger, Master.	William E. Lee, Senior Deacon.
Isaac M. Goodspeed, Senior Warden.	Oliver Reynolds, Junior Deacon.
George A. Storey, Junior Warden.	Peter D. Denney, Senior Steward.
John V. N. Biles, Treasurer.	Valentine S. Hoy, Junior Steward.
William C. Brady, Secretary.	Joel A. Green, Tiler.

EUREKA LODGE, NO. 16, ARAGO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

(Charter Surrendered.)

TECUMSEH LODGE, NO. 17, TECUMSEH, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Saturday in each month.

Samuel P. Davidson, Master.	Charles A. Holmes, Senior Deacon.
William H. Holmes, Senior Warden.	Alfred Canfield, Junior Deacon.
Daniel F. Osgood, Junior Warden.	Ernst Roberts, Senior Steward.
Cornelius Woodley, Treasurer.	P — V. R. Dafeo, Junior Steward.
Stephen A. Easterday, Secretary.	Peter Platt, Tiler.

ASHLAND LODGE, NO. 18, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

(Charter Revoked.)

LINCOLN LODGE, NO. 19, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — The square and compasses between two columns; beneath them two right hands.

Sylvester S. Royce, Master.	Irving L. Lyman, Secretary.
Earl A. Cooley, Senior Warden.	Elias W. Beghtol, Senior Deacon.
Edwin O. Miller, Junior Warden.	Alva E. Kennard, Junior Deacon.
Lucien B. Freeman, Treasurer.	Ernest Hunger, Tiler.

ROCK BLUFF LODGE, NO. 20, ROCK BLUFF, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

SEAL — The open Book of Constitutions, square and compasses resting thereon.

(No report received.)

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 21, BLAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday in each month.

Frederick W. Kenny, Master.	Robert F. Kerr, Secretary.
Edward C. Jackson, Senior Warden.	Fred N. Morgan, Senior Deacon.
Fremont H. Groshel, Junior Warden.	John A. Moore, Junior Deacon.
Frank Harriman, Treasurer.	Nathan Carter, Tiler.

MACOY LODGE, NO. 22, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

(Charter Surrendered.)

PAWNEE LODGE, NO. 23, PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before the full moon.

Charles E. Pierce, Master.	John Meikle, Senior Deacon.
Augustus E. Hassler, Senior Warden.	Dexter L. Miller, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Fulton, Junior Warden.	James M. Galligher, Senior Steward.
Charles E. Casey, Treasurer.	James R. Ervin, Junior Steward.
Albert Peckinpaugh, Secretary.	Samuel S. Shannon, Tiler.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, NO. 24, GRANT, NEMAHA COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

ST. JOHNS LODGE, NO. 25, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday of each month.

SEAL — A quarterfoil, bearing 1st, an eagle; 2d, location of Lodge, with star; 3d, date of charter; 4th, a certain point within a circle and star, embordered with two parallel lines with the Book of Constitutions resting thereon; within all, the square and compasses.

Jerome K. Coulter, Master.	Charles S. Huntington, Senior Deacon.
Fred. J. Borthwick, Senior Warden.	Everett J. Buckingham, Jun'r Deacon.
George F. Mahood, Junior Warden.	Charles May, Senior Steward.
Henry Van Deusen, Treasurer.	Emory M. Steuberg, Junior Steward.
John J. Points, Secretary.	James W. Munroe, Tiler.

BEATRICE LODGE, NO. 26, BEATRICE, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturday nights of each month.

SEAL — Letter "G." Motto: "Faith, Hope, Charity."

Edward H. Daniels, Master.	Jesse Richards, Senior Deacon.
John Dwyer, Senior Warden.	William P. Fisher, Junior Deacon.
Charles G. Hoyt, Junior Warden.	Jonathan S. Grable, Senior Steward.
Silas W. Wadsworth, Treasurer.	Harrison F. Cook, Junior Steward.
Frank W. Cole, Secretary.	Uriah Farr, Tiler.

JORDAN LODGE, NO. 27, WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

George Romberg, Master.	Florando E. Krause, Secretary.
Allen D. Beemer, Senior Warden.	W. Eugene Krause, Senior Deacon.
Edwin J. Romig, Junior Warden.	Hugh Herbinson, Junior Deacon.
Henry Lukins, Treasurer.	Eugene Moore, Tiler.

WYOMING LODGE, NO. 28, SOUTH PASS CITY, WYOMING TERRITORY.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming.)

HOPE LODGE, NO. 29, NEMAHA CITY, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before the full of the moon.

James A. Titus, Master.	Joseph J. Bender, Senior Deacon.
B. C. Stokes, Senior Warden.	Christopher Tucker, Junior Deacon.
L. M. Weddle, Junior Warden.	Henry Williams, Senior Steward.
Henry A. Brand, Treasurer.	Guilford Lilly, Junior Steward.
J. Lambert Melvin, Secretary.	Elliott, Tiler.

BLUE RIVER LODGE, NO. 30, MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before the full of the moon, monthly.

John A. Cocklin, Master.	Vincent M. Cox, Senior Deacon.
Elisha Courtright, Senior Warden.	Thomas J. Bishop, Junior Deacon.
George W. Hamlin, Junior Warden.	Jacob H. Culver, Senior Steward.
Elin H. Landis, Treasurer.	John Englehaupt, Junior Steward.
Alfred Hiller, Secretary.	George W. Brandon, Tiler.

TEKAMAH LODGE, NO. 31, TEKAMAH, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesday of each month.

James P. Latta, Master.	George Zanner, Senior Deacon.
James R. Reed, Senior Warden.	John Palmquist, Junior Deacon.
Cornelius M. Kryger, Junior Warden.	Isaac Gibson, Senior Steward.
William B. Roberts, Treasurer.	Sidney S. Skinner, Junior Steward.
Robert A. Smith, Secretary.	Benioh P. Fifield, Tiler.

PLATTE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 32, NORTH PLATTE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday of each month.

Charles McDonald, Master.	Charles F. Ormsby, Senior Deacon.
John I. Nesbitt, Senior Warden.	Math. H. L. Douglass, Junior Deacon.
Fred'k H. Longley, Junior Warden.	James Babbitt, Senior Steward.
Platt J. Gilman, Treasurer.	Edwin Todd, Junior Steward.
George R. Hammond, Secretary.	Albert Marsh, Tiler.

OLIVER LODGE, NO. 38, SEWARD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a slipper, surrounded by a cable tow.

William Leese, Master.	Wm. M. Rosborough, Senior Deacon.
Albert J. Williams, Senior Warden.	William Hickman, Junior Deacon.
Elijah K. Dunbaugh, Junior Warden.	James Read, Senior Steward.
West B. Barrett, Treasurer.	John Brown, Junior Steward.
Joseph W. Dupin, Secretary.	Robert McCrosson, Tiler.

PAPILLION LODGE, NO. 39, PAPILLION, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A level crossed by a square, center to center, erect.

Newton R. Wilcox, Master.	Charles Stutzner, Senior Deacon.
James W. Thompson, Senior Warden.	W. Clarke McLean, Junior Deacon.
Allen L. Bartlett, Junior Warden.	Seely B. Knapp, Senior Steward.
Orrin W. Royce, Treasurer.	John Parlier, Jr., Junior Steward.
Joseph D. Patterson, Secretary.	George F. Wolf, Tiler.

HUMBOLDT LODGE, NO. 40, HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Thursdays of each month.

Joseph Sarbach, Master.	Philip W. Hayes, Senior Deacon.
William W. Turk, Senior Warden.	Orange L. Bantz, Junior Deacon.
William Barngrover, Junior Warden.	Jacob A. McDougall, Senior Steward.
George M. Filson, Treasurer.	George Gird, Jr., Junior Steward.
William M. Patton, Secretary.	Frederick A. Loenig, Tiler.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, NO. 41, STANTON, STANTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Wednesday in each month.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above the Book of Constitutions, guarded by the Tiler's sword.

John A. Ehrhardt, Master.	William D. Lovett, Senior Deacon.
Francis McGiverin, Senior Warden.	James M. Kinsey, Junior Deacon.
Hiran W. Clark, Junior Warden.	Lorenza A. Kimball, Senior Steward.
Julius Poessnicker, Treasurer.	Henry C. Sharp, Junior Steward.
, Secretary.	Edward Tolbert, Tiler.

JUNIATA LODGE, NO. 42, JUNIATA, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Monday evening on or before full of moon.

E	M. Allen, Master.	H	E. Wells, Senior Deacon.
W	D. Sewell, Senior Warden.	A	J. Adams, Junior Deacon.
G	N. McGonigal, Junior Warden.	E	J. Hanchett, Senior Steward.
L	F. Picard, Treasurer.	C	F. Hogg, Junior Steward.
S	J. Shirley, Secretary.		Daniel Ball, Tiler.

HEBRON LODGE, NO. 43, HEBRON, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Saturday evening of each month.

William J. Hanna, Master.	Benjamin F. Berkey, Secretary.
Thomas D. Bristol, Senior Warden.	Henry Hartz, Senior Deacon.
J. Addison Bowdle, Junior Warden.	Seymour J. Orendorff, Junior Deacon.
, Treasurer.	Daniel F. Scoville, Tiler.

HARVARD LODGE, NO. 44, HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesdays of each month.

George H. Washburn, Master.	John D. Hayes, Senior Deacon.
Ezra Brown, Senior Warden.	Arthur D. Davison, Junior Deacon.
Leslie G. Hurd, Junior Warden.	John Morrow, Senior Steward.
William J. Turner, Treasurer.	Perry H. Shenard, Junior Steward.
Levi B. Munger, Secretary.	Levi L. Taulbee, Tiler.

PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 45, PALMYRA, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday in each month on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL — A shield quarterly of four, bearing in first quarter a royal crown; in second quarter the cross and crescent; in third quarter a palm tree, and in fourth quarter the jewel of the Grand Master. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.

John O. Moore, Master.	John Noble, Secretary.
William L. Soper, Senior Warden.	, Senior Deacon.
Robert O. Self, Junior Warden.	Isaac N. Foster, Junior Deacon.
William S. White, Treasurer.	William Francis, Tiler.

ROB MORRIS LODGE, NO. 46, KEARNEY, BUFFALO COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Wednesday of each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing an hour glass, partly surrounded on right by a scythe; for a crest, a winged globe.

Frederick J. Switz, Master.	Joseph C. Philbrick, Senior Deacon.
Robert E. French, Senior Warden.	James L. Tout, Junior Deacon.
George Ellis, Junior Warden.	Philip H. Curran, Senior Steward.
Sylvester S. St. John, Treasurer.	Samuel M. Nevins, Junior Steward.
Walter W. Barney, Secretary.	, Tiler.

SALEM LODGE, NO. 47, SALEM, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

Joshua Vanderoot, Master.	Henry W. Kennon, Secretary.
, Senior Warden.	, Senior Deacon.
Henry H. Pejree, Junior Warden.	Joseph D. Baker, Junior Deacon.
Oliver W. Dunning, Treasurer.	Wells C. McCool, Tiler.

FAIRMONT LODGE, NO. 48, FAIRMONT, FILLMORE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL—A certain point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, supporting the Book of Constitutions.

Julius O. Chase, Master.	Sandford H. Oldham, Secretary.
William A. Putney, Senior Warden.	Henry Musselman, Senior Deacon.
William E. Smith, Junior Warden.	Frank T. Vincent, Junior Deacon.
Everette C. Sawyer, Treasurer.	Ebenezer Millner, Tiler.

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 49, SUTTON, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

SEAL—A five-pointed star, bearing in center the letter "G," radiant.

Francis M. Brown, Master.	Russel G. Merrill, Senior Deacon.
Henry Lehrmon, Senior Warden.	Edward Woodruff, Junior Deacon.
Orrin H. Parson, Junior Warden.	John C. Merrill, Senior Steward.
John Honey, Sr., Treasurer.	K T. Jones, Junior Steward.
George Mitchell, Secretary.	William Pawson, Tiler.

HASTINGS LODGE, NO. 50, HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Third Saturday evening in each month.

SEAL—A shield, bearing a chevron (for the square). In chief, a sun; in center base, a crescent. For a crest, the symbol of a M. M.

Joseph Myers, Master.	Edward Davis, Senior Deacon.
John J. Raymaker, Senior Warden.	Chas. C. Rittenhouse, Junior Deacon.
Emanuel Fist, Junior Warden.	George Frahm, Senior Steward.
Alexander H. Cramer, Treasurer.	Elroy Pettys, Junior Steward.
Frank D. Taggart, Secretary.	James C. Kay, Tiler.

FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 51, DAVID CITY, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—A shield, with chevron, bearing the compasses; for crest, the All-Seeing Eye.

Henry Spiher, Master.	Simpson S. Reynolds, Senior Deacon.
James Evans, Senior Warden.	Elijah E. Doty, Junior Deacon.
William H. Fuller, Junior Warden.	Seth Raymond, Senior Steward.
John T. Myers, Treasurer.	William B. Thorpe, Junior Steward.
Thomas E. Evans, Secretary.	Henry T. Hawes, Tiler.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—The plumb.

John Hammang, Master.	, Senior Deacon.
, Senior Warden.	, Junior Deacon.
William J. Harris, Junior Warden.	Bernhard Conway, Senior Steward.
John A. Unthank, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
Lewis C. Weber, Secretary.	Peter Hammang, Tiler.

CHARITY LODGE, NO. 53, RED CLOUD, WEBSTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL — An open hand.

William H. Strohm, Master.	James Potter, Senior Deacon.
John R. Willecox, Senior Warden.	William D. Forrester, Junior Deacon.
William Letson, Junior Warden.	Manley B. McNitt, Senior Steward.
William N. Richardson, Treasurer.	Ira Sleeper, Junior Steward.
John P. Bayha, Secretary.	William Parkes, Tiler.

LANCASTER LODGE, NO. 54, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Friday in each month.

SEAL — A shield, bearing a trowel crossed with a gavel; for crest, three lengths of a cable tow and three points.

William L. Fairbrother, Master.	Legrand Baldwin, Senior Deacon.
John C. Stire, Senior Warden.	John Ames, Junior Deacon.
George R. Anderson, Junior Warden.	Richard D. Wallis, Senior Steward.
Robert B. Graham, Treasurer.	William B. Howard, Junior Steward.
Harry F. Downs, Secretary.	George P. Tucker, Tiler.

MOSAIC LODGE, NO. 55, NORFOLK, MADISON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield, checker, bordered, bearing a sheaf of wheat. Crest, figures 5875.

William Gerecke, Master.	Harry C. Brome, Senior Deacon.
George N. Beels, Senior Warden.	Morris Mayer, Junior Deacon.
Willard H. McKee, Junior Warden.	John D. Haskell, Senior Steward.
William H. Lowe, Treasurer.	Samuel L. Gardner, Junior Steward.
Edwin N. Norton, Secretary.	E R. Berry, Tiler.

YORK LODGE, NO. 56, YORK, YORK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday evening in each month.

SEAL — A shield, bearing a tan cross; beneath, a pair of compasses extended over three points in pyramid, and between a dagger and one point and a square between two points. For crest, letter "G" between 58 and 75.

Emmett H. Dorr, Master.	Edw. M. Westervelt, Senior Deacon.
John Zeigler, Senior Warden.	William T. Scott, Junior Deacon.
Robert Armstrong, Junior Warden.	George Peabody, Senior Steward.
Elon Granger, Treasurer.	Gene D. Wright, Junior Steward.
William L. Wheedon, Secretary.	Andrew Rowley, Tiler.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, NO. 57, SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before full of the moon.

SEAL — The square and compasses interlaced with letter "G."

George W. McKee, Master.	Walter E. Page, Secretary.
Othmal Homes, Senior Warden.	Charles B. Page, Senior Deacon.
Jasper K. Griffiths, Junior Warden.	Ted. D. Slosson, Junior Deacon.
Josiah Rogers, Treasurer.	John Allebber, Tiler.

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 58, COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Wednesday of each month.

SEAL — A shield quarterly of four, bearing first and fourth, three mountains; second and third, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, Grand Master's jewel between figures 58 and 75.

John D. Brewer, Master.	Charles H. Davis, Senior Deacon.
Charles B. Stillman, Senior Warden.	Robert C. Boya, Junior Deacon.
James E. North, Junior Warden.	I. J. Slattery, Senior Steward.
John P. Coolidge, Treasurer.	Ephraim O. Wells, Junior Steward.
Henry P. Coolidge, Secretary.	John F. Wermuth, Tiler.

WAHOO LODGE, NO. 59, WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon, and second Saturday thereafter.

Jacob C. Palsley, Master.	Harmon Gilteson, Senior Deacon.
Joseph N. Davis, Senior Warden.	Charles L. Meilenz, Junior Deacon.
William H. Dech, Junior Warden.	William H. Emery, Senior Steward.
Henry Anderson, Treasurer.	Isaac W. Reese, Junior Steward.
Edward J. Hall, Secretary.	James H. Westerfield, Tiler.

MELROSE LODGE, NO. 60, ORLEANS, HARLAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL — Altar, with Book of Constitutions, square and compasses; for supports, crossed pens and crossed swords. Crest, two clasped hands.

Lewis H. Kent, Master.	Albert C. Robbins, Senior Deacon.
Hervey T. Furgison, Senior Warden.	Calvin Bowman, Junior Deacon.
T. H. Manning, Junior Warden.	Henry Wenhaly, Senior Steward.
John Olson, Treasurer.	Calmer D. Rupp, Junior Steward.
John A. Ellis, Secretary.	Jackson Friskey, Tiler.

THISTLE LODGE, NO. 61, PLUM CREEK, DAWSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The Tuesday on or immediately before the full moon.

SEAL — On a shield, bordure, a bunch of three thistles; for crest, three plates in triangular form.

John F. Kutz, Master.	George Gillespie, Secretary.
Hector M. Sinclair, Senior Warden.	James W. Ayres, Senior Deacon.
William F. Rice, Junior Warden.	James P. Carr, Junior Deacon.
William T. H. Tucker, Treasurer.	George Little, Sr., Tiler.

KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 62, ST. JOE, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A keystone bearing the square and compasses.

John N. Brock, Master.	Ozro B. Foster, Secretary.
Alonzo L. Price, Senior Warden.	Edward D. Price, Senior Deacon.
Edward Dearing, Junior Warden.	Frank England, Junior Deacon.
Benjamin Wilson, Treasurer.	M. Henry Jones, Tiler.

RIVERTON LODGE, NO. 63, RIVERTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—On a shield, three squares interlaced; bordure of the second. For crest, the Master's square.

Joel G. Childs, Master.	Rufus M. Stark, Senior Deacon.
Alfred B. Stevens, Senior Warden.	Allen T. Ayers, Junior Deacon.
Willis P. Fulton, Junior Warden.	Sanford R. Razee, Senior Steward.
Francis M. Plumb, Treasurer.	Hugh Crilly, Junior Steward.
John D. Fulton, Secretary.	Sidney S. Elder, Tiler.

BLUE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 64, WILBER, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon, and second Tuesday thereafter.

SEAL—A shield, bearing within a bordure, a pot of incense. For crest, three quarter notes connected by a bar for M. M. degree.

William G. Hastings, Master.	Benjamin F. Jones, Senior Deacon.
James A. Paddock, Senior Warden.	Frank V. Shabata, Junior Deacon.
John N. Van Duyn, Junior Warden.	Frank Chaloupka, Senior Steward.
Stephen J. Herman, Treasurer.	George H. Tracey, Junior Steward.
Frank J. Sadilek, Secretary.	Jacob B. Berkley, Tiler.

OSCEOLA LODGE, NO. 65, OSCEOLA, POLK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing within a bordure, lightning emanating from the word LUX. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.

Thomas H. Saunders, Master.	Edwin L. King, Senior Deacon.
Hervey W. Kennard, Senior Warden.	David A. Burritt, Junior Deacon.
Levi L. Snider, Junior Warden.	Napoleon C. Foy, Senior Steward.
James Matthews, Treasurer.	John H. Anderson, Junior Steward.
Benjamin F. Buffington, Secretary.	Alexander N. Jay, Tiler.

LIVINGSTONE LODGE, NO. 66, FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday on or before the full moon.

Luther R. Horrum, Master.	Jacob Groves, Senior Deacon.
Israel M. Hill, Senior Warden.	George F. Collins, Junior Deacon.
Charles L. Bates, Junior Warden.	William W. Barnhouse, Sen. Steward.
Christopher Bailey, Treasurer.	James O. Gartrell, Junior Steward.
John Wm. Schmidt, Secretary.	Joseph Dorning, Tiler.

EDGAR LODGE, NO. 67, EDGAR, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Mondays from September to May; first Monday in June, July and August.

SEAL—A five-pointed star beneath a pen and sword, crossed, between two columns, resting on a Mosaic pavement; above all an eye, radiant.

George M. Mordock, Master.	Charles G. Hayes, Senior Deacon.
John G. Prosser, Senior Warden.	John L. Ward, Junior Deacon.
Otis E. Reynolds, Junior Warden.	Charles Klingerman, Senior Steward.
John G. Glazier, Treasurer.	Oliver Croasman, Junior Steward.
William R. Fuller, Secretary.	John P. Stark, Tiler.

AURORA LODGE, NO. 68, AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first and third Saturdays of each month.

SEAL—Sheaf of wheat.

Frederick J. Bricker, Master.	Harvey Cole, Senior Deacon.
Eugene J. Hainer, Senior Warden.	Amos D. Travis, Junior Deacon.
Samuel S. Hayden, Junior Warden.	Martin Hannawald, Senior Steward.
William H. Streefer, Treasurer.	Willis D. Buel, Junior Steward.
William L. Stark, Secretary.	Glaze H. Hurd, Tiler.

FORTITUDE LODGE, NO. 69, ULYSSES, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—A shield quarterly of four, bearing first and fourth the letter "G," second and third, right angles, horizontals and perpendiculars.

Sumner Darnell, Master.	Hiram S. Craig, Senior Deacon.
A C. Barrett, Senior Warden.	Eli B. Jones, Junior Deacon.
Samuel C. Oaks, Junior Warden.	John Shields, Senior Steward.
Robert Reed, Treasurer.	George B. McCarty, Junior Steward.
Jasper Roberts, Secretary.	Jap Clark, Tiler.

STERLING LODGE, NO. 70, STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—A shield with emblems of each degree.

Valentine Zink, Master.	William B. Ward, Senior Deacon.
Daniel D. McIntyre, Senior Warden.	Charles C. Reed, Junior Deacon.
Nathaniel F. Hitchcock, Jr. Warden.	Thomas P. Renshaw, Senior Steward.
George W. Grimes, Treasurer.	John W. Pratt, Junior Steward.
N E. Miller, Secretary.	Albert H. Dollarhide, Tiler.

TROWEL LODGE, NO. 71, NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield, with trowel, bearing the square and compasses; crest, three lodges.

John J. Roache, Master.	Nelson D. Jackson, Senior Deacon.
William C. Estes, Senior Warden.	Lavern A. Young, Junior Deacon.
Julius H. Gurney, Junior Warden.	Francis H. Trowbridge, Sr. Steward.
Harry B. Hauser, Treasurer.	James M. Coleman, Junior Steward.
Robert Wilson, Secretary.	Tiler.

HOOPER LODGE, NO. 72, HOOPER, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL—An anchor.

Henry Schwab, Master.	Murrey A. Spooner, Senior Deacon.
James F. Briggs, Senior Warden.	Carl Kroeger, Junior Deacon.
William H. Aldrich, Junior Warden.	S McCaslin, Senior Steward.
Edward H. Airis, Treasurer.	George F. Heine, Junior Steward.
Henry H. Looschen, Secretary.	Theodore Krueger, Tiler.

ALBION LODGE, NO. 78, ALBION, BOONE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL—A square crossed by a twenty-four-inch gage.

Henry H. Gillett, Master.	John C. Mann, Senior Deacon.
Frederick C. Hawks, Senior Warden.	Paul A. Krause, Junior Deacon.
Frederick H. Smith, Junior Warden.	James S. Armstrong, Senior Steward.
Joseph T. Anderson, Treasurer.	Homer D. Wager, Junior Steward.
Arthur W. Ladd, Secretary.	Alexander Pringle, Tiler.

GENEVA LODGE, NO. 79, GENEVA, FILLMORE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before the full moon and a fortnight thereafter.

James H. Dempster, Master.	Walter I. Haskins, Senior Deacon.
Walter C. Scott, Senior Warden.	Charles C. Stone, Junior Deacon.
Frank H. Briggs, Junior Warden.	Joseph M. Fisher, Senior Steward.
Theodore L. Williams, Treasurer.	John A. Dempster, Junior Steward.
David H. Conant, Secretary.	Adoniram J. Beals, Tiler.

WACO LODGE, NO. 80, WACO, YORK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full moon.

SEAL—Virgin weeping over a broken column.

J. C. Dewey, Master.	John W. Strickler, Senior Deacon.
W. J. Wells, Senior Warden.	W. T. Selby, Junior Deacon.
, Junior Warden.	Hector Rogers, Senior Steward.
John J. Evans, Treasurer.	Joseph W. Strickler, Junior Steward.
Charles H. Barnes, Secretary.	W. J. Creech, Tiler.

COMPOSITE LODGE, NO. 81, RISING, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first Saturday after each full moon.

SEAL—The rising sun within the square and compasses.

Frederick E. Wilson, Master.	James W. Combs, Senior Deacon.
Aurelius Roberts, Senior Warden.	Jesse Rising, Junior Deacon.
James O. Hurd, Junior Warden.	Kellogg C. Bartlett, Senior Steward.
Luke L. Pearson, Treasurer.	John H. Hart, Junior Steward.
Lucius A. Warren, Secretary.	Seth Woods, Tiler.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, NO. 82, SAINT PAUL, HOWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing square dagger; for crest, three "Gs."

Colin E. Forbes, Master.	Paul Andersen, Senior Deacon.
Edward R. Fletcher, Senior Warden.	James Bacon, Jr., Junior Deacon.
Zachary T. Leftwich, Junior Warden.	Cassius B. Manuel, Senior Steward.
Alfred W. Grimner, Treasurer.	Henry G. Gumaer, Junior Steward.
Herman W. Merrill, Secretary.	James L. Johnson, Tiler.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 83, WAKEFIELD, WAYNE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon, and a fortnight thereafter.

SEAL—A Corinthian column.

Cyrus E. Hunter, Master.	Joshua C. Wills, Senior Deacon.
William Boekenbauer, Sr. Warden.	Moses Herner, Junior Deacon.
John W. Cook, Junior Warden.	William Park, Senior Steward.
Harvey H. Rowlings, Treasurer.	William P. Agler, Junior Steward.
John T. Marriott, Secretary.	David P. Jones, Tiler.

FAIRFIELD LODGE, NO. 84, FAIRFIELD, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL—A perfect ashlar.

George W. Noble, Master.	Edgar W. Lewis, Senior Deacon.
Lohn C. Hedge, Senior Warden.	Edward J. Jenkins, Junior Deacon.
Albert A. Randall, Junior Warden.	George W. Howe, Senior Steward.
John Tweed, Treasurer.	James W. Small, Junior Steward.
Frank H. Willis, Secretary.	Stewart S. Rennie, Tiler.

TYRE LODGE, NO. 85, BLUE SPRINGS, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays in each month.

Cornelius A. Wessel, Master.	David A. Chamberlin, Sen. Deacon.
William N. Spellman, Sen. Warden.	John L. Davis, Junior Deacon.
Samuel S. Borton, Junior Warden.	Frank W. Mattoon, Senior Steward.
Josiah M. Rombaugh, Treasurer.	John W. Farley, Junior Steward.
Stephen A. Hoxworth, Secretary.	William W. Wright, Tiler.

DONIPHAN LODGE, NO. 86, DONIPHAN, HALL COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

Irving M. Cole, Master.	Charles F. Raymer, Secretary.
Samuel Beidelman, Senior Warden.	Martin Ennis, Senior Deacon.
Charles S. Haines, Junior Warden.	Joseph E. Nelson, Junior Deacon.
Thomas B. Robb, Treasurer.	Lenard F. Odell, Tiler.

IONIC LODGE, NO. 87, NIORARA, KNOX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing an Ionic column.

Solomon Draper, Master.	James A. Cooley, Senior Deacon.
Sylvanus Harden, Senior Warden.	B F. Chambers, Junior Deacon.
H L. McGinnitic, Junior Warden.	George W. Douglas, Senior Steward.
Charles J. Kadish, Treasurer.	Vac Randa, Junior Steward.
Vac Randa, Secretary.	John F. Linger, Tiler.

STAR LODGE, NO. 88, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—A blazing star.

James Ashley, Master.	E. Darwin Canfield, Senior Deacon.
Robert G. Langley, Senior Warden.	Clay Baird, Junior Deacon.
Merton N. Snyder, Junior Warden.	Henry C. McHirron, Senior Steward.
Robert E. Nourse, Treasurer.	Byron L. Wilder, Junior Steward.
John Creagon, Secretary.	John T. Choice, Tiler.

CEDAR RIVER LODGE, NO. 89, FULLERTON, NANCE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL—A river with cedars growing.

Bradner D. Slaughter, Master.	Orson E. Stearns, Senior Deacon.
George D. Meiklejohn, Sen. Warden.	James G. Cayton, Junior Deacon.
Cyrus H. Gilmore, Junior Warden.	Charles Barker, Senior Steward.
Orson D. Fitch, Treasurer.	Bruce T. Harman, Junior Steward.
Amia L. Bixby, Secretary.	Stephen Roberts, Tiler.

ELK CREEK LODGE, NO. 90, ELK CREEK, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield bearing two crowns and a gavel.

Julius L. Young, Master.	Henry N. Libby, Senior Deacon.
George W. Woolsey, Senior Warden.	William H. Phelen, Junior Deacon.
Daniel H. McClure, Junior Warden.	Joseph Duncan, Senior Steward.
Thomas McClure, Treasurer.	John W. Tibbets, Junior Steward.
Samuel G. Wright, Secretary.	William H. Woolsey, Tiler.

OAKLAND LODGE, NO. 91, OAKLAND, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

SEAL—A plumb line in a hand.

Henry Newman, Master.	William L. Handy, Senior Deacon.
William W. Hopkins, Sen. Warden.	August Titze, Junior Deacon.
Alfred Lundvall, Junior Warden.	Joseph C. Moore, Senior Steward.
Less Roberts, Treasurer.	Oziah A. Farley, Junior Steward.
Frank A. Wallenstedt, Secretary.	James A. Handy, Tiler.

HUBBELL LODGE, NO. 92, HUBBELL, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

SEAL—The Tiler's sword.

William H. Conklin, Master.	George A. Burnham, Senior Deacon.
Andrew F. Agnew, Senior Warden.	Leonard P. Luce, Junior Deacon.
George Cottam, Junior Warden.	John H. Yale, Senior Steward.
George W. Edwards, Treasurer.	Lewis Lange, Junior Steward.
Samuel Arbuthnot, Secretary.	Peter M. Jumper, Tiler.

BEAVER CITY LODGE, NO. 93, BEAVER CITY, FURNAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The compasses suspended from the square.

BENNETT LODGE, NO. 94, BENNETT, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — Two clasped hands above XCIV.

Daniel H. Harris, Master.	William Nelson, Senior Deacon.
, Senior Warden.	James B. Taylor, Junior Deacon.
Walter M. Self, Junior Warden.	Frederick Larson, Senior Steward.
, Treasurer.	John A. Simpson, Junior Steward.
Judson E. Vanderlip, Secretary.	Job Hiatt, Tiler.

GARFIELD LODGE, NO. 95, O'NEIL, HOLT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before each full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

SEAL — The pen and the sword crossed.

Neri T. Hoxie, Master.	William D. Mathers, Senior Deacon.
Charles C. Millard, Senior Warden.	George J. Criss, Junior Deacon.
Augustus J. Handlan, Jun. Warden.	, Senior Steward.
Waldron C. Townsend, Treasurer.	William A. Haines, Junior Steward.
Henry O. Ewing, Secretary.	William S. Wisegerver, Tiler.

UTICA LODGE, NO. 96, UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The beehive.

Epaphroditus J. Porter, Master.	Thomas C. Allen, Senior Deacon.
Lyman Calder, Senior Warden.	Thomas E. Standard, Junior Deacon.
Lewis A. Smith, Junior Warden.	Harvey Robinson, Senior Steward.
James E. Hibbard, Treasurer.	James E. Murphy, Junior Steward.
Thomas Jackson Brant, Secretary.	William F. Nevin, Tiler.

EUCLID LODGE, NO. 97, WEEPING WATER, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

SEAL — The forty-seventh problem and three tapers.

Edward A. Kirkpatrick, Master.	Philemon S. Barnes, Senior Deacon.
George Hatch, Senior Warden.	Stephen W. Orton, Junior Deacon.
Joseph M. Robinson, Junior Warden.	Jacob P. Dickson, Senior Steward.
Samuel D. Fitchie, Treasurer.	John T. Flynn, Junior Steward.
John T. Marshall, Secretary.	Andrew J. McDonald, Tiler.

REPUBLICAN LODGE, NO. 98, REPUBLICAN CITY, HARLAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

SEAL — The twenty-four-inch gauge and common gavel, crossed.

Jerome B. Forbes, Master.	Peregrine J. Dempster, Secretary.
Lewis G. Coon, Senior Warden.	James F. Kelly, Senior Deacon.
Clarence A. Luce, Junior Warden.	Thomas C. Hance, Junior Deacon.
Lycurgus K. Morris, Treasurer.	Joseph Kelly, Tiler.

SHELTON LODGE, NO. 99, SHELTON, BUFFALO COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Not reported.

George L. Gardner, Master.	John H. Heatherington, Sen. Deacon.
Rodney Beecher, Senior Warden.	Shield R. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Mark G. Lee, Junior Warden.	Moses L. Phelps, Senior Steward.
Charles S. Bailey, Treasurer.	Benjamin F. Sammons, Jun. Steward.
Henry S. Fletcher, Secretary.	Henry Fieldgrove, Tiler.

CREIGHTON LODGE, NO. 100, CREIGHTON, KNOX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The letter "C."

Robert M. Peyton, Master.	James F. Long, Senior Deacon.
George L. Jameson, Senior Warden.	Nathan L. Raymond, Junior Deacon.
William L. Turner, Junior Warden.	George H. Hanks, Senior Steward.
Archibald McGill, Treasurer.	Carl Hoffner, Junior Steward.
George E. Cheney, Secretary.	William C. Shreve, Tiler.

PONCA LODGE, NO. 101, PONCA, DIXON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — Three burning tapers.

John B. Barnes, Master.	John W. Radford, Senior Deacon.
Edward J. Berry, Senior Warden.	Thomas R. Orr, Junior Deacon.
David W. Hasson, Junior Warden.	Bernard C. De Sombre, Sen. Steward.
Robert E. Martin, Treasurer.	Gustav Franz, Junior Steward.
William T. Chapman, Secretary.	John R. Thompson, Tiler.

WATERLOO LODGE, NO. 102, WATERLOO, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday of each month.

Isaac A. Arnold, Master.	William H. Clark, Secretary.
Frank Whitmore, Senior Warden.	Isaac Noyes, Senior Deacon.
George Johnson, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. Bell, Junior Deacon.
Otto Vogt, Treasurer.	Bayard S. Thompson, Tiler.

ORD LODGE, NO. 103, ORD, VALLEY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

Aidwin D. Robinson, Master.	Robert H. Clayton, Senior Deacon.
Daniel S. Bartlette, Senior Warden.	William D. Ogden, Junior Deacon.
Bruce E. Joles, Junior Warden.	John Sharp, Senior Steward.
Francis J. Chubbuck, Treasurer.	James F. Colby, Junior Steward.
Dennis J. Martz, Secretary.	William J. Bearers, Tiler.

WYMORE LODGE, NO. 104, WYMORE, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — Two clasped hands within the square and compasses.

Elias C. Wilcox, Master.	Charles T. Taylor, Senior Deacon.
Jacob B. Lininger, Senior Warden.	George Snyder, Junior Deacon.
Herbert D. Craig, Junior Warden.	Leonidas H. Bramwell, Sen. Steward.
George F. Walker, Treasurer.	Julius A. Hamm, Junior Steward.
Thomas P. D. Simmons, Secretary.	Ellis Snuffin, Tiler.

STELLA LODGE, NO. 105, STELLA, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Not reported.

Milton F. Mahin, Master.	Lewis G. Cipers, Senior Deacon.
Harvey M. Conover, Senior Warden.	Henry C. Shrader, Junior Deacon.
Louis H. Battles, Junior Warden.	Edward L. Lyanna, Senior Steward.
Darwin H. Hull, Treasurer.	Henry Paul, Junior Steward.
Thomas W. Moore, Secretary.	Lewis N. Mills, Tiler.

PORTER LODGE, NO. 106, LOUP CITY, SHERMAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Third Saturday in each month.

John E. Blackman, Master.	Arthur M. Bennett, Senior Deacon.
William H. Morris, Senior Warden.	Charles W. Conhiser, Junior Deacon.
Joseph F. Simpson, Junior Warden.	J. Philip Jaeger, Senior Steward.
John C. Edmundson, Treasurer.	James W. Landers, Junior Steward.
Charles J. Odendahl, Secretary.	Charles A. Ewing, Tiler.

STEELE CITY LODGE, NO. 107, STEELE CITY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

John Gerardy, Master.	Joseph C. Graves, Secretary.
John M. Millholland, Senior Warden.	Butler Fouts, Senior Deacon.
Joshua Robertson, Junior Warden.	David J. Turner, Junior Deacon.
William S. Hall, Treasurer.	Nathaniel D. T. Willey, Tiler.

TABLE ROCK LODGE, NO. 108, TABLE ROCK, PAWNEE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The trowel in the angle of the square.

James O. Carlock, Master.	George A. McMillen, Senior Deacon.
Chauncy H. Norris, Senior Warden.	Crowel D. Hemple, Junior Deacon.
James B. Phillips, Junior Warden.	Flavius O. Orr, Senior Steward.
Owen T. Crisler, Treasurer,	Peter Stevens, Junior Steward.
Will L. Seism, Secretary.	Joseph Calvin, Tiler.

ARAPAHOE LODGE, NO. 109, ARAPAHOE, FURNAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Thursdays in each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing the compasses and anchor.

George J. Burgess, Master.	Thomas Bloodworth, Senior Deacon.
Burton L. Chambers, Sen. Warden.	Alexander Hagberg, Junior Deacon.
Lucius T. Roberts, Junior Warden.	Charles S. Elbee, Senior Steward.
Dexter M. Tomlins, Treasurer.	George E. Clark, Junior Steward.
Adolphe D'Allemand, Secretary.	Rolando J. Finch, Tiler.

POMEGRANATE LODGE, NO. 110, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Fridays in each month.

SEAL — A branch, with fruit of pomegranate.

George W. Meredith, Master.	John C. Tylee, Senior Deacon.
John C. Railsbock, Senior Warden.	Richard E. Butler, Junior Deacon.
Alexander Laverty, Junior Warden.	Henry H. Ross, Senior Steward.
Samuel S. Fales, Treasurer.	Byron F. Whitney, Junior Steward.
William F. Hill, Secretary.	Charles B. Hackney, Tiler.

DE WITT LODGE, NO. 111, DE WITT, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Monday on or before each full moon.

Leroy J. Cross, Master.	Charles H. Slocum, Senior Deacon.
Enoch Hastings, Senior Warden.	Albert H. Dennison, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Suiter, Junior Warden.	William H. Staley, Senior Steward.
Edward M. Dawes, Treasurer.	Peter Dunn, Junior Steward.
Harry Millie, Secretary.	Martin T. Vachon, Tiler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE, NO. 112, SPRINGFIELD, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

SEAL — The plumb crossed by the square.

Casper S. Fisher, Master.	Robert S. Auglin, Senior Deacon.
Bird S. Brawner, Senior Warden.	Joseph H. Oxley, Junior Deacon.
James T. Ringo, Junior Warden.	Howard T. Parlier, Senior Steward.
Edward T. Huff, Treasurer.	Ebenezer Fisher, Junior Steward.
Thomas D. Roberts, Secretary.	William Burns, Tiler.

VALENTINE LODGE, U. S. D. S., MADISON, MADISON COUNTY.

William T. Searles, Master. Sylvester J. Bridenstine, Sen. War.
Louis R. Bickley, Junior Warden.

WISNER LODGE, U. S. D. S., WISNER, CUMING COUNTY.

Clark C. McNish, Master. Charles M. Stillief, Senior Warden.
Joseph N. Kay, Junior Warden.

BRAINARD LODGE, U. S. D. S., BRAINARD, BUTLER COUNTY.

John T. McKnight, Master. Albert H. Ashold, Senior Warden.
William C. Jones, Junior Warden.

HARLAN LODGE, U. S. D. S., ALMA, HARLAN COUNTY.

James Bradford, Master. George Deans, Senior Warden.
Ed. L. Willetts, Junior Warden.

HARDY LODGE, U. S. D. S., HARDY, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Nathaniel M. Ayers, Master. William Hayes, Senior Warden.
Johnson Barker, Junior Warden.

SALINE LODGE, U. S. D. S., DORCHESTER, SALINE COUNTY.

John C. Thurston, Master. William R. Balding, Senior Warden.
John Barton, Junior Warden.

NORTH BEND LODGE, U. S. D. S., NORTH BEND, DODGE COUNTY.

John Y. Smith, Master. Michael Dowling, Senior Warden.
Milton May, Junior Warden.

WAYNE LODGE, U. S. D. S., WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY.

Cyrus E. Hunter, Master. John T. Bressler, Senior Warden.
James Britton, Junior Warden.

SUPERIOR LODGE, U. S. D. S., SUPERIOR, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

F. Park Coin, Master. Frederick J. Padden, Senior Warden.
Abner W. Johnson, Junior Warden.

ODELL LODGE, U. S. D. S., ODELL, GAGE COUNTY.

John W. Bowen, Master. George L. Roe, Senior Warden.
Josephus Oliver, Junior Warden.

INDIANOLA LODGE, U.:D.:, INDIANOLA, RED WILLOW
COUNTY.

S. W. Stilgebauer, Master. J. W. Maikin, Senior Warden.
Henry Crabtree, Junior Warden.

AUBURN LODGE, U.:D.:, AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Charles S. Willard, Master. Thomas S. Horn, Senior Warden.
Jeremiah Taylor, Junior Warden.

GENOA LODGE, U.:D.:, GENOA, NANCE COUNTY.

Oakley E. Green, Master. Olaf Netzell, Senior Warden.
James M. Kennedy, Junior Warden.

STROMSBURG LODGE, U.:D.:, STROMSBURG, POLK COUNTY.

Hiram Sapp, Master. George H. Butler, Senior Warden.
Dyer Ford, Junior Warden.

MINDEN LODGE, U.:D.:, MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY.

Byron W. Marsh, Master. John A. Shickels, Senior Warden.
F R. Kingsley, Junior Warden.

GUIDE ROCK LODGE, U.:D.:, GUIDE ROCK, WEBSTER
COUNTY.

Isaiah B. Hampton, Master. Edwin L. Grubb, Senior Warden.
John B. Fish, Junior Warden.

BLUE HILL LODGE, U.:D.:, BLUE HILL, WEBSTER COUNTY.

Ira O. Martin, Master. Albert Frame, Senior Warden.
Timothy Bigelow, Junior Warden.

TUSCAN LODGE, U.:D.:, SURPRISE, BUTLER COUNTY.

George Miller, Master. Madison Rogers, Senior Warden.
George H. Miller, Junior Warden.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

JUNE 23, 5884.

AT eight o'clock in the evening of Monday, June 23, 5884, the M. : W. : the Grand Lodge of Nebraska met in special communication, in the New Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, with the following office bearers:

M. : W. : SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Grand Master.
R. : W. : JOHN J. WEMPLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R. : W. : LEE P. GILLETTE, 19, <i>as</i>	Grand Senior Warden.
M. : W. : JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53, <i>as</i>	Grand Junior Warden.
R. : W. : CHRISTIAN HARTMAN	Grand Treasurer.
R. : W. : WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
V. : W. : JACOB A. HOOD.....	Grand Chaplain.
BRO. : JOHN M. THURSTON, 19, <i>as</i>	Grand Orator.
W. : BENJAMIN F. RAWALT	Grand Custodian.
BRO. : JOHN J. MONELLI, JR., 3, <i>as</i>	Grand Marshal.
W. : CHARLES L. LAMB, 41, <i>as</i>	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. : ASBERRY TOWNSEND	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. : ROBERT HOLLINGSWORTH, 77, <i>as</i>	Grand Tiler.

The Craftsmen of Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, and Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, with many sojourning Freemasons, their families and friends, were assembled in the lodge hall, whither the Grand Lodge moved in procession, and thrice made circumnambulation thereof.

On behalf of the Fraternity of Lincoln, M. : W. : Bro. : Alfred G. Hastings, 19, requested the Grand Master to dedicate the hall to the uses of Freemasonry, which request the Grand Master granted, and, by his direction, the Grand Marshal announced the purpose of this special communication, and the Grand Chaplain invoked the blessings of

Deity. The architect, Bro. : James Tyler, 25, returned to the Grand Master the working tools, with which he had been intrusted at the laying of the corner stone of the building.

The Grand Master with corn, received from the Grand Junior Warden, dedicated the hall to Freemasonry; with wine, received from the Grand Senior Warden, to virtue and science; with oil, received from the Deputy Grand Master, to universal benevolence. An appropriate invocation was made by the Grand Chaplain, and the following address was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. : John M. Thurston, of Omaha. At the conclusion of the oration, the Grand Lodge and the large assembly repaired to an ample banquet, after which the Grand Lodge retired, and was closed.

ORATION.

Gathered here in this year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, to dedicate this magnificent hall to the sacred mysteries and uses of our most ancient and revered Fraternity, our attention is naturally challenged to the criticisms and queries of those skeptical unbelievers, who look upon our ceremonies and secrets as the invented mummeries and meaningless forms of mere organized society, engaged in the promotion and extension of Masonry, for social, personal and unprofitable purposes. It might, perhaps, be a sufficient answer to all such to say, that Masons are to-day, and have always been, of the most intelligent, pure-minded, God-believing people of their times and nationalities, and have universally been found upon the side of good government, true morality, temperate livelihood and enlightened charity. I do not intend to say that the Masonic order has always succeeded in excluding from its temples the unbelieving, the depraved or the vicious,—there was one Judas even among the selected apostles of Christ; and it cannot be supposed that any organization can securely guard itself against those who seek its protection, and adopt its tenets, to mask the secret corruptions of their own lives, or to afford them better opportunities to prey upon their fellow men. Masonry has grown most rapidly in those countries possessing the highest civilization, and in those times of the most rapid progress of enlightenment and education, conclusively proving that underlying its symbols and allegories are certain divine truths and principles, satisfactory to the most profound investigators and scholars, and essential to the welfare and happiness of mankind. The uninitiated may scoff at our Fraternity as a latter-day invention, and, as at

most, an offspring of those societies or lodges of operative Masons, who builded the grand cathedrals and monasteries of the middle ages; but Masonry is older than that, older than the temple of Solomon, erected by its masters; older than the pyramids of Egypt and South America, those miracles of stone that have defied the ages; older than any historical civilization, its origin must be ascribed to the era of some great dominant or parent people, of whom the nations of antiquity are all descendants. To them have been handed down, from time immemorial, those great truths which, so sacredly guarded through the night of ignorance, barbarism and superstition, preserved in those ancient allegories and myths whose real meaning was unknown, save to the initiated priests and brothers, are found symbolized upon the stupendous ruins of both hemispheres, and are known and understood by the select few in most of the nations and tribes of modern times. Bear with me, my brothers, here to-night, if, in massing together some of the more intelligible proofs of our great antiquity, I weary your patience, and unduly usurp your time.

The advent of man upon earth is lost in the gloom of prehistoric ages. The earliest histories and legends display to our wondering vision great nations and races of people, inhabiting widely remote portions of the globe, speaking different languages, possessing various types and phases of civilization, and exhibiting most of the different characteristics of mind, race and color, which distinguish their descendants of to-day. Nearly or quite six thousand years ago, a civilization existed on the banks of the Nile, in many respects more wonderful than even that of the most progressive nation in this noon of the nineteenth century.

It is more than probable that the Mongolians in China, the lost race which inhabited southern and central America, and possibly some others, were even then unknown, but formidable rivals of the enlightened, intellectual, scientific and governmental advancement of their Egyptian compeers.

Whence these different civilizations had their birth, whether they sprang from one cradle or from many, through what cycles of time they had been developing their necessarily slow growth, where, when, how, the great parent or dominant race of mankind lived, ere yet the Tower of Babel was begun, are questions which receive no answer from the pages of history, the voices of tradition, or even the revelations of the inspired prophets and teachers.

Modern investigation has gone far to establish, if not to conclusively prove, that sometime, away back in the night of the past, somewhere upon the face of the earth, there existed a great, powerful, civilized, educated, scientific race of people, who worshiped one God, and who believed in the immortality of the soul, and the resurrection after death. Whether this was the parent race of all others, or was the one favored people, holding direct from the Great Creator the divine truths of his existence and glory, certain it is, that from this one nation there has descended to the inhabitants of all portions of the globe, clear, unmistakable traces of the one language, the one religion, and the legendary and mythical memory of its pristine power and splendor. Upon what portion of the globe this civilization, which was hoary with age when that of Egypt was yet unborn, had set its

throne and builded its altars no man can tell. Some historians and scientists have located it in Asia, from the fact that nearly all nations have a tradition that they came "from the East," and these scholars have supposed that this referred to a geographical migration toward the West; but I shall endeavor to show that all such tradition is but a part of the transmitted belief of the people of the great parent or dominant race, that they came "from the East," that is, *from the sun* that is, *from God*.

The belief of mankind in a God has always sought for some fitting symbol to most forcibly illustrate his splendor, power and glory. What so representative of them all as the sun, that mightiest messenger of His? That sun, which brings us light and warmth and joy, which weds the earth with his amorous beams until she brings forth the bounteous harvests; that sun, upon whose daily coming all life depends, the splendor of whose face no mortal eye can gaze upon undazzled. That unknown, wonderful, incomprehensible harbinger of day, that symbol of resurrection after the night of death.

Is it surprising that the priests of this great chosen people should select this most wonderful, sublime and beneficent sun to symbolize the infinite attributes of Him, who set it in the heavens?

There are others who have come to believe that the story, told by the Egyptian priest to Solon, of a great island called Atlantis, an antediluvian world, was no myth or fable, but the true description of a land that once had an existence, and whose history was the record of earth's most splendid civilization.

This priest said to Solon: "There was an island situated in front of the straits which you call the Columns of Heracles. The island was larger than Libya and Asia put together, and was the way to other islands, and from the islands you might pass through the whole of the opposite continent which surrounded the true ocean; for this sea which is within the straits of Heracles (the Mediterranean) is only a harbor, having a narrow entrance, but that other is a real sea, and the surrounding land may most truly be called a continent. Now, in the island of Atlantis there was a great and wonderful empire, which had rule over the whole island and several others, as well as over parts of the continent; and besides these they subjected the parts of Libya within the Columns of Heracles as far as Egypt, and of Europe as far as Tyrrhenia. * * * But afterward there occurred violent earthquakes and floods, and in a single day and night of rain, all your warlike men, in a body, sank into the earth, and the island of Atlantis in like manner disappeared and was sunk beneath the sea."

"This," said the priest, "was *nine thousand years ago*." Oh, Egypt, mighty land of mystery! Thy sphinx-like face peers out from the shadowy confines of the night of time, with half proclaimed yet unintelligible revelation of the wondrous story of the eternal past!

In the fifteenth century of the Christian era, Columbus astonished the whole known world, by the discovery of the American continent. Yet, twenty-one hundred years before that time, the Egyptian priesthood proclaimed the existence of this continent as a fact with which their order had

been familiar for thousands of years; and the record of this story written by Plato, a descendent of Solon, four hundred years before the birth of Christ, was treated as a fable until the successful voyage of the adventurous Genoese proved that the further continent was in its place exactly as the priest had said.

Deep sea sounding reveals the fact that there exists in the Atlantic Ocean a great submerged continent, or at least a vast elevation of the sea bottom rising nine thousand feet above the surrounding depths. This is situated directly in front of the mouth of the Mediterranean, and extends nearly from one continent to the other. Of this mighty elevation the volcanic-crowned Azores are the only portions now remaining above the surface of the ocean, and probably were the highest mountain peaks of the lost Atlantis. Exploration and science have now found the further continent and a great submerged island, but the mighty race whose home it had been for countless ages, who from its sea-girt shores dominated over nearly all the inhabited portions of both hemispheres, who had reared a civilization grander than earth had ever known, in a day disappeared, swallowed up in that terrible cataclysm which is related and described in the histories, the traditions and the myths of nearly every nation and tribe in both the old and the new world.

Here was "the deluge," the destruction of that godly race of men who had finally given themselves over to wickedness.

The Egyptian priest describes the Atlantean race as a godly race. "They possessed," said he, "true, and in every way great spirits, practicing gentleness and wisdom in the various chances of life and in their intercourse with one another. They despised everything but virtue, not caring for their present state of life." That is believing in the immortality of the soul, and in another and better existence. "They were sober, and saw clearly that all goods are increased by virtuous friendship with one another." Afterward, "the human nature got the upper hand, then, they being unable to bear their fortune, became unseemly, and to him who had an eye to see, they began to appear base, and had lost the fairest of their precious gifts." Most probably, they had as a people, lost the great truths of their religion and had become idolatrous. Then they were destroyed. The records of their great civilization, the annals of their remote antiquity, the provisions of their wise code of laws and government, and the divine secret of their religion and science, received, perhaps, first-handed, from the Creator, all were swallowed up and forever hidden in the fathomless recesses of the overwhelming waters.

This great civilized, dominant race had a religion—it was the religion of the unity of God, they were called *the children of God*, most probably because they worshiped one God, who was their Father or Creator. They believed in another existence beyond the grave. This divine religion was transmitted through the survivors of the general destruction, and had undoubtedly been taught by its devoted priesthood to those nations who sprang from, were ruled over, or had established commercial intercourse with Atlantis. Hence we find the story of the flood, the worship of God,

the Father, and the belief in man's immortality among the various races and nations of both hemispheres. Jew and Gentile, Aztec and Indian, some dimly, others clearly, some under the guise of an usurping idolatry and interpolated fable, others in the purity of recorded and transmitted priest-craft and history, all alike, retain, even to the present day, the germs of these great truths.

The God so worshiped by this parent people was symbolized, as already stated, by the sun. Says an eminent Masonic author: "There is a natural tendency in the human mind to confound all symbols with the person or thing which they were at first only intended to illustrate. "In the course of time we therefore find that most nations forgot the worship of the true God and began to adore the sun itself, which they thus deified and personified."

It is probable that long before the destruction of Atlantis, the worship of God had, with the people, degenerated into sun worship, and the people who had at first claimed to have come from God now said, "We are from the sun," or, "We are from the East." Almost all known nations of antiquity inherited or accepted this sun worship, and worshiping the sun as God, most naturally the moon and stars in time became lesser deities. The signs of the zodiac, named after living creatures, and each typical of a certain phase of the sun's course through the heavens, also became "of the family of Gods," or separate symbols of the one God; and the divine truths of the one God, man's immortality, and life after death, were preserved by the priesthood in allegories and fables in which were related the wonderful adventures of these typical deities.

These fables soon came to be believed by the profane and vulgar crowd, and the real secrets underlying them were only known to those who possessed the allegorical key.

The same learned Masonic writer before quoted, says: "This key was religiously kept secret by the priests and philosophers, and was only imparted to those who were initiated into the mysteries.

"By these means the priests ruled the people with a despotic power. The fables of the mythology disclosed to them grand scientific truths, and to them only. The very stories themselves serve to perpetuate those truths for the benefit of the initiated, and also formed an easy vehicle for their transmission. These fables served a three-fold purpose. First: They kept the secrets of science from all but those who understood the key to them. Second: Being themselves easy to remember, they served to keep alive the recollection of scientific facts, which otherwise might be lost. Third: Being the means of keeping the people in ignorance, by their use the priests were enabled to rule them through their superior knowledge of the secrets of nature, which gave them the power of working apparent miracles."

That this sun worship, or worship of God through the symbol of the sun, was professed by all those ancient nations which probably sprang from the great primitive one, can no longer be questioned. Egypt, India, Greece, Persia, all were inheritors or imitators of these great mysteries. All these erected their temples and worshiped the sun.

On the farther side of the Atlantic, also, there exists at the present day, the vast remains of pyramids and temples, very like those of Egypt, and even surpassing them in grandeur and magnificence. On the walls of these temples have been found representations of the sun, moon, and stars, and other signs of our Order such as appear so frequently on the walls of the ruined temples of antiquity.

It is probable, also, that certain of the nations founded by or springing from the survivors of the engulfed Atlantis, retained the religion of the one God in its simplicity and purity, unmixed with any of the idolatrous or mystical symbolisms which gradually usurped the worship and adoration of the common people.

It is most notable that the descendants of Noah, and many of the Indian tribes of America, retain almost the same identical memory of the destruction of their world by a deluge; and both have inherited the one great belief of the original people of God, in his unity, and in another happier existence after death, and both worship him as Creator and Father. But, as already stated, the great truths of religion and science, in most nations, degenerated among the masses into sun worship and idolatry, and could only be retained and perpetuated through the more barbarous ages, which must have succeeded the destruction of the great center of civilization, by the institution of an order of mysteries whose priests and brethren should be initiated under the most sacred vows of secrecy, into the sublime mysteries of religion, and the profound teachings of science. This, then, was the mighty mission of the brethren of this ancient Fraternity, to keep and preserve, for all ages, the great religious truths and scientific discoveries of God's chosen people, received by them directly from Divinity itself, or acquired in the course of their wonderful enlightenment and advancement.

And what secrets may not those great sages and patriarchs have wrung from Nature's laboratory?

Had they solved the problems of life and death? Of our own immortality? Of the incomprehensible plan of the universe? Of the Godhead itself?

We are taught in Holy Writ that the people purposed to build a tower, "Whose top may reach unto Heaven," and that the Lord Himself declared: "And now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do." And the Lord confounded their tongues. WHY? Was it simply to prevent the building, by "*Operative Masons*," of a tower of brick or stone whose top should reach to the material heavens? Or was it to destroy the possible erection of a tower of science and discovery, by the great students of nature and religion, those "*speculative Master Masons*," the summit of which should extend even to the secrets of heaven? Had they already seen beyond the flaming sword? And were their outstretched hands almost within reach of the fruit of the tree of knowledge?

Would God have taken such decisive and terrible action if the completion of the tower, and the discovery of the nature and secrets of Divinity, was not already an imminent possibility?

Hidden within the Holy of Holies, guarded by the unrelaxing vigilance

of its devotees, cherished more dearly than life itself, many of these ancient revelations and discoveries have descended unto us.

As already shown, the perpetuation of these great truths was secured by means of established Orders, or Fraternities, called mysteries; and their existence was carefully "veiled in allegorical fables, the key to which was disclosed to him only who had taken the highest degrees of the mysteries, and given the most convincing proofs of his fidelity and zeal."

The sacred legend or allegory of the Egyptians related, "that Osiris or the sun, was slain by Typhon, a gigantic monster typical of darkness and the evil powers of nature. The body was placed in a chest, thrown into the Nile, and swept out to sea. Isis, or the moon personified as a goddess, ransacks the whole earth in search of the body, which she finds horribly mutilated; she joins the dissevered parts and raises him to life again." "The ritual of the mysteries in Egypt, India, and Greece, was founded upon this legend, in some form, of the death and resurrection of the personified sun God."

An allegory pregnant with the great truths of Divinity and immortality. "The Egyptian mysteries of Osiris and Isis were in the form of a mystic drama, representing the death by violence of Osiris, the search for his body by Isis, and its finding and being raised to life and power again."

"I saw the sun at midnight," says Apuleius, speaking of his own initiation into the mysteries, "shining with its brilliant light, and I approached the presence of the Gods beneath, and the Gods of heaven, and stood near and worshipped them."

The sublime mysteries of religion, and the profoundest teachings of science, were revealed to him who had been permitted to stand *in the splendor of the risen sun*.

An eminent Masonic author says: "The mysteries of all the other nations of antiquity were quite similar to those of Egypt, and were no doubt derived from them."

In the temples of the mysteries in India there were stationed triangularly at the *east, west* and *south* points of the mystic circle, the three representatives of the sun god, denoting the *rising, setting* and *meridian sun*.

It is believed that future investigation will clearly prove that the sun temples of the mighty civilization of prehistoric America were dedicated to the same mysteries and to the preservation of the same great truths.

On both hemispheres the descendants of that parent, godlike race, by the same means, in the midst of idolatrous times and tendencies, kept ever burning the light of their inherited belief.

"Late discoveries make the fact that the unity of God was taught in the ancient Egyptian mysteries, beyond all doubt."

"The manifold forms of the Egyptian pantheon," says the late E. Deutsch, "were but religious masks of the sublime doctrine of the unity of the Deity, communicated to the initiated in the mysteries."

"The gods of the pantheon," says M. Pierrot, were "only manifestations of the one being in various capacities."

"The three cardinal requirements of Egyptian piety, were love to God, love of virtue and love to man."

That our ancient brothers of Egypt were not deficient in the Masonic virtues of "brotherly love and relief and truth," appears from the inscriptions on their tombs: "I have given bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, shelter to the stranger."

Enough has been advanced to show that the ancient mysteries taught *the unity of God, the immortality of man, profound scientific truths, a pure morality and a tender charity.*

It is true that in the progress of many centuries the mysteries became corrupt, and among most nations lost a knowledge of their primitive truths. But among all the corruptions which in later times prevailed, there yet remained a "chosen band," who preserved the ancient teachings of the mysteries in their purity.

Says a Masonic writer: "From these few and faithful ones the truth was handed down to following generations, and from them, all that is great, glorious and ancient in modern Freemasonry was derived."

"From them, Freemasonry received its two great doctrines of *the unity of God and the immortality of man.*"

It is not the purpose of this address to attempt to follow the lineal descent of Freemasonry, from the ancient mysteries of Egypt; that work has been done by those whose great wisdom, knowledge and patience have well qualified them for the task, and the incontestible proofs which they have accumulated, so far as they can be disclosed to the uninitiated, are within the reach of all.

"Long before the building of King Solomon's Temple, Masons were known as the 'Sons of Light.' Masonry was practiced by the ancients under the name of Lux, or its equivalent, in the various languages of antiquity."

"We are informed by several distinguished writers that the word 'Masonry' is a corruption of the Greek word *mesouraneo*, which signifies, 'I am in the midst of heaven,' alluding to the sun which being 'in the midst of heaven' is the great source of light."

"Others derive it directly from the ancient Egyptian *phre*, the sun, and *mas*, a child. *Phre mas-sen*, children of the sun, or Sons of Light."

The masters of the ancient mysteries designed and builded the mighty temples, monuments and pyramids, of antiquity. But the name Mason means more than a mere *master of the trowel, the level, the plumb and the square.* It means the *master of those great primitive truths and scientific secrets* which the Fraternity has cherished from time immemorial.

Along the pathway of the centuries, disguised in formulated myths and allegories, the divine truth has traveled on. From the Osiris of the Egyptian mysteries to the Dionysus and Bacchus of Greece and Asia Minor, and to the Hiram of Masonic lore, the way is clearly discernible.

Atlantis, that rose from the waters as the home of the God-sprung race, from her vantage ground of exalted civilization and divine revelation, filling

the earth with her power and splendor, is engulfed forever in the ocean that was once her slave.

Egypt lies in the night of her desolation; her pyramids and monuments ruling over a sea of sand.

The temple of Solomon reflects no more from its golden crest the rays of its Creator's sun.

"Rome, that sat on her seven hills and from her throne of beauty ruled the world," has crumbled into ruin and decay.

The cities, palaces and triumphal arches of antiquity sleep with the Pharaohs and the Cæsars in the dust of the ages.

BUT THE LIGHT STILL SHINES IN THE EAST, THE DIVINE SECRETS ARE STILL PRESERVED, AND DESPITE TIME, DEATH AND CHANGE THE INFINITE TRUTH SHALL NEVER DIE.

And so we dedicate this temple to the God-given principles of our ancient faith. Here kings, princes, potentates, priests and peasants meet upon the same great level, and all are brothers.

At the Masonic altar there may kneel "the Christian, the Hebrew, the Mohammedan, the Buddhist and the Brahmin, the disciples of Zoroaster, and the followers of Confucius; all joining in their adoration to the same GRAND MASTER, THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, in whom they *all* believe. Sublime spectacle of the FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

JULY 15, 5884.

THE M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in special communication in the New Masonic Temple, at Lincoln, Nebraska, at four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, July 15, 5884, with the following office bearers:

M.:W.:	JOHN J. WEMPLE	.....	Grand Master.
BRO.:	ABEL B. FULLER, 110, <i>as</i>	.....	Deputy Grand Master.
M.:W.:	ROLLAND H. OAKLEY, 19, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.:	MILTON J. HULL	.....	Grand Junior Warden.
W.:	ELIAS C. WILCOX, 104, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:	WILLIAM R. BOWEN	.....	Grand Secretary.
BRO.:	JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, —, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Chaplain.
M.:W.:	ROBERT W. FURNAS, 4, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Orator.
W.:	WILLIAM LEESE, 38, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Marshal.
BRO.:	IRVING L. LYMAN, 19, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Steward.
BRO.:	HARRY F. DOWNS, 54, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Steward.
W.:	FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO.:	FRED J. BENEDICT, 50, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO.:	WILLIAM H. H. DUNN, 54, <i>as</i>	.....	Grand Tiler.

A procession was formed, consisting of the Brothers of Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, many sojourning Freemasons, other societies, the citizens of Lincoln and the surrounding country. Thus escorted, with Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, as a general escort, the Grand Lodge marched in order to the site of the Capitol of the state of Nebraska, where a vast concourse of citizens were already assembled.

The attention of the multitude having been secured by a

discourse of sweet music, the Grand Master announced the purpose for which the Fraternity of Freemasons had this day assembled, and then directed that the work of laying the corner stone of the Capitol of Nebraska be begun.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Treasurer deposited the casket in the corner stone, with the following contents:

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The last proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A. F. and A. M.

The last proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

The last proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska.

A copy of the Constitution of the United States of America.

A copy of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, Adopted Nov. 1, 1875.

Autographs of State Officers and Employes.

A copy of the Message of Governor Albinus Nance, 1883.

A copy of the Inaugural Address of Governor James W. Dawes, 1883.

A roll containing names of Governor Dawes and Staff, Field, Staff and Line Officers of the First Regiment, and Battery "A," First Regiment, Nebraska National Guard.

A copper plate with names of State Officers and Employes Inscribed thereon.

Legislative Manual, 1883.

Roster of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors in Nebraska, 1884.

Time table No. 56, Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, in Nebraska, 1884.

Daily State "Journal," July 15, 1884.

Daily State "Democrat," July 14, 1884.

Daily State "Evening News," July 14, 1884.

"Staats Anzeiger," Vol. 5, No. 6, 1884.

• Nebraska "Farmer," Vol. 8, No. 14, 1884.

Nebraska "Cynosure," Vol. 1, No. 1, 1884.

Nebraska "Capitol," Vol. 2, No. 14, 1884.

Transactions of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture and Horticulture for the Year 1884.

Annual Catalogue of State "Journal" Company for 1884.

Crop Report of Nebraska, 1884, by Hon. D. H. Wheeler, State Statistical Agent.

Omaha "Republican," "Herald" and "Bee," of July 15, 1884.

A set of United States Proof Coins of 1884, by Byron Reed, of Omaha.

STATE OF NEBRASKA.)
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct memorandum of the contents of this box, as the same was deposited on the 15th day of July, Anno Domini, 1884.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln, this, the date last above written, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and ninth, and of this State the eighteenth.

E. P. ROGGENS,
 Secretary of State.

Verified and attested by me, this fifteenth day of July, A. S. L. 5884.

WM. R. BOWEN,
 Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Nebraska,
 Anc. Free and Acc. Masons.

Under the superintendence of the Architect, Bro. Chas. Wunderlich, the stone was lowered to its place amid the blare of trumpets and the acclamations of the multitude. The square, the level and the plumb were applied to the stone by the Deputy Grand Master, by the Grand Senior Warden and by the Grand Junior Warden, respectively, and when each had reported it as square and level and plumb, the Grand Master said :

This corner stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I do declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty and correctly laid, according to the rules of our ancient craft.

The elements of consecration,—the corn, the wine and the oil,—were then presented, the first as an emblem of plenty, the second as an emblem of joy and gladness, and the third as an emblem of peace. At the conclusion of these rites the Grand Master, extending his hands above the stone, made the following invocation :

“May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless all the inhabitants of this beautiful city and state with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life, assist in the erection of this building, preserve the workmen from accident, long preserve the whole structure from decay, and grant to us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy.

He then struck three times upon the stone with his gavel,

and the public grand honors were given by all the Freemasons present.

The implements of architecture were then delivered over to the Architect by the Grand Master, after which he spoke as follows :

MEN AND BRETHREN HERE ASSEMBLED,— Be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted, in peace and honor, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable we should not have lasted for so many centuries; nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to build a house, which, we pray God, may deserve to prosper by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more. Amen.

A contribution was then taken up among the Freemasons for the benefit of the workmen on the building.

The Grand Master then said :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE AND OF THE JURISDICTION AT LARGE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,— It becomes my pleasant duty to introduce to you, or “present” would be perhaps the better term, being better acquainted, the orator of the day. The committee to whom was intrusted this part of the programme have made a choice selection in choosing one who is an earnest laborer in public as well as in common life, one who is perhaps better versed in the affairs of state and Masonry at large than any other man in Nebraska, the second of our governors and fourth of our Grand Masters.

M. . W. ., Robert W. Furnas then delivered the following address :

THE ADDRESS.

M. . W. . SIR, FELLOW CITIZENS,— A “corner stone” is defined: “The stone which lies at the corner of two walls and unites them; the principal stone, and especially the stone which forms the corner of the foundation of an edifice.” This definition or explanation of itself attaches sufficient importance to warrant more than ordinary care and ceremony in putting it

in place. The ceremonial you have witnessed is a time-honored usage of the ancient and honorable Order of Freemasons. While it serves symbolically to connect the ancient operative art with the more modern speculative science of the Fraternity, there are beyond and above more important and impressive significations.

In the imagery of Orientalism the "corner stone" is referred to as the appropriate symbol of a Chief or Prince, who is the bulwark of his people, and more particularly in Scripture as denoting that promised Messiah who was to be the sure prop and support of all who should put their trust in His divine mission. As, for instance, Psalm cx, 22: "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner," which Dr. Clark declares to refer to David, who was rejected by the Jewish rulers, but afterward chosen by divine authority as the great ruler of His people in Israel. Isaiah xxviii, 16: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a tried stone—a precious corner stone—a sure foundation," refers without doubt to the promised Messiah.

Etelsius, a commentator, as early as 1682, referring to Ephesians ii, 20: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," says, "The apostle would not only be understood by this metaphor that Christ is the principal foundation of the whole church, but also that in Him, as in the corner stone, the two peoples, Jews and Gentiles, are conjoined, and so conjoined as to rise together into one edifice and become one church."

Julius Firmicus, who wrote in the sixteenth century, says: "That Christ is called a corner stone, because, being placed in the angle of the two walls, which are the Old and new Testaments, He collects the nations into one fold." Thus we see its important characteristic in the language of symbolism.

The Order of Freemasons alone, of all existing institutions, has preserved this ancient language. It has adopted the corner stone among its most cherished and important symbols, and refers to it in many of its most significant lessons of morality and truth. To briefly illustrate: "The ancient operative Mason was engaged in the construction of a material temple, formed of the most magnificent materials the quarries of Palestine, the mountains of Lebanon and the golden shores of Ophir could contribute. The speculative occupies itself in the erection of a spiritual house, a house not made with hands, in which for stones are substituted the virtues of the heart, the pure emotions of the soul, the warm affections gushing forth from the hidden fountains of the spirit."

There is a symbolism in the position of the corner stone, familiar not to those alone within the pale of the Order. "The stone is, or ought to be, invariably, deposited in the northeast corner" of the foundation of the intended structure. Thus one surface of the stone faces the North, and one surface the East. All history concurs in recording the fact that "in the early ages of the world, its northern portion was enveloped in most profound moral and mental darkness." It was from the remote regions of northern Europe those barbarian hordes "came down like the wolf on the fold," devastating the fair plains of the South, bringing a dark curtain of igno-

rance, beneath whose folds the nations of the world lay for centuries overwhelmed.

The East has been equally regarded as the source of light. The oft-quoted line of Bishop Berkley: "Westward the course of empire takes its way." was but the utterance of an ancient, universally expressed opinion and belief, that light and learning came from the East. "The morning of each day is ushered into existence by the rising sun, dispensing illuminating and prolific rays; giving new-born life and energy to flower, tree, man and beast. The magic touch awakes the North from a sleep of darkness," and thus, the symbol.

Practically, in the construction of most ordinary edifices, the properties necessary to constitute a true corner stone are firmness, durability, perfect form, and as "the connecting link between the walls," strength and durability are suggestive of symbolic ideas. To fulfill its design as the foundation and support of a building, whose erection it precedes, it should be of material which may outlast all other parts of the edifice. So that when "that eternal ocean, whose waves are years," shall have engulfed all who were present at its construction, in "the vast vortex of its overflowing current"; when the generation which erected shall have passed away, and, it may be, the building itself, "attest the power of time," the corner stone will still remain, to tell that there once existed a building, consecrated to some noble or sacred purpose, by the zeal and liberality of those long since departed.

Hence the universally conceded propriety of this society performing ceremonies such as at "this time and place."

The interest manifested on this occasion by the people is but in accord with a custom from time almost immemorial. Among the ancients, corner stones of important edifices were laid with imposing ceremonies. Tacitus, describing the rebuilding of the capitol, after detailing the preliminary ceremonies, which consisted in a procession of vestals, who, with chaplets of flowers, encompassed the ground and consecrated it by libations of living water, adds: "After prayer Helvidius, to whom the care of rebuilding the capitol had been committed, laid his hands on the fillets that adorned the foundation stone, and also the cords by which it was drawn to its place. In that instant the magistrates, the priests, the senators, the Roman knights and citizens, all acting with one effort, and general demonstrations of joy, laid hold of the ropes, and dragged the ponderous load to its destined spot. They then threw in ingots of gold and silver, and other metals, which had never been melted in a furnace, but still untouched by human art, their first formation in the bowels of the earth."

Assemblages and ceremonies somewhat likened to that narrated, have been continued to the present. We follow or imitate.

So much as to a corner stone.

Now a few practical thoughts suggested by the demonstration of this day, accompanied with data and condensed statistics, showing the wonderful development of the state, and, among many other requirements, a demand for a new and enlarged capitol building.

It is not my purpose to announce that Nebraska is the geographical center of the United States; that the territory composing it was a portion of the famed Louisiana purchase, formerly under both Spanish and French dominion; that it remained as unorganized territory, inhabited only by nomadic aborigines, until the extinguishment of the Indian title by the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act, May 23, 1854, and admitted a member of the American governmental fraternity March 1, 1867. All this is a matter of record, known to all.

Some epigrammatic writer, I do not now remember, nor is it essential to know or say, who, speaking of man, said, in substance: "Not important what he has been; not essential what he is, but what he may become." I shall aim very briefly to show what enterprising people, rich soil, pure climate and other conditions combining to make a commonwealth, have done, are doing and may do.

Those of my own age, and even years younger, need not be reminded that when in school days we were poring over Peter Parley, or later Olney and Smith, seeking geographical light and information, the universal and undisputed record of all the region of country between the west banks of the Missouri River, and the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, was desert in all its characteristics. Col. Fremont, of our own day, known as a reliable explorer, so reported. Captain Miles, of the United States army, officially reporting from Fort Kearney, as late as 1854, reported: "Barren, unproductive."

With such adverse reports, to those of us who cast our lot in the territory, 1854-5-6, and thereabouts, there was but little to invite us bringing our families, our all, contemplating this, our future home. It may be safely said, for the first decade, or even decade and a half after first settlements, "all was doubts and fears." Those who tested, however, had faith, knowing results. Capital was timid, as it always is. But few could be found with means, bold enough to venture it to any extent. True, the great railroad corporation, the Union Pacific, crossed the Missouri River, her face westward. She, however, stretched herself more across us, to reach other shores, than to be with us and of us.

Our first reliable, solid, onward move may be dated with that of our admission as a state. That action on our part gave confidence to the world.

As showing what we have done, are doing, and are to-day, the following epitomized statistics I have collected and present. They might be more extended, but will suffice, I trust, for the present occasion.

POPULATION.

The first territorial census, taken November 20, 1854, showed:

Males over 21 years of age	926
Females over 16 years of age.....	533
Both sexes below 21 and 16 years of age	1,257
Slaves	13
Total.....	2,732

The population thirteen years afterward, at the time the state was admitted, was estimated at 60,000, in round numbers. Three years after that,

1870, the national census, very imperfectly taken, was reported at 129,322. At date 1880, the national census again taken, when the showing was 452,542. While there are no later official data, it is safe to say, at this date, we are well on toward a round million.

The association performing the ceremonies of this day was organized September 23, 1857. Like all else, for years its progress was slow. To-day its jurisdiction extends over 129 prosperous subordinate lodges, with a membership, "good men and true," numbering 5,274.

Here, within the range of the naked eye, from where we this moment stand, is, perhaps, a most marked illustration of progress and development. The site of the city of Lincoln, up to 1867, was of the "desert waste" geographically referred to. To-day we have a city with a population of 20,000 to 25,000 enterprising, prosperous, indomitable, go-ahead people; a taxable valuation of from eight to ten million dollars; four national banks, with a paid-up capital near a million dollars, and deposits over two million; wholesale houses with an annual trade of six millions or more; manufactures showing annually a product of from two to three millions; fourteen churches in which is invested \$200,000; school houses and property valued at \$135,000; gas, telephone, street railways and water works under way, with numerous other excelsior characteristics.

Already, within less than a quarter of a century of our existence as a state, we are provided with more public institutions and well constructed buildings than any state before at our age. Educational—the state university and normal school. For the unfortunate—an asylum for the insane, schools for the blind, and deaf and dumb. For the safe keeping of the depraved and vicious—a state prison. For the incorrigible—a reform school. All evidence of high standards in the line of civilization.

COST OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The old capitol building, recently torn down to give place to the new one now in process of construction, cost about \$125,000. It was erected from proceeds of donated lands and city lots, without expense to the people. The present building when complete will cost from \$500,000 to \$600,000.

Hospital for the insane.....	\$126,000
Deaf and dumb asylum.....	64,000
Institute for the blind.....	30,000
Reform school.....	70,000
State prison.....	350,000

The following statistics are obtained from official sources and records, and may be relied on as represented, for 1883.

LANDS IN STATE ON WHICH TAXES ARE PAID.

Improved, acres.....	5,356,976
Value.....	\$23,239,283
Unimproved, acres.....	9,417,247
Value.....	\$24,234,685
Total number of acres of land in state.....	47,784,960

CITY AND TOWN LOTS.

Number.....	117,709
Value.....	\$14,226,291

LIVE STOCK.

Number of horses	271,761
Value	\$6,673,787
Number of cattle	907,221
Value	\$7,868,507
Number of mules	26,826
Value	\$826,070
Number of sheep	502,604
Value	\$452,326
Number of hogs	879,113
Value	\$1,392,287

Important to be borne in mind when we seek values from official records, especially returns for taxable purposes, is the fact that they fall far below actual cash valuation, one-third to one-half. Think of the average value of improved fertile Nebraska acres being \$4.34; city lots, \$121, and horses, \$24.56.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of steam engines	271
“ safes	2,248
“ billiard tables	640
“ carriages and wagons	92,248
“ watches and clocks	18,683
“ sewing and knitting machines	45,945
“ pianos	2,440
“ organs	7,655

RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPH.

As late as 1858 our nearest railroad connection was Quincy, Illinois, east and St. Louis south, requiring from five to ten days to reach. Now the trip is made in nearly as many hours. Then twenty to thirty days by ox teams were required to reach “Pike’s Peak” or “Cherry Creek” west; now twenty-three hours speed one from the Missouri River to Denver. Then three hundred and sixty-five days—often more—were required for a trip overland to the Pacific coast. Now, seated in a Pullman palace car, as comfortable as by your parlor fireside, less than one hundred hours transports you from Omaha to San Francisco. Then the overland fast pony mail line conveyed letters to Denver and Salt Lake at best in five to ten days; to-day the simple click of a minute machine, and your message is at either point named in less time than is required to indite it. April 1, 1884, we had in the state 2,685 miles of operated railroads. At same date 4,637 miles of telegraph, 1,954 of which are not operated by railroads.

Railroads in Nebraska, unlike in most other states and territories, were pioneers. They led off, as it were, reaching out into unoccupied, uninhabited regions. Settlements and civilization followed, and with such wonderful well known results that I need not detail them.

INCOME.

The grand assessment roll for 1883 was put down at \$110,543,645. The state levy for the same year was a fraction over seven mills on the dollar, raising a revenue of \$818,621, divided as follows:

General fund	\$500,809
Sinking fund	82,907
School fund	110,543

University fund	\$41,453
Capitol fund	55,271
Reform school fund	21,635

The bonded indebtedness of the state is \$499,267.35.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

The crop reports for the year 1883 are, of course, the latest obtainable. There are sixty-seven organized counties in the state. We have reports from fifty-one, showing, in the aggregate, as follows:

Corn, acres	2,813,303
Corn, bushels	101,278,900
Wheat, acres	1,772,990
Wheat, bushels	27,481,300
Oats, acres	540,161
Oats, bushels	21,630,000
Rye, acres	64,176
Rye, bushels	1,026,080
Barley, acres	163,800
Barley, bushels	3,623,880
Buckwheat, acres	2,029
Buckwheat, bushels	20,808
Flax, acres	18,293
Potatoes, acres	8,643
Meadow, acres	168,372
Miscellaneous crop, acres	23,039

The four items last named, yield not obtainable. The sixteen counties not reporting would swell the foregoing very largely, as will be seen when I say that Colfax, Madison and Webster are among the number. Considering the increase of acreage and the present crop outlook, well known to all, it is safe to estimate the crop of 1884 at least 25 per cent greater than that of 1883. The national agricultural report for 1883 shows Nebraska fifth in the United States as to her corn crop.

EDUCATIONAL.

“Taking all in all, no state in the Union has been so well served in its educational affairs, and has so favorable a future for the very best advantages to its children for the very least taxation. It will be remembered that, by provision of the enabling act, one-eighteenth of the lands of the state are set apart for the endowment of common schools.

The aggregate in acres of this magnificent gift is 2,643,080. By the terms of the constitution none of this land can be sold at a price less than \$7 per acre. Only a few hundred thousand acres have been disposed of up to the present time by sale. The amount realized from these sales, in cash, has been \$958,724. The amount due on notes of purchasers, secured by the land itself, and drawing 6 per cent interest, is about \$2,815,000. About 800,000 acres of these lands have been leased for a term of years at an average valuation of \$3 per acre, and a rental of 6 per cent, which represents the sum of \$2,400,000, and an income for the temporary or available school fund of \$144,000. The total amount of the permanent school fund, represented in cash, bonds, notes and leases, is therefore \$6,173,938, producing an annual income of over \$350,000 per annum. By wise additional legisla-

tion, which will restrict the sale of lands by fixing the minimum price at \$25 per acre, or will stop the sale altogether and adopt a system of leases, with a reappraisalment every five or ten years, the permanent school fund of Nebraska may be raised eventually to \$50,000,000, with an annual income derived therefrom of from two and a half to three millions annually.

The permanent fund from the sale of these lands can never be impaired under our constitution, and the income from it can only be used in defraying the current expenses of the schools. When a school house is built, the money is raised by a direct tax."

I quote from official sources relating to our common schools, when I state that from latest recorded data there are in Nebraska:

School districts	3,521
School houses.....	3,258
Teachers	5,009
Pupils	185,542
Paid teachers in wages.....	\$ 802,214
Value of school houses.....	2,163,459
Value of school sites	273,994
Value of school property in books, apparatus, etc.....	65,555
Number of pupils who attend school	126,129
Average number of days school in each district.....	119.3
Cost per pupil	\$ 1.80
Total amount expended for educational purposes in 1883.....	1,504,417

The state university and agricultural college, which, under the act of 1869, are consolidated under one general management, have an endowment of 136,000 acres of land, only a small portion of which has been sold, but which is being leased very rapidly, and will bring in a constantly increasing revenue. The state normal school is endowed with a grant of 12,400 acres of state lands, that are quite valuable, and the income derived from this source will eventually go a good way in paying its expenses. From five to six hundred young men and women are in attendance at these institutions from term to term, and the advantages afforded for a higher education at the expense of the state are equal to those found in any section of the Union. Properly husbanded, as indicated in respect to the common school lands, and the lands leased until they shall bring \$25 per acre — and every old Nebraskan knows that they will bring an average of that sum in less than a generation — the value of this endowment will be in the neighborhood of three and a half millions. Even under the present wasteful law they will bring in a million for a permanent fund. Accordingly as the legislature husbands or wastes these lands, so far as the limits of the constitution will permit, the annual income from these funds will be from \$60,000 to \$200,000 by the year 1900.

Our library contains 25,000 volumes. While much of it has been donated, and thus without cost to the state, it cannot be duplicated by purchase short of \$100,000.

COMPARISONS,

especially when favorable, relating to population, value of real estate and other property, farm products, manufactures, education, etc., are always interesting, but in this instance too voluminous to present in detail. They all

show rapid, healthy progress—no retrograde. For instance, the grand assessment roll of 1873 was \$78,418,580; 1883, \$110,543,644—a gain in a single decade of \$32,124,064. In 1873 we had 1,107 miles of railroad. In 1884, as shown, 2,685 miles—a gain of 1,578 miles—211 of which was between 1883 and 1884. In 1883 the report of the superintendent of public instruction showed: Number of pupils in state, 185,524; amount of money apportioned, \$182,344; amount per pupil, 98 2-10 cents. In 1884, number of pupils, 209,387; amount of money apportioned, \$303,404; amount per pupil, \$1.44 9-10; a gain of pupils in one year of 23,845; money apportioned, \$121,020; amount per pupil, 46 7-10 cents.

ARTIFICIAL FORESTS.

Where there were no forest trees when settlements were first made in the territory are now to be found 244,356 acres, or 605,514,168 trees in flourishing groves, planted by enterprising settlers and land owners. Add to these 12,033,112 fruit trees and 2,906,754 grape vines, and you have the treeless American desert “in your mind’s eye.” This being a favorite theme with me, having given it much and close attention for years, it would afford great pleasure to speak of the many advantages this particular factor in the development of our state is conferring. But circumstances admonish me that this is not the time, this not the place.

CONCLUSION.

Let us of to-day, who are laying corner stones, foundations and erecting edifices, remember that neither in fact nor allegorically are we living and laboring for ourselves alone, nor even for a generation, but for all generations. “One generation should bequeath its work to the next. The old builders knew, or rather limitations on them compelled observance of this law. They attempted not to complete a great work in a single lifetime. They laid foundations broad and strong. They built as though they meant endurance. They did what they could, and left that unfinished to their successors. So the great walls of the masters remain to-day a wonder to the world—solid in fabric and rich in ornamentation.” Let these truisms guide us in our work for those who are to come after us.

Following the address, benediction was pronounced by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. : Joseph S. Wright, and the great event was ended.

The procession returned to the place whence it started, where before closing, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted the orator of the day, Bro. : Robert W. Furnas, for his admirable and instructive address; to our Reverend Brother, Joseph S. Wright, for his services as Grand Chaplain; to the Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Nebraska, R. : E. : Sir Thomas Sewell, and his command

for their escort; to Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, and Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, A.·F.·. and A.·M.·., for their full attendance on this occasion; to the visiting Freemasons, to the Grand Army of the Republic and others, who by their presence aided so materially in making the laying of the Capitol corner stone a splendid and memorable success.

